Analysis of the zika virus

Project Proposal

1) Intro and Objectives

1.1 Introduction

For my assignment, I've decided to delve into the fascinating world of the Zika virus. This virus poses a significant public health concern, which has led to extensive efforts in gathering and disseminating information about its transmission and impact on different regions. Through my analysis, I aim to broader understande of the Zika virus by carefully examining data from reputable organizations like the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

There are a couple of reasons why I've chosen to embark on this in-depth exploration. Firstly, I hope to uncover intriguing details about the virus's spread across different geographical areas. By studying its movement from place to place, we can gain a better understanding of how it spreads. Secondly, by closely examining the areas that have been affected, we can grasp the extent of the virus's reach and its implications for the people living in those regions.

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1.2 Objectives

Within this project, I would like to explore the following:

- Country Transmission
 - Analyze the transmission of the Zika virus in different countries
 - Investigate the categorization of countries based on transmission risk by the World Health Organization (WHO)
- Brazil
 - Focus on Brazil and analyze the data related to the Zika virus.
 - Explore the number of Zika virus cases reported in Brazil.

For this project proposal, my goals are to:

- Determine Data Requirements: I will assess the amount of data needed to
 effectively address the research questions and project goals. It's important to
 consider factors such as data availability, time constraints, and available
 resources to ensure a feasible and comprehensive analysis.
- 2. Data Collection: Employ web scraping techniques to collect the necessary data.
- 3. Data Cleaning: Perform data cleaning and transformation procedures to prepare the collected data for analysis.
- 4. Explore Data: Conduct exploratory data analysis to gain initial insights into the collected data.
- 5. Identify Key Findings: Summarize and interpret the key findings derived from the analysis.

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1.3 Data

1.3.1 Data requirements

To analyze ziku virus infections in various countries, including Brazil, I would need the following types of data:

- ECDC Local Transmission Countries Data: Information about the countries current WHO categories and most affected area in that exact country
- Brazil Transmission Data: Information about the total reported cases in each state of Brazil #### 1.3.2 Choice of data I have chosen to use CSV files from BuzzFeed News' GitHub repository. These CSV files contain relevant data that I need for my research objectives. CSV format provides a structured and organized way to work with the data.
- https://github.com/BuzzFeedNews/zika-data

1.3.3 Limitations and constraints of the data

- Data Availability: It might be hard to find the proper data
- Data Accuracy: Data quality issues can arise, such as missing or incomplete records, inconsistencies, or errors in the data.

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1.4 Ethics

1.4.1 Use of data text

• Public available data: The data is already in the public domain. The data is including any relevant author attribution and is publicly accessible.

1.4.3 Reuseage of data

In conducting the analysis of zika virus, considerations for the reuse of data were implemented, including:

- Ensuring compliance with data ownership and licensing terms.
- Respecting privacy and confidentiality by anonymizing sensitive information.
- Obtaining appropriate consent and permissions for data usage.
- Following best practices for data sharing and openness.
- Providing proper attribution and citation for data sources.
- Addressing ethical concerns, such as bias mitigation and harm prevention.

These measures aimed to ensure responsible and ethical data reuse, protecting privacy, upholding legal requirements, and promoting trust in the analysis.

1.4.1 Potential impacts of using data for the proposes analyses

The use of data for the proposed analyses in zika virus can have negative impacts:

- Privacy concerns if personal data is not properly anonymized or protected.
- Potential for biased analysis leading to inequitable outcomes.
- Dependence on data accuracy and quality, which may vary across sources.
- Risk of misinterpretation or misrepresentation of data leading to flawed conclusions.

2) Data Collection

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2.1 Getting the data csv file

To collect the data CSV files for my Zika virus analysis, I followed a simple process:

- I started by downloading the entire folder of BuzzFeedNews related to the topic of zikavirus from GitHub. This folder contained various files and data related to the Zika virus.
- Once I had the folder on my computer, I went through its contents to locate the specific data CSV files that I needed for my project.
- I simply moved the data CSV files from the downloaded BuzzFeedNews folder into my midterm folder with my midterm directory.

