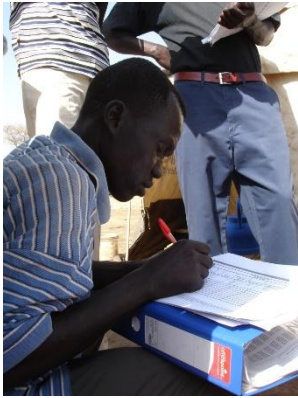


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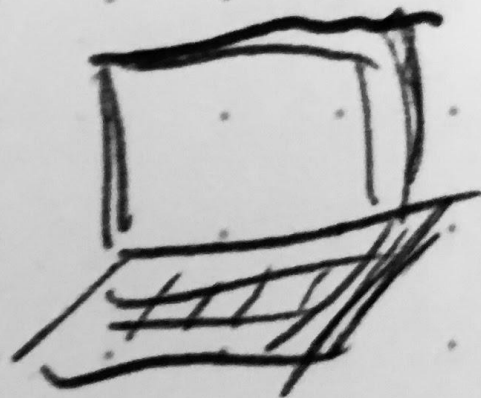
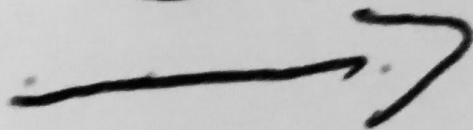
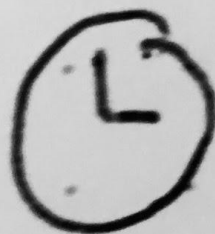


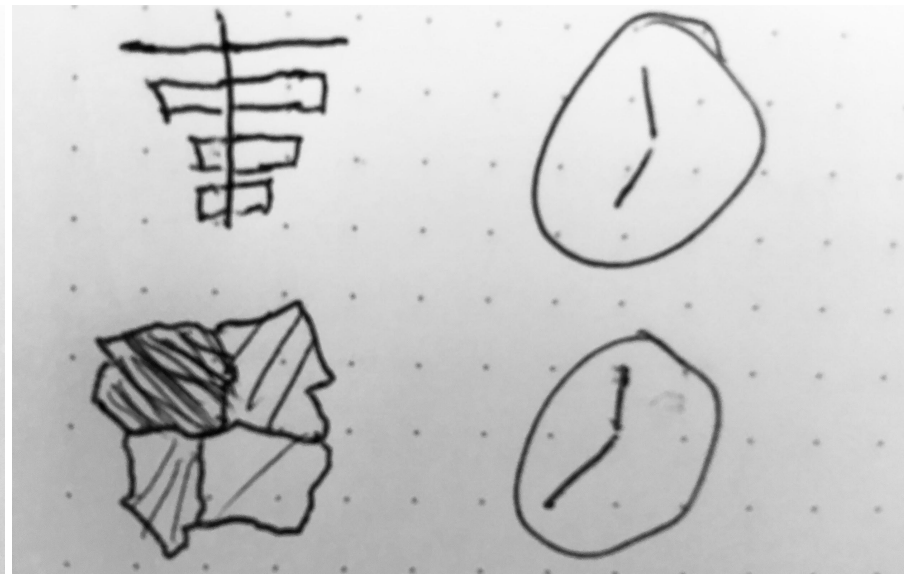
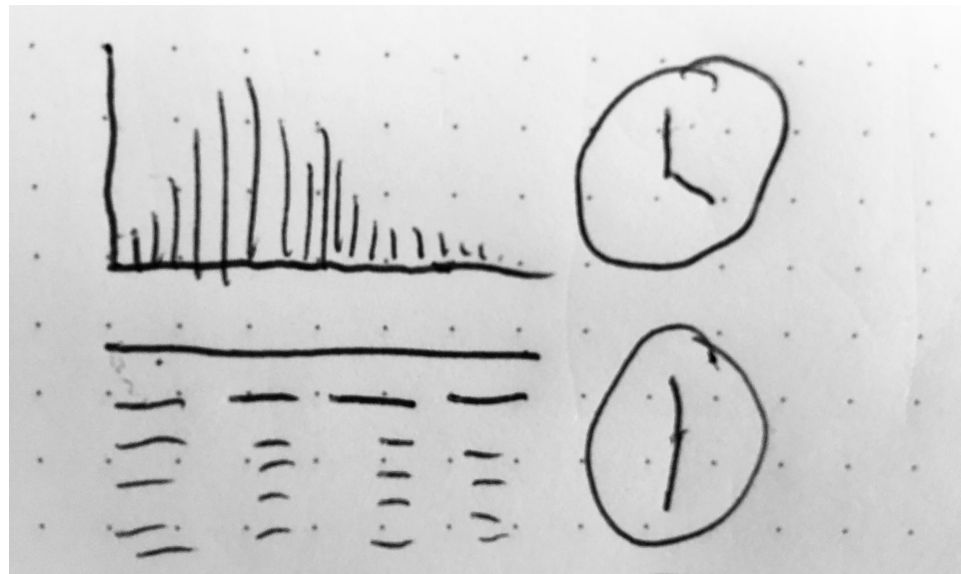
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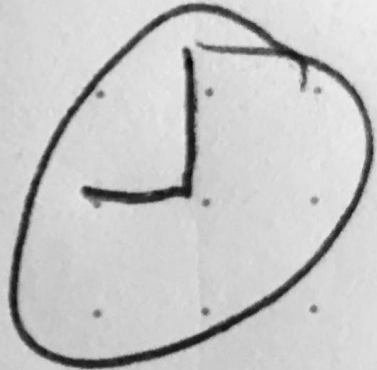
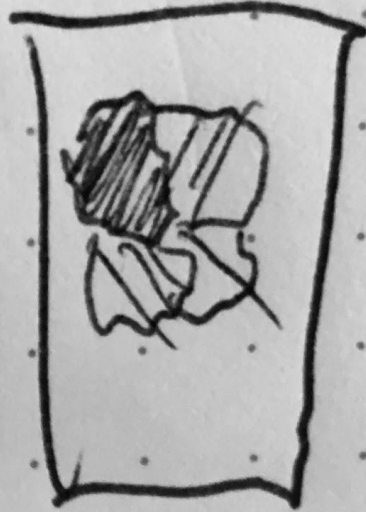


