

OVERVIEW

Air Pollution Impact Model for Electricity Supply **AIRPOLIM-ES**

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Ambition
to
Action



Before we start...

Who we are and project context



NewClimate Institute:

Germany-based research institute/ think tank active in international climate policy



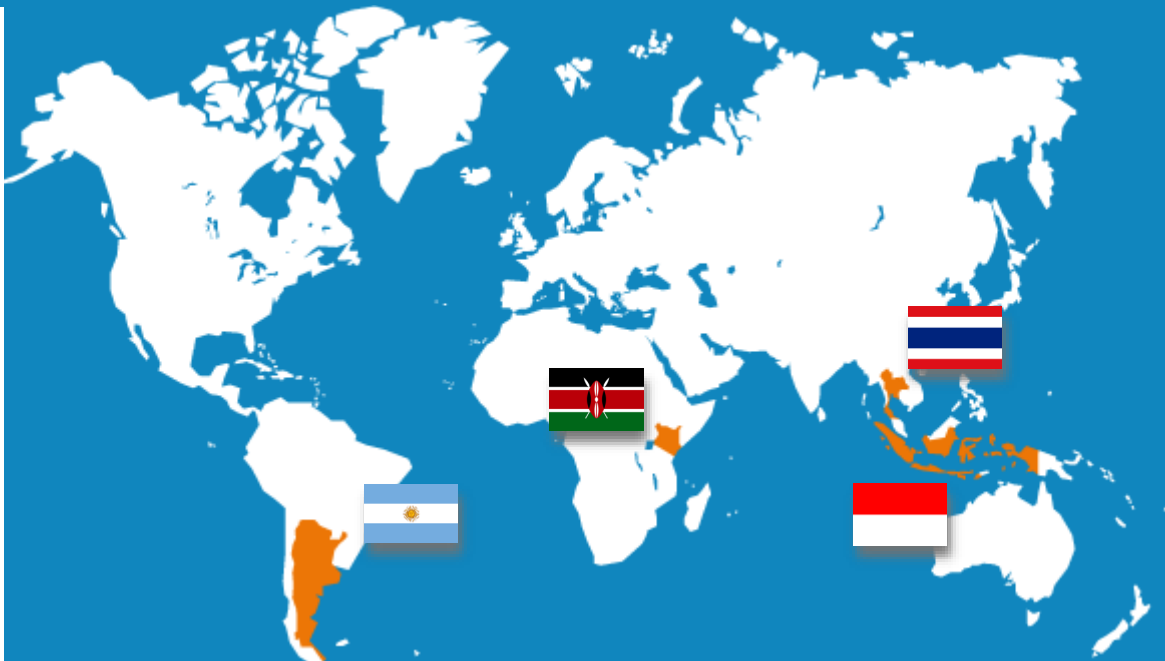
Ambition to Action:

3-year project funded under the German International Climate Initiative (IKI) implemented by NewClimate Institute and ECN, part of TNO



Objectives:

Support and accelerate further development and implementation of NDCs in four partner countries