2.2 Import csv files

I imported two CSV files: "brazil.csv" and "world.csv". To make them easier to work with and understand, I assigned them the variable names "bra" and "wor" respectively.

By assigning meaningful variable names to the imported CSV files, I made it simpler to access and manipulate the data throughout my project. This approach helps ensure clarity and enhances readability

```
In [92]: # Import libraries
  import pandas as pd
  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
  bra = pd.read_csv('brazil.csv')
  wor = pd.read_csv('world.csv')
```

2.3 Test imported csv files head()

In order to verify that the imported CSV files, represented by the variables "bra" and "wor," were functioning correctly and displaying the expected data, I conducted a simple test.

To perform this test, I used the head() function in Python, which allows me to view the first few rows of the DataFrame.

```
In [93]: bra.head()
```

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Out[93]:	no state		state	cases_under_investigation	cases_confirmed	cases_discarded	cases_re
0 11 2		1	Alagoas	158	0	0	
		2	Bahia	471	35	27	
	2	3	Ceará	218	4	7	
	3	4	Maranhão	119	0	15	
	4	5	Paraíba	497	31	181	

In [94]: wor.head() Out[94]: country areas current_zika_transmission American Areas with interrupted transmission 0 NaN (WHO cat. 3) Samoa Areas with virus transmission 1 Angola NaN following virus ... Areas with virus transmission 2 Anguilla NaN following virus ... Areas with virus transmission Antigua and 3 NaN Barbuda following virus ... Areas with virus transmission 4 Argentina Argentina following virus ...

By conducting this test, I ensured that the imported CSV files were successfully loaded into the variables "bra" and "wor," and that the data within them was accessible for further analysis. This step allowed me to confirm that the data was properly imported and ready for exploration.

3) Data Cleaning

3.1 Remove Columns

I decided to remove three irrelevant columns from the Brazil dataset to create a more focused and clear dataset for my analysis. By eliminating these unnecessary columns, I can avoid confusion and stay focused on the essential variables that are directly relevant to my research objectives. This streamlined approach ensures that I work with the most meaningful data to derive valuable insights from the Brazil dataset.

```
In [95]: bra = bra.drop(['no'], axis=1)
```

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```
In [96]: bra = bra.drop(['cases_under_investigation', 'cases_discarded'], axis=1)
```

After deleting the column, I checked the header of the data to confirm if the columns were successfully removed. This step was important to ensure that the unwanted columns were effectively eliminated from the dataset

In [97]:	bra.head()							
Out[97]:	state		cases_confirmed	cases_reported_total				
	0	Alagoas	0	158				
	1	Bahia	35	533				
	2	Ceará	4	229				
	3	Maranhão	0	134				
	4	Paraíba	31	709				

From the world dataset, I have made the decision to remove the "areas" column because it contains mostly empty values and is not necessary for my analysis.

```
In [98]: wor = wor.drop(['areas'], axis=1)
```

After deleting the column, I checked the header of the data to confirm if the columns were successfully removed. This step was important to ensure that the unwanted columns were effectively eliminated from the dataset

```
In [99]:
            wor.head()
Out [99]:
                            country
                                                           current_zika_transmission
            0
                    American Samoa
                                      Areas with interrupted transmission (WHO cat. 3)
             1
                                         Areas with virus transmission following virus ...
                              Angola
             2
                                         Areas with virus transmission following virus ...
                             Anguilla
                Antigua and Barbuda
                                                                                   NaN
             4
                                         Areas with virus transmission following virus ...
                           Argentina
```

3.2 Remove Rows

I decided to remove irrelevant rows from the Brazil dataset to create a more focused and clear dataset for my analysis. These rows have the data 'Sem registros', which mean no records in portuges.