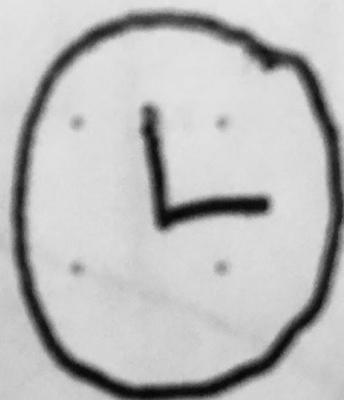
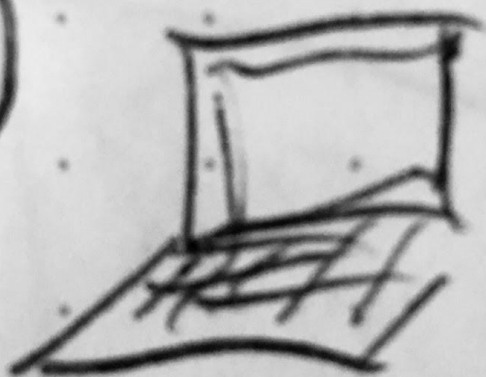


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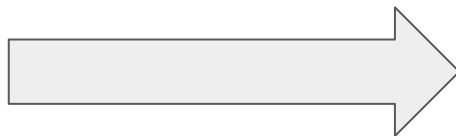
Links to more information

<https://rapidemicsconsortium.org>

<https://blogs.msf.org/bloggers/larissa/innovation-introducing-r4epis>

<https://github.com/r4epi/>

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THE GOAL

Outbreak Response Plan and SitRep / Final Report [delete as appropriate]

Click on the words below to be taken to the relevant part of this form:

[Initial investigation](#)

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[Medical and epidemiological information](#)

[Objective\(s\) of the MSF response](#)

[Progress of the outbreak response](#)

[Final report](#)

- This template can be used to record the initial Outbreak Response Plan and, by keeping it updated, it can be used as an Update Report/SitRep as the outbreak progresses. It may be used at a Mission or Project Level.
- This document should be updated after each Outbreak Response Team meeting – see the 'Coordination' page of the Outbreak Management Toolkit (on all field laptops and at: <https://field.oca.msf.org/outbreak-management-toolkit>) for a template agenda for Outbreak Response Team meetings
- If an MSF outbreak response is taking place across multiple sites, consider having a Response Plan and SitRep document for each site
- When new information is added, the date should be recorded so that the progress of the outbreak and response can be seen
- At the end of an outbreak response, the document can be turned into the Outbreak Response Final Report

Date Report last updated:	Date		
Name of Project(s) responding and/or name of site:	Enter name of Project(s) responding to the outbreak, if applicable, and/or name of response site		
Mission:	Enter name of Mission responding to outbreak		
Disease causing the outbreak:	Enter name of disease <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmed <input type="checkbox"/> Probable		
Outbreak Response Coordinator:	Enter name of assigned Outbreak Response Coordinator and his/her role in MSF		
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1. MEDICAL AND EPIDEMIOLOGICAL INFORMATION

1.1 Typical signs and symptoms, or case definition

- Brief description only.
- If case definition is given, specify the date it was agreed.
- If the case definition is changed during the response, add the date it was altered and the new case definition

1.2 Epidemiological description (Date last updated: Date)

- This information can be obtained from the Field Epidemiologist, if present.
- Alternatively, instructions on what data to consider, plus a tool to automatically create charts, can be found in the 'Outbreak Investigation Guide', and related graph tool, in the 'Epidemiology & Surveillance' page of the Outbreak Management Toolkit

- Person:

[Who is affected: how many in total; male or female; young, adult or old? What are the links between affected people work place, school, social gathering?, is there a high rate of illness in contacts? Is there a high rate of illness in health workers? You may want to include: a bar chart showing case numbers or incidence by age group and sex; attack rate (AR); and numbers of deaths (in suspected and confirmed cases), mortality rates and/or case fatality ratio (CFR)]

- Time:

[When did the cases fall ill? Are numbers increasing or stable? You may want to include an Epi curve (bar chart showing number of new (suspected and confirmed) cases each day/week)]

Cholera outbreak report

Introduction to this template

This is a template which can be used to create an automated outbreak situation report for cholera.