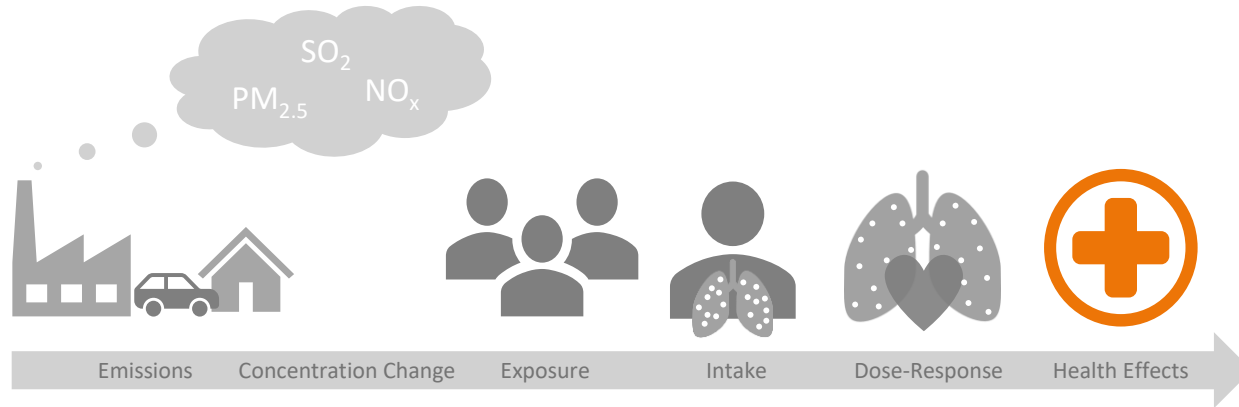


MEASURING THE HEALTHS IMPACTS OF AIR POLLUTION

Methodology and data inputs

Introduction

From air pollutants to health effects



Sources of air pollutants

Energy and air pollution

Non-energy

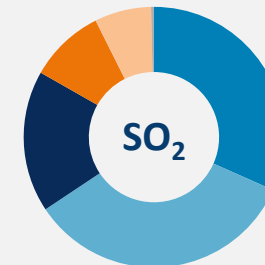
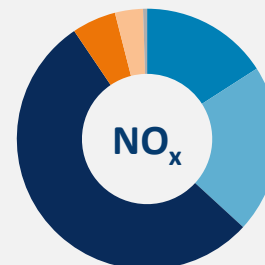
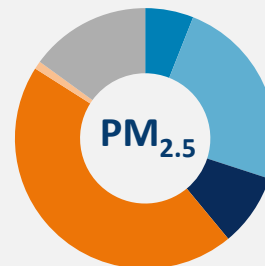
Agriculture; solvents;
and waste

