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**Article** **Mortality and Development in the ESCAP Region: A Review**

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**Abstract** This paper attempts to assess the extent to which social and economic changes have contributed to the mortality decline of the last 30 years in selected countries of the Asia-Pacific region. It provides various methods for evaluating the association between health and mortality and social and economic conditions, yet it argues that it is difficult or impossible to measure statistically the effect of certain interventions because they are interrelated in their impact on mortality.

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