```
In [100... bra = bra[bra.apply(lambda row: 'Sem registros' not in row.values, axis=1
```

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In [101... bra

Out[101]:

	state	cases_confirmed	cases_reported_total
0	Alagoas	0	158
1	Bahia	35	533
2	Ceará	4	229
3	Maranhão	0	134
4	Paraíba	31	709
5	Pernambuco	138	1373
6	Piauí	0	91
7	Rio Grande do Norte	60	208
8	Sergipe	0	172
9	Espírito Santo	0	52
10	Minas Gerais	1	48
11	Rio de Janeiro	0	122
12	São Paulo	0	18
16	Pará	0	6
17	Rondônia	0	1
18	Roraima	0	5
19	Tocantins	0	82
20	Distrito Federal	0	14
21	Goiás	0	62
22	Mato Grosso	0	147
23	Mato Grosso do Sul	0	4
24	Paraná	0	10
25	Santa Catarina	0	1
26	Rio Grande do Sul	1	1

3.3 Missing Values

To ensure the quality of my Brazil and world datasets, I wanted to check if there were any missing values. To do this, I used the isnull().sum() command, which helped me identify which columns had missing values and how many were missing in each. This way, I could pinpoint the exact columns that required attention and understand the extent of missing data.

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Brazil

My Brazil dataset is complete and does not contain any missing values.

World

I found that my world dataset has some missing values specifically in the "current_zika_transmission" column. To be precise, there are 10 missing values in this column.

Now, my next step is to identify the specific countries that do not have a classification for current Zika transmission from the World Health Organization (WHO). This will allow me to understand which countries lack this crucial information and consider how it may impact my analysis.

```
In [104... missing_values_df = wor[wor['current_zika_transmission'].isnull()]
missing_values_df
```

	missing_varues_ur							
Out[104]:		country	current_zika_transmission					
	3	Antigua and Barbuda	NaN					
	46	British Virgin Islands	NaN					
	53	Central African Republic	NaN					
	62	Dominican Republic	NaN					
	112	Lao People's Democratic Republic	NaN					
	148	Papua New Guinea	NaN					
	169	Saint Kitts and Nevis	NaN					
	172	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	NaN					
	181	Trinidad and Tobago	NaN					
	182	Turks and Caicos islands	NaN					

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I have made the decision to remove these rows. Although there are missing values, their absence will not significantly impact the majority of my analysis.

```
In [105... wor = wor.dropna(subset=['current_zika_transmission'])
```

Now, I proceeded to check if there are any remaining missing values in my world dataset.

There are no more missing values in my world dataset.

3.4 Edit Values

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Argentina

I have decided to make some changes to certain values.

Firstly, I intend to modify the column name "current_zika_transmission" to "WHO_Category." This alteration will result in a more descriptive and meaningful column name that better represents the information it contains. By using "WHO_Category," it becomes easier to understand the purpose and significance of this column in the dataset.

```
In [107...
            wor = wor.rename(columns={'current zika transmission': 'WHO Category'})
            wor.head()
Out[107]:
                        country
                                                               WHO_Category
             0 American Samoa Areas with interrupted transmission (WHO cat. 3)
             1
                         Angola
                                    Areas with virus transmission following virus ...
             2
                        Anguilla
                                    Areas with virus transmission following virus ...
                                    Areas with virus transmission following virus ...
             4
                       Argentina
```

Secondly, I would like to modify the text in the "WHO_Category" column to display only the category number provided by the World Health Organization (WHO). This adjustment aims to simplify the data representation, making it more concise and focused on the essential information.

Areas with virus transmission following virus ...