Fuel supply

Extraction, storage,
transport, and
transformation of fossil
fuels

Buildings

Cooking, heating, and
lighting



Power

Combustion of coal,
oil, gas, bioenergy,
and waste

Industry

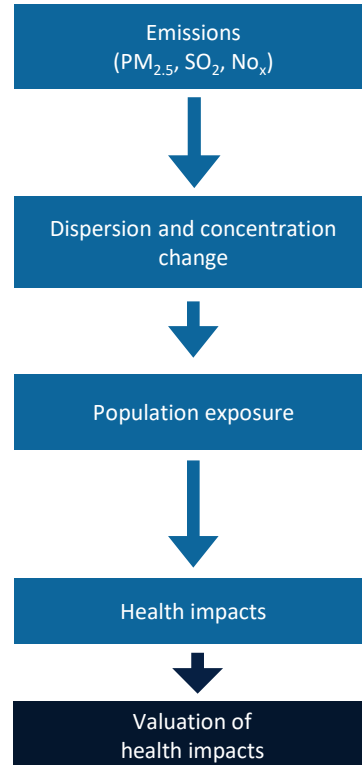
Fuel combustion;
process emissions

Transport

Exhaust fumes; brake,
tyre and road wear;
and fuel evaporation

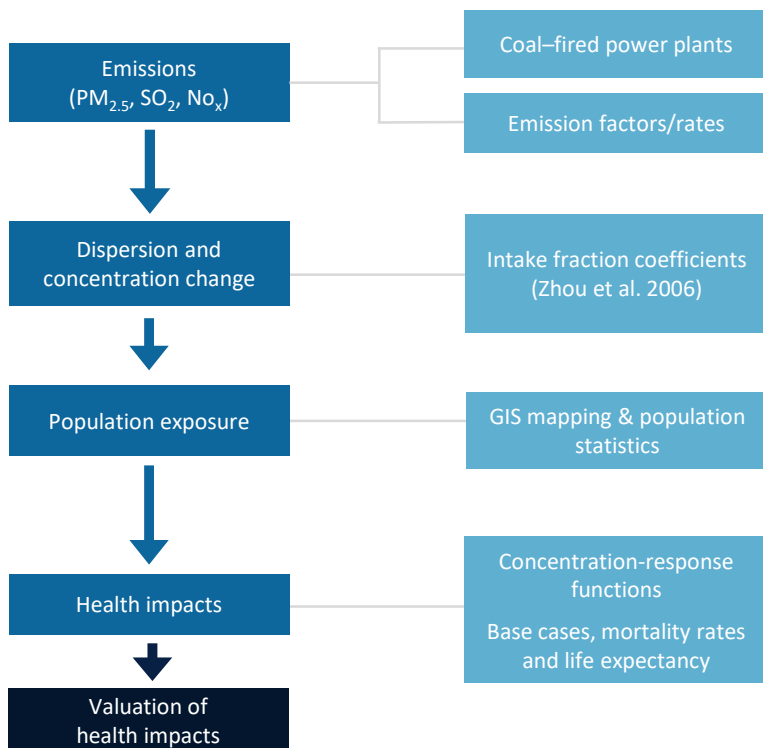
Impact Pathway Approach

Methodological framework



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Methodological framework



$$\text{Intake Fraction} = \frac{\sum_i^N P_i \times \Delta C_i \times BR}{Q}$$

i = location
 P_i = population at this location
 ΔC_i = change in the concentration of PM_{2.5} caused by emissions from specific source
 BR = population average breathing rate
 Q = total emission rate of the pollutant

Zhou et al. 2006 coefficients

Intake fraction coefficients for population residing within bands of 0–100 km, 100–500 km, 500–1,000 km, and 1,000–3,300 km from emission source
→ interpretation of coefficients: if population increases by 1 million, the intake fraction increases by x

(Zhou et al. methodology: Step 1: Estimation of intake fractions through dispersion modelling for 29 Chinese coal power plants and population mapping; Step 2: Regression with estimated intake fraction as dependent and population within distance bands as independent variable)

Widely used approach, e.g. in the following studies: [IMF \(2014\) Getting Energy Prices Right](#), [Greenpeace International \(2014\) South Africa Study](#), [Cropper et al. \(2012\) The Health Effects of Coal Electricity Generation in India](#)

Key data inputs required in the model



Plant data

- Lifetime
- Installed capacity
- Capacity factor
- Heat rate (efficiency)
- Emissions control
- Location



Population mapping

- Gridded population data
- GIS Mapping



Population data

- Country-specific mortality rates
- Share of population per age category
- Life expectancy at specific age
- Population growth estimates

Input data

Inside the Excel tool

Plant data

Source: Global Coal Plant Tracker (2019), WorldPop, GIS mapping results

Enter "1" if power plant should be included in analysis, "0" if not

Do not enter value below 2020

Enter "default" if not known

Enter "default" if not known

Plant	ID	Scenario	Include	Fuel	Type	Country	Status	Start of operations	Lifetime	Capacity	Capacity factor	Heat rate	Emissions control	PM2.5 emissions factor	Nox emissions factor	SO2 emissions factor	Latitude	Longitude	Plant efficiency	Annual electricity generation	Lifetime electricity generation
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Baganuur Pauer LLC	BAG	New Capacity	1	Coal	Coal	Mongolia	Announced	2023	60	700	65%	9,250	Average	default	default	default	47.7839	108.3722	37%	3,986	239,148
Capacity expansion of Choiba	CHO2	New Capacity	1	Coal	Coal	Mongolia	Announced	2022	60	50	65%	10,576	Average	default	default	default	48.0899	114.5416	32%	285	17,082
Choibalsan CHP	CHO	Existing Capacity	1	Coal	Coal	Mongolia	Announced	2019	57	36	65%	10,576	Average	default	default	default	48.0899	114.5416	32%	205	11,684
CHP 3	CHP3a	Existing Capacity	1	Coal	Coal	Mongolia	Announced	2019	8	157	65%	10,576	Average	default	default	default	47.8956	106.8651	32%	894	7,152
CHP 3 Extension	CHP3b	New Capacity	1	Coal	Coal	Mongolia	Announced	2023	60	250	65%	10,576	Average	default	default	default	47.8956	106.8651	32%	1,424	85,410
CHP 3 Extension 2	CHP3c	New Capacity	1	Coal	Coal	Mongolia	Announced	2023	60	75	65%	10,576	Average	default	default	default	47.8956	106.8651	32%	427	25,623