```
In [108... wor['WHO_Category'] = wor['WHO_Category'].str.extract('(\\d+)').astype(fl
wor['WHO_Category'] = wor['WHO_Category'].astype(int)
```

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In [109...

wor.head()

Out[109]:

	country	WHO_Category
0	American Samoa	3
1	Angola	1
2	Anguilla	1
4	Argentina	1
5	Argentina	1

4) Explore Data

4.1 World

As I embark on my analysis, I am excited to delve into the Zika virus data within my world dataset. This initial exploration holds the key to uncovering valuable insights about the countries that are more susceptible to the Zika virus.

4.1.1 WHO Category

The World Health Organization (WHO) categorizes areas with virus transmission into three groups:

- Category 1: Areas where there is active virus transmission following a new or reintroduced virus. These areas pose a significant public health concern as the virus is actively spreading.
- Category 2: Areas where virus transmission occurred in the past but has now been interrupted or temporarily stopped. The risk of active transmission is lower in these areas due to successful control measures.
- Category 3: Areas where virus transmission has been successfully interrupted and there is currently no active circulation. The risk of new infections is minimal in these areas.

This classification helps us understand the status of virus transmission in different areas and guides appropriate public health measures and interventions to prevent further spread.

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4.1.2 WHO Category Analysis

I am curious to find out how many countries around the world are currently categorized into each of the three classifications (Category 1, Category 2, and Category 3) established by the World Health Organization (WHO).

To accomplish this, I will thoroughly examine the available data and identify the countries falling into Category 1. These countries are currently experiencing active virus transmission following the introduction or reintroduction of the virus. I will also determine the number of countries falling into Category 2, which refers to areas where virus transmission had occurred previously but has now been successfully interrupted. Lastly, I will identify the countries falling into Category 3, representing areas with no active virus transmission due to successful interruption measures.

From the counts, there are 127 countries classified in Category 1, indicating active virus transmission. Additionally, there are 52 countries in Category 2, representing areas with interrupted virus transmission. Lastly, there are 4 countries in Category 3, where virus transmission has been successfully interrupted.

Now, I will proceed to identify the countries that fall under Category 3, where virus transmission has been successfully interrupted.

Among the countries that have successfully interrupted virus transmission, we have American Samoa, Cook Islands, Saint Barthélemy, and Vanuatu. These four countries demonstrate remarkable achievements in effectively stopping the spread of the virus.

I will now check which countries fall under Category 2, where virus transmission has been interrupted.

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```
category_2_countries = wor[wor['WHO_Category'] == 2]['country']
In [112...
          category_2_countries
                      Bangladesh
Out[112]:
           18
                           Brazil
           19
                           Brazil
           20
                           Brazil
           47
                    Burkina Faso
           48
                         Burundi
           49
                        Cambodia
           50
                        Cameroon
           58
                   Côte d'Ivoire
           68
                            Gabon
           74
                            Haiti
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                         Nigeria
           166
                     Philippines
           174
                         Senegal
           179
                        Thailand
           183
                           Uganda
           192
                         Vietnam
```

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Name: country, dtype: object

I noticed the presence of recurring countries. To eliminate duplicate entries, I will undertake the necessary steps to clean up the dataset and remove these duplicate country records.

```
In [113... wor = wor.drop_duplicates(subset='country')
```

I recognized the need to reevaluate the count of countries in each category. This will provide accurate information and allow me to determine the precise number of countries in each category, as defined earlier.

After the reassessment, I see that there are now 17 countries in Category 2. Additionally, there are still 4 countries remaining in Category 3.

```
In [115...
          category_2_countries = wor[wor['WHO_Category'] == 2]['country']
          category_2_countries
           11
                     Bangladesh
Out[115]:
           18
                          Brazil
           47
                   Burkina Faso
           48
                         Burundi
           49
                        Cambodia
           50
                        Cameroon
           58
                  Côte d'Ivoire
           68
                           Gabon
           74
                           Haiti
           76
                          India
           113
                        Malaysia
           145
                         Nigeria
           166
                    Philippines
           174
                         Senegal
           179
                        Thailand
           183
                          Uganda
           192
                         Vietnam
           Name: country, dtype: object
```

The following countries fall into Category 2, indicating interrupted virus transmission. These countries have experienced a reduction in virus transmission

I will now check which countries fall under Category 1, which signifies areas with ongoing virus transmission.

```
In [116... category_1_countries = wor[wor['WHO_Category'] == 1]['country']
    category_1_countries
```

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Out[116]:	1	Angola
046[110]:	2	Anguilla
	4	Argentina
	8	Argentina
	9	Aruba
	10	Bahamas
	12	Barbados
	13	Belize
	14	Bolivia
	15	Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba
	51	Cape Verde
	52	Cayman Islands
	54	Chile
	55	Colombia
	57	Costa Rica
	59	Cuba
	60	Curaçao
	61	Dominica
	63	Ecuador
	64	El Salvador
	65	Fiji
	66	France
	69	Grenada
	70	Guadeloupe
	71	Guatemala
	72	Guinea-Bissau
	73	Guyana
	75	Honduras
	77	Indonesia
	111	Jamaica
	114	Maldives
	115	Marshall Islands
	116	Mexico
	142	Micronesia
	143	Montserrat
	144	Nicaragua
	146	Palau
	147	Panama
	149	Paraguay
	165	Peru
	167	Puerto Rico
	170	Saint Lucia
	171	Saint Martin
	173	Samoa
	175	Singapore
	176	Sint Maarten
	177	Solomon Islands
	178	Suriname
	180	Tonga
	184	United States of America
	189	United States Virgin Islands
	191	Venezuela
	Name:	country, dtype: object

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The following countries fall into Category 3, indicating areas with ongoing virus transmission.

I will now create a visualization that displays the categories, from 1 to 3, alongside the corresponding countries. This visual representation will provide a clear and comprehensive overview, allowing us to easily identify which country falls into each category.

```
In [117... category_1_countries.reset_index(drop=True, inplace=True)
    category_2_countries.reset_index(drop=True, inplace=True)
    category_3_countries.reset_index(drop=True, inplace=True)

#Change column text from country to Category
    country_1 = pd.concat([category_1_countries], axis=1)
    country_1 = country_1.rename(columns={'country': 'Category 1'})

country_2 = pd.concat([category_2_countries], axis=1)
    country_2 = country_2.rename(columns={'country': 'Category 2'})

country_3 = pd.concat([category_3_countries], axis=1)
    country_3 = country_3.rename(columns={'country': 'Category 3'})

world = pd.concat([country_1,country_2,country_3], axis=1)
    world
```

Out[117]:

	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
0	Angola	Bangladesh	American Samoa
1	Anguilla	Brazil	Cook Islands
2	Argentina	Burkina Faso	Saint Barthelemy
3	Argentina	Burundi	Vanuatu
4	Aruba	Cambodia	NaN
5	Bahamas	Cameroon	NaN
6	Barbados	Côte d'Ivoire	NaN
7	Belize	Gabon	NaN
8	Bolivia	Haiti	NaN
9	Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba	India	NaN
10	Cape Verde	Malaysia	NaN
11	Cayman Islands	Nigeria	NaN
12	Chile	Philippines	NaN
13	Colombia	Senegal	NaN
14	Costa Rica	Thailand	NaN
15	Cuba	Uganda	NaN

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16	Curaçao	Vietnam	NaN
17	Dominica	NaN	NaN
18	Ecuador	NaN	NaN
19	El Salvador	NaN	NaN
20	Fiji	NaN	NaN
21	France	NaN	NaN
22	Grenada	NaN	NaN
23	Guadeloupe	NaN	NaN
24	Guatemala	NaN	NaN
25	Guinea-Bissau	NaN	NaN
26	Guyana	NaN	NaN
27	Honduras	NaN	NaN
28	Indonesia	NaN	NaN
29	Jamaica	NaN	NaN
30	Maldives	NaN	NaN
31	Marshall Islands	NaN	NaN
32	Mexico	NaN	NaN
33	Micronesia	NaN	NaN
34	Montserrat	NaN	NaN
35	Nicaragua	NaN	NaN
36	Palau	NaN	NaN
37	Panama	NaN	NaN
38	Paraguay	NaN	NaN
39	Peru	NaN	NaN
40	Puerto Rico	NaN	NaN
41	Saint Lucia	NaN	NaN
42	Saint Martin	NaN	NaN
43	Samoa	NaN	NaN
44	Singapore	NaN	NaN
45	Sint Maarten	NaN	NaN
46	Solomon Islands	NaN	NaN
47	Suriname	NaN	NaN
48	Tonga	NaN	NaN
49	United States of America	NaN	NaN

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50	United States Virgin Islands	NaN	NaN
51	Venezuela	NaN	NaN

4.2 Brazil

4.2.1 Bubble Chart

As I delve into my analysis of Brazil, I begin by creating a bubble chart to visually depict the confirmed cases and reported cases in each state. This visualization will provide a clear and intuitive representation, enabling me to grasp the extent and distribution of the Zika virus impact throughout different states in Brazil.

My first step is to convert the columns to numeric values.