Population

Source: WorldPop, GIS mapping results, Zhou et al. (2006)

Population coverage In-country

PopCoverage_Switch

WorldPop year:

Plant	ID	Country	In-country				All countries				Population over		Exposed population over	
			In-country population within radius	In-country population within radius	In-country population within radius	In-country population within radius	All country population within radius	All country population within radius	All country population within radius	All country population within radius	25 share	25 million	25 million	25 million
			100 km	100 - 500 km	500 - 1000 km	1000 - 3300 km	100 km	100 - 500 km	500 - 1000 km	1000 - 3300 km				
Lamu power station Reference	REF1	Kenya	0.27	22.28	23.71	0.06	0.37	35.06	111.35	612.06	41%	18.760	18.760	
Kitui power station Unit 1 Reference	REF2	Kenya	1.68	42.04	2.60	-	2.27	61.52	161.43	636.29	41%	18.760	18.760	
Kitui power station Unit 2 Reference	REF3	Kenya	1.68	42.04	2.60	-	2.27	61.52	161.43	636.29	41%	18.760	18.760	
Kitui power station Unit 3 Reference	REF4	Kenya	1.68	42.04	2.60	-	2.27	61.52	161.43	636.29	41%	18.760	18.760	

Data Sources: Plant data



Plant data

Lifetime

Installed capacity

Capacity factor

Heat rate (efficiency)

Emissions control

Location

Using individual
data or the
Global Coal
Plant Tracker
data base



GLOBAL COAL PLANT TRACKER

Using individual
data or country-
specific
emission
factors (GAINS)



GAINS Online

Greenhouse Gas - Air Pollution Interactions and Synergies

Data sources: Population mapping



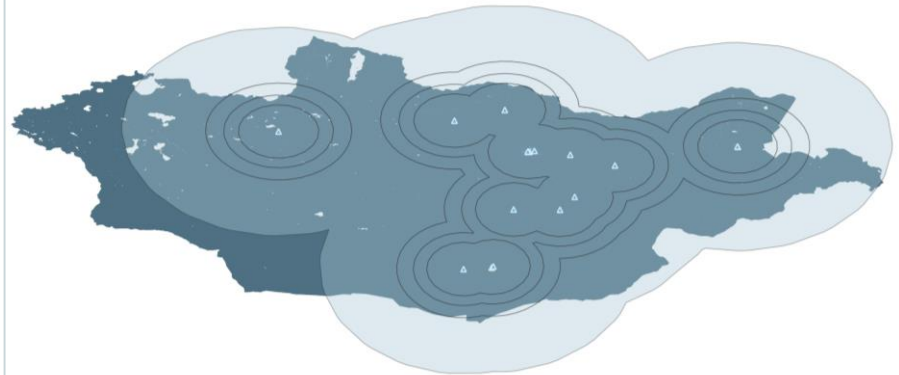
Population mapping

Gridded population data
GIS Mapping

Open source
population data
set and GIS
software



GIS mapping
visual results



Data sources: Population data



Population data

Country- and age-specific mortality rates

Share of population per age category

Life expectancy at specific age

Population growth estimates



AIR POLLUTION HEALTH IMPACT INDICATORS

Illustrative results



Emissions

Annual and lifetime emissions
for:

- $PM_{2.5}$
- NO_x
- SO_2



Health Impacts

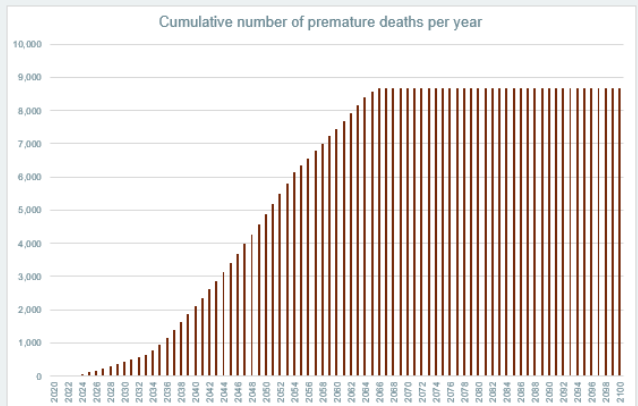
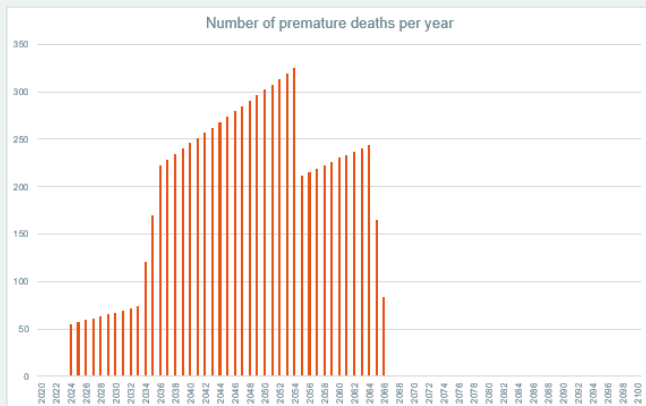
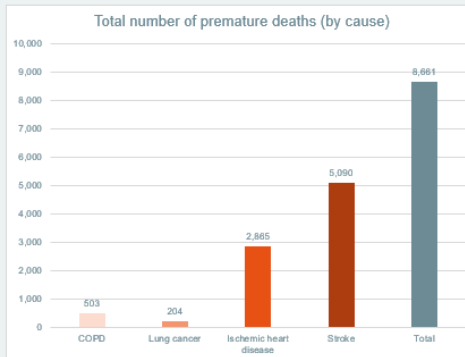
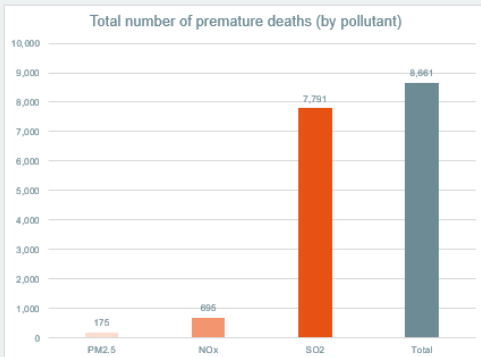
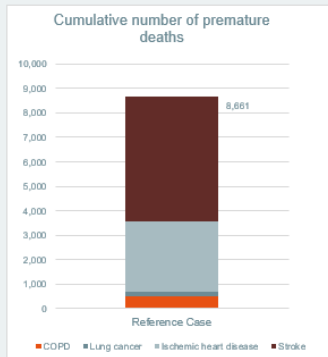
Annual and lifetime premature deaths and
years of life lost for:

- *Lung cancer*
- *Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease*
- *Ischemic heart disease*
- *Stroke*



Available on plant, scenario and
country level
&
restricted to country population or
for all affected population