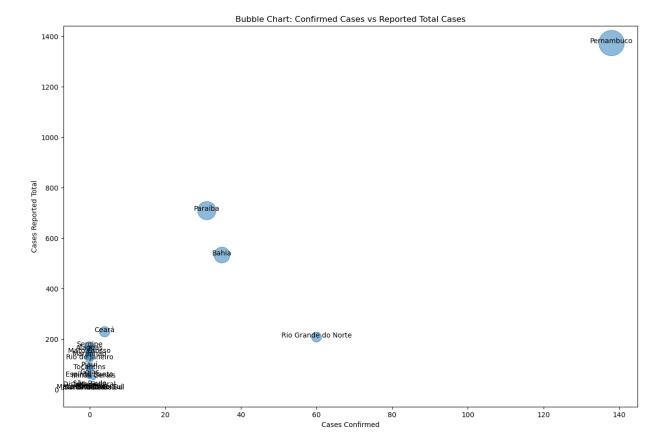
```
In [118... bra['cases_confirmed'] = pd.to_numeric(bra['cases_confirmed'], errors='co
bra['cases_reported_total'] = pd.to_numeric(bra['cases_reported_total'],
```

My second step is to create the Bubble Chart

```
In [119... plt.figure(figsize=(15, 10))
    plt.scatter(bra['cases_confirmed'], bra['cases_reported_total'], s=bra['c
    for i in range(bra.shape[0]):
        plt.text(bra['cases_confirmed'].iloc[i], bra['cases_reported_total'].

    plt.xlabel('Cases Confirmed')
    plt.ylabel('Cases Reported Total')
    plt.title('Bubble Chart: Confirmed Cases vs Reported Total Cases')
    plt.show()
```

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Upon analyzing the bubble chart, it becomes apparent that not all states have reported any confirmed cases. It is quite striking to see that a majority of the states have yet to confirm any cases. This observation raises concerns about the effectiveness of testing efforts in the country, suggesting a potential lack of widespread testing coverage.

Moreover, the bubble chart highlights Pernambuco state as having the highest number of both reported and confirmed cases. It is worth noting that the bubble representing Pernambuco is visibly larger compared to other states, indicating a greater magnitude of cases. This visual correlation between bubble size and reported cases suggests that a higher number of reported cases often corresponds to a higher likelihood of confirmed cases.

By closely examining the bubble chart, we gain valuable insights into the distribution and relationship between reported and confirmed cases across different states. These findings not only raise questions about testing strategies and coverage but also provide a basis for further investigation and understanding of the Zika virus situation in Brazil.

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4.2.2 Cases

To better comprehend which states have the highest number of cases, I will split the "cases-confirmed" and "cases-reported-total" columns into separate tables. By arranging the data in ascending order, I can easily identify the states with the most cases.

• Total Confirmed Cases in Brazil

```
In [120...
          bra_sorted_con = bra.sort_values(by='cases_confirmed', ascending=False)
          bra sorted con = bra sorted con.drop(['cases reported total'], axis=1)
In [121...
          bra sorted con = bra sorted con[bra sorted con['cases confirmed'] != 0]
In [122...
          bra sorted con
Out[122]:
                            state cases_confirmed
             5
                      Pernambuco
                                              138
               Rio Grande do Norte
                                              60
             1
                           Bahia
                                              35
             4
                          Paraíba
                                               31
             2
                           Ceará
                                               4
            26
                 Rio Grande do Sul
                                                1
            10
                      Minas Gerais
                                                1
```

Here you can see the confirmed zika virus cases in brazil in different states.

```
In [123... bra_sorted_con_sum = bra_sorted_con['cases_confirmed'].sum()
bra_sorted_con_sum

Out[123]: 270
```

Now the total confirmed case in brazil is 270.