Number of premature deaths



Result Set-Up

Scenario

Choose scenario of interest

Reference Case

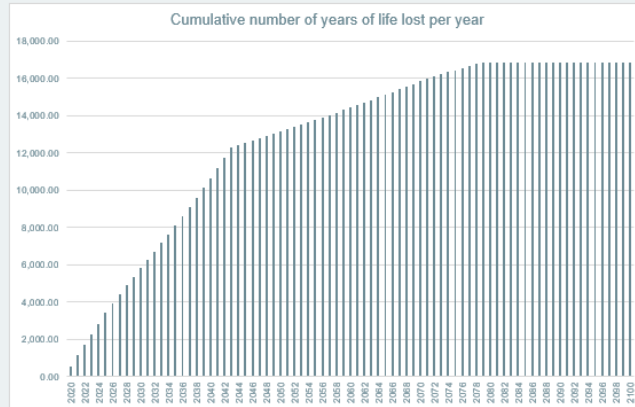
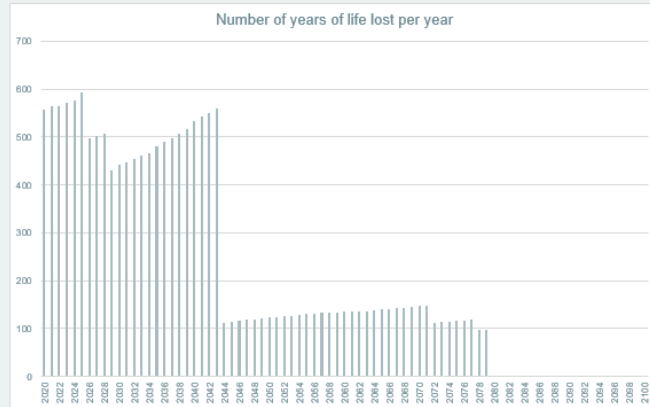
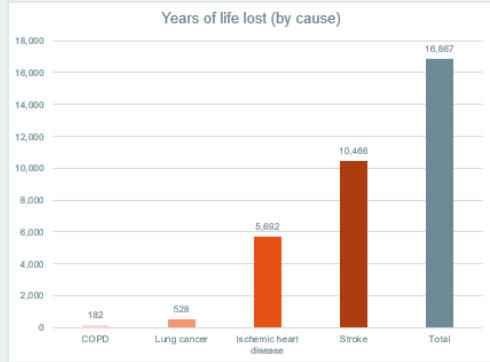
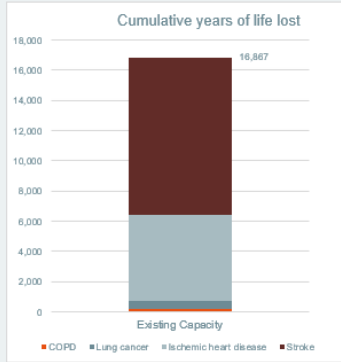
Population coverage

In-country

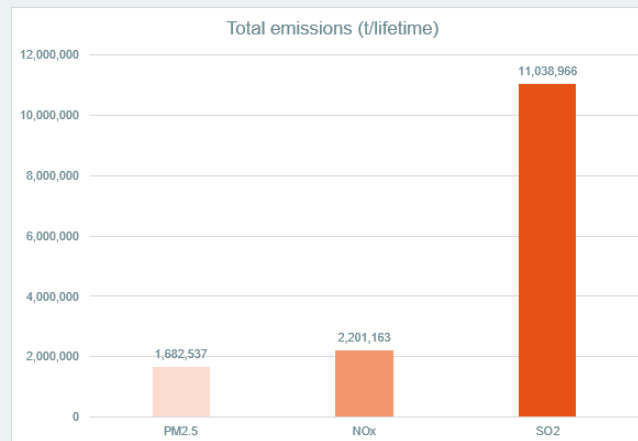
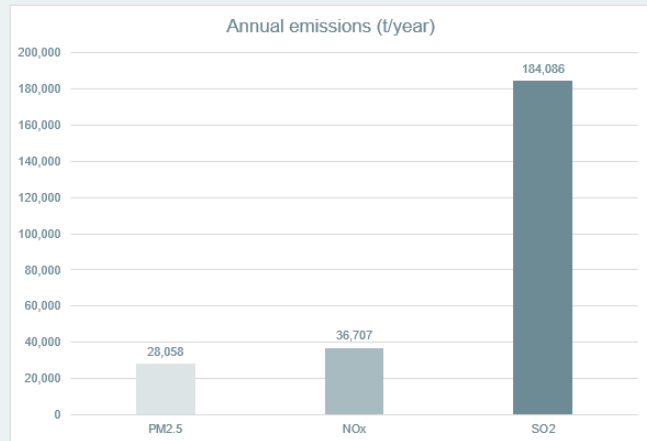
PopCoverage