Total Reported Cases in Brazil

```
In [124... bra_sorted_rep = bra.sort_values(by='cases_reported_total', ascending=Fal bra_sorted_rep = bra_sorted_rep.drop(['cases_confirmed'], axis=1)
In [125... bra_sorted_rep
```

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	state	cases_reported_total
5	Pernambuco	1373
4	Paraíba	709
1	Bahia	533
2	Ceará	229
7	Rio Grande do Norte	208
8	Sergipe	172
0	Alagoas	158
22	Mato Grosso	147
3	Maranhão	134
11	Rio de Janeiro	122
6	Piauí	91
19	Tocantins	82
21	Goiás	62
9	Espírito Santo	52
10	Minas Gerais	48
12	São Paulo	18
20	Distrito Federal	14
24	Paraná	10
16	Pará	6
18	Roraima	5
23	Mato Grosso do Sul	4
17	Rondônia	1
25	Santa Catarina	1
26	Rio Grande do Sul	1

Here you can see the reported zika virus cases in brazil in different states.

```
In [126... bra_sorted_rep_sum = bra_sorted_rep['cases_reported_total'].sum()
bra_sorted_rep_sum

Out[126]: 4180
```

Now the total reported case in brazil is 4180.

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5) Summary

5.1 Conclusion

After thoroughly examining the Zika virus data, I have reached some important conclusions regarding its impact on the world and Brazil:

Testing Discrepancy: It is notable that there is a significant difference between the total reported Zika virus cases (4,180) and the total confirmed cases (270) in Brazil. This suggests a potential issue with testing, as the positivity rate appears to be relatively low. Further investigation is necessary to understand and address this testing discrepancy, with the aim of improving the accuracy of case detection.

Identification of Hotspot: Pernambuco has emerged as a prominent hotspot for Zika virus transmission in Brazil. It stands out with the highest number of reported and confirmed cases, indicating a higher risk of contracting the virus in this particular region. This highlights the importance of targeted interventions and dedicated public health efforts to effectively manage the situation in areas experiencing a higher incidence of infection.

Efficiency in Testing: The state of Rio Grande do Norte exhibits a relatively higher positivity rate for confirmed cases, suggesting more efficient testing and diagnostic capabilities, particularly in urban regions. This underscores the significance of having robust testing facilities and sufficient resources in promptly identifying and confirming Zika virus cases.

In conclusion, it is crucial to improve testing protocols, implement targeted interventions in high-risk areas, and allocate adequate resources to enhance testing capabilities across Brazil. By addressing these aspects, we can enhance the accuracy of case detection, effectively manage the spread of the Zika virus, and ensure timely care for those affected.

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5.2 Summary of data

5.2.1 World

In summary, the analysis reveals the following significant insights:

- Category 1: There are 51 countries experiencing active virus transmission. This highlights the widespread nature of the virus and its impact on various regions.
- Category 2: Notably, 16 countries have successfully interrupted virus transmission and significantly reduced infection rates. This underscores the effectiveness of control measures and interventions in combating the virus.
- Category 3: Four countries have successfully eliminated the virus, showcasing
 the potential for complete eradication. However, it is worth noting that these
 countries are relatively small in size. This suggests that completely wiping out
 the virus can be a challenging endeavor, yet it instills a sense of hope and serves
 as a testament to the possibility of victory.

These findings underscore the global efforts to control and combat the Zika virus. While challenges persist, the successes achieved in interrupting transmission and eliminating the virus in certain regions provide inspiration and encouragement to persevere in the fight against this infectious disease.

5.2.2 Brazil

After analyzing the Brazil dataset, several significant findings have come to light. The total reported Zika virus cases in Brazil amount to 4,180, while only 270 cases have been confirmed. This stark contrast indicates a potential issue with testing, as the positivity rate is relatively low. It raises concerns about the accuracy and effectiveness of the testing process.

A closer examination of the "confirmed" and "reported" tables reveals that Pernambuco is the region most affected by the Zika virus, serving as a hotspot for its transmission in Brazil. The data also highlights that Rio Grande do Norte has a higher positivity rate for confirmed cases compared to other states. This could be attributed to better testing facilities and resources in urban areas, allowing for more accurate identification and confirmation of Zika virus cases.

These findings emphasize the importance of swift and accurate testing to promptly diagnose Zika virus cases. By doing so, it enables timely care and interventions for patients, potentially saving lives. Improving testing capabilities across the country is crucial to effectively manage the spread of the virus and provide appropriate healthcare to those affected.

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6) Resources

6.1 Resources

Data

https://github.com/BuzzFeedNews/zika-data

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