Number of years of life lost

Illustrative results

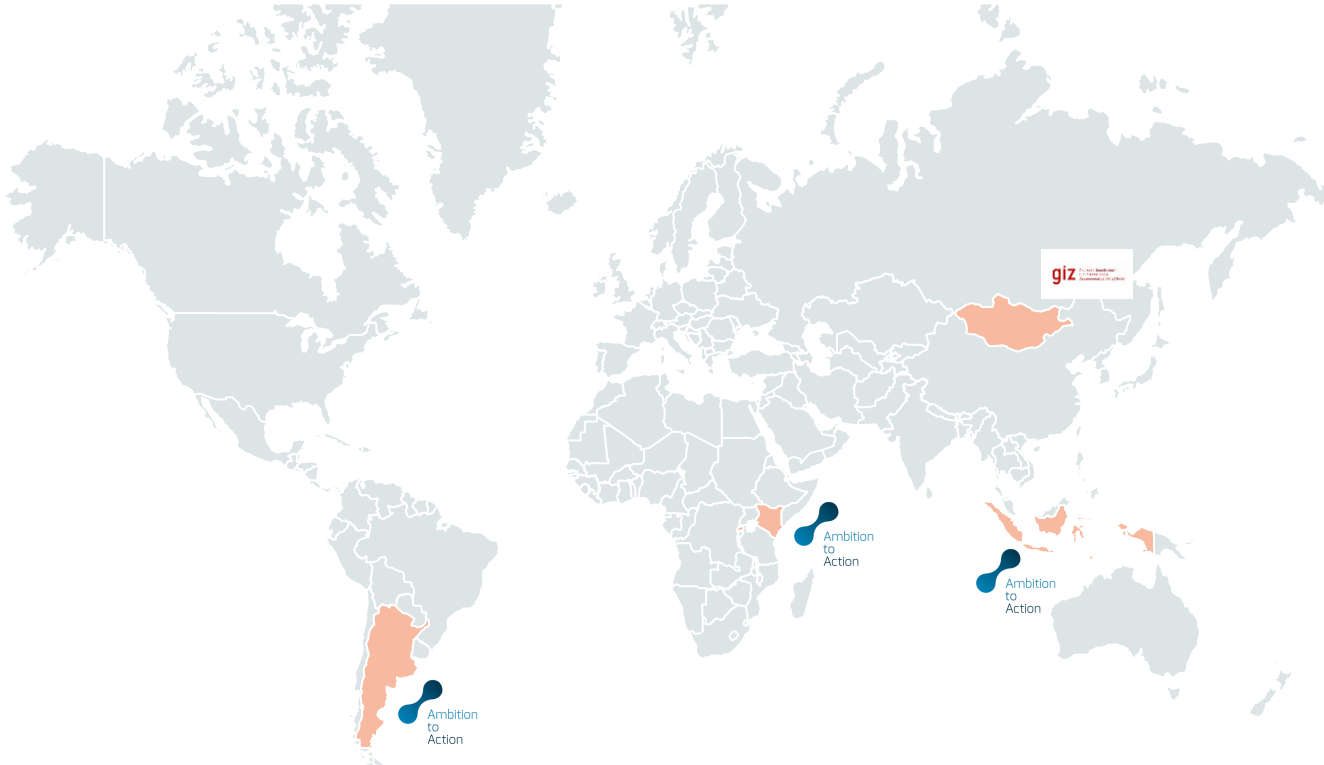


Emissions



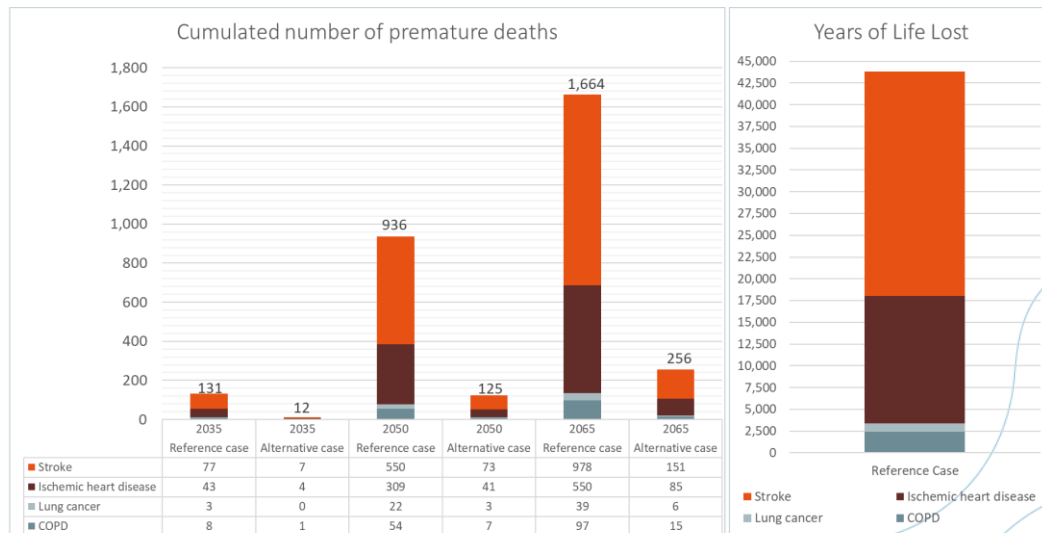
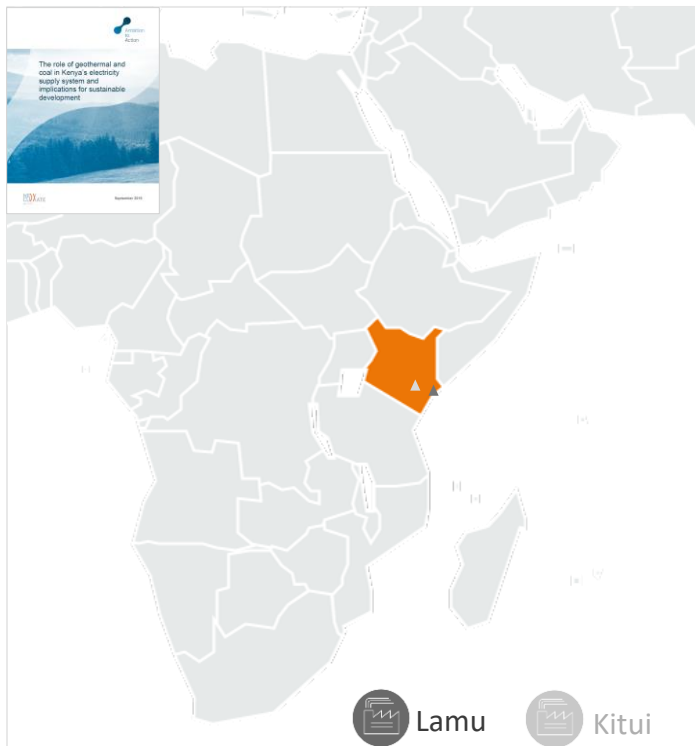
APPLICATIONS OF AIRPOLIM-ES

Published and ongoing application of AIRPOLIM-ES



Air pollution health impact assessment in Kenya

Illustrative results



* Reference case: Lamu power station: 981 MW (start: 2024), Kitui power station: 960 MW (start: 2034); Alternative case: Lamu power station: 450 MW (start: 2034); assumed lifetime of all coal-fired power plants is 30 years

DISCUSSION

Limitations and challenges

Considerations for the accuracy and interpretation of results



ZHOU ET AL. (2006) COEFFICIENTS

Limitations: Not taking into account stack height, meteorological conditions and other location specific factors

EMISSION FACTORS

Limitations: Only provide approximate emission estimations, however plant-specific factors can be entered if available

LINEAR CONCENTRATION RESPONSE FUNCTIONS FROM GLOBAL BURDEN OF DISEASE STUDY

Limitations: Concentration response functions are assumed to be linear in a way that health effects are independent from the initial level of pollution. This is a simplified approach used in many other studies.

HEALTH IMPACT ESTIMATES FOR POPULATION OUTSIDE OF ANALYSIS COUNTRY

Limitations: Those estimates do not take into account country-specific characteristics (including population growth, mortality rates and age shares) but assume those of the country where the power plant is located.



GIS KNOWLEDGE

Estimating population exposure requires at least basic knowledge of geographic information system software

EXCEL KNOWLEDGE

Using the model requires intermediate Excel knowledge / experience

QUESTIONS / COMMENTS / FEEDBACK

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