- It is organised by time, place and person.
- You can type normal text in white spaces (such as here) and r-code in grey spaces (denoted by three backticks and r) (see [Rmarkdown introduction](#) and [Markdown basics](#))
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Person

- [Who is affected: how many in total; male or female; young, adult or old? What are the links between affected people – work place, school, social gathering? Is there a high rate of illness in contacts? Is there a high rate of illness in a specific group of people (e.g. health workers)? You may want to include: a bar chart showing case numbers or incidence by age group and sex; attack rates (AR); and numbers of deaths (in suspected and confirmed cases), mortality rates and/or case fatality ratio (CFR)]

From the start of the outbreak up until 2018-W16 there were a total of 300 cases. There were 99 (33.0%) females and 92 (30.7%) males.

The most affected age group was 45+ years.

Demographics

Cases by age group and definition

Age group (years)	Confirmed cases (n)	%	Probable cases (n)	%	Suspected cases (n)	%	Total
0-4	10	4.2	0	0.0	1	3.1	11
5-14	13	5.4	1	3.6	3	9.4	17

15-29	26	10.8	4	14.3	6	18.8	36
30-44	29	12.1	2	7.1	3	9.4	34
45+	162	67.5	21	75.0	19	59.4	202
Total	240	100.0	28	100.0	32	100.1	300

Cases by age group and sex

Age group (years)	Female cases		Male cases		Missing		Total
	(n)	%	(n)	%	(n)	%	
0-4	5	5.1	2	2.2	4	3.7	11
5-14	7	7.1	4	4.3	6	5.5	17
15-29	13	13.1	12	13.0	11	10.1	36
30-44	13	13.1	9	9.8	12	11.0	34
45+	61	61.6	65	70.7	76	69.7	202
Total	99	100.0	92	100.0	109	100.0	300

Alternatively if you would like proportions to be of the total population, use the following.

Age group (years)	Female cases		Male cases		Missing		Total
	(n)	%	(n)	%	(n)	%	
0-4	5	1.7	2	0.7	4	1.3	11
5-14	7	2.3	4	1.3	6	2.0	17
15-29	13	4.3	12	4.0	11	3.7	36
30-44	13	4.3	9	3.0	12	4.0	34
45+	61	20.3	65	21.7	76	25.3	202
Total	99	32.9	92	30.7	109	36.3	300

Age pyramid by case definition

There were 109 (36.3%) cases missing information on sex, 0 (0.0%) missing case definitions and 0 (0.0%) missing age group.

Outbreak Reports

- Cholera
- Measles
- Meningitis
- Acute Jaundice Syndrome

Survey Reports

- Vaccination coverage
- Malnutrition
- Retrospective mortality
access to care



R for Epis

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```
remotes::install_github("R4EPI/sitrep")
```

sitrep

WIP Report templates and helper functions for EPI

 R  4  4  17 (3 issues need help)  2 Updated 12 hours ago



BUILDING SITREP

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incidence	2018-08-24	562	13	Y	✓	✓		0.5	6		1
epicontacts	2017-11-21	298	5	Y	✓	✓		1.3	0		1
epiflows	2018-08-14	215	7	Y	✓	✓		2.6	2	1	0
scanstatistics	2018-01-24	232	26	Y	✓	✓		1.9	1	1	0
surveillance	2018-07-24	1058			✓	✓				8	1
EpiContactTrace	2017-10-19	337	2		✗				10	1	0
epitab	2018-07-04	280	1	Y	✗	✓			0		0
pubh	2018-08-30	237	0		✗	✓			0	5	0
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Epi	2018-08-23	6555			✗						
epiR	2018-08-22	4054			✗					2	7
EpiStats	2018-10-08	624			✗	✓				2	0
epiDisplay	2018-05-10	1904			✗					5	1
EpiCurve	2018-04-24	369			✗	✓				5	0
EpiEstim	2013-03-08	341			✗						1
epinet	2018-02-13	324			✗						0
RSurveillance	2016-10-04	212			✗						0



No tests :(



Welcome to the *awee* package!

This package will convert dates to [US CDC epiweeks](#), [isoweeks](#), and all others in between with minimal overhead.

Installing the package

To install the stable package version from CRAN, you can use

```
install.packages("awee")
```

To benefit from the latest features and bug fixes, install the development, *github* version of the package using:

```
# install.packages("remotes")  
remotes::install_github("reconhub/awee")
```



New R Markdown

- Document
- Presentation
- Shiny
- From Template

Template:

[Using R Markdown Templates](#)

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Mortality survey	{sitrep}
AJS outbreak report	{sitrep}
Meningitis outbreak report	{sitrep}
Measles outbreak report	{sitrep}
Nutrition survey	{sitrep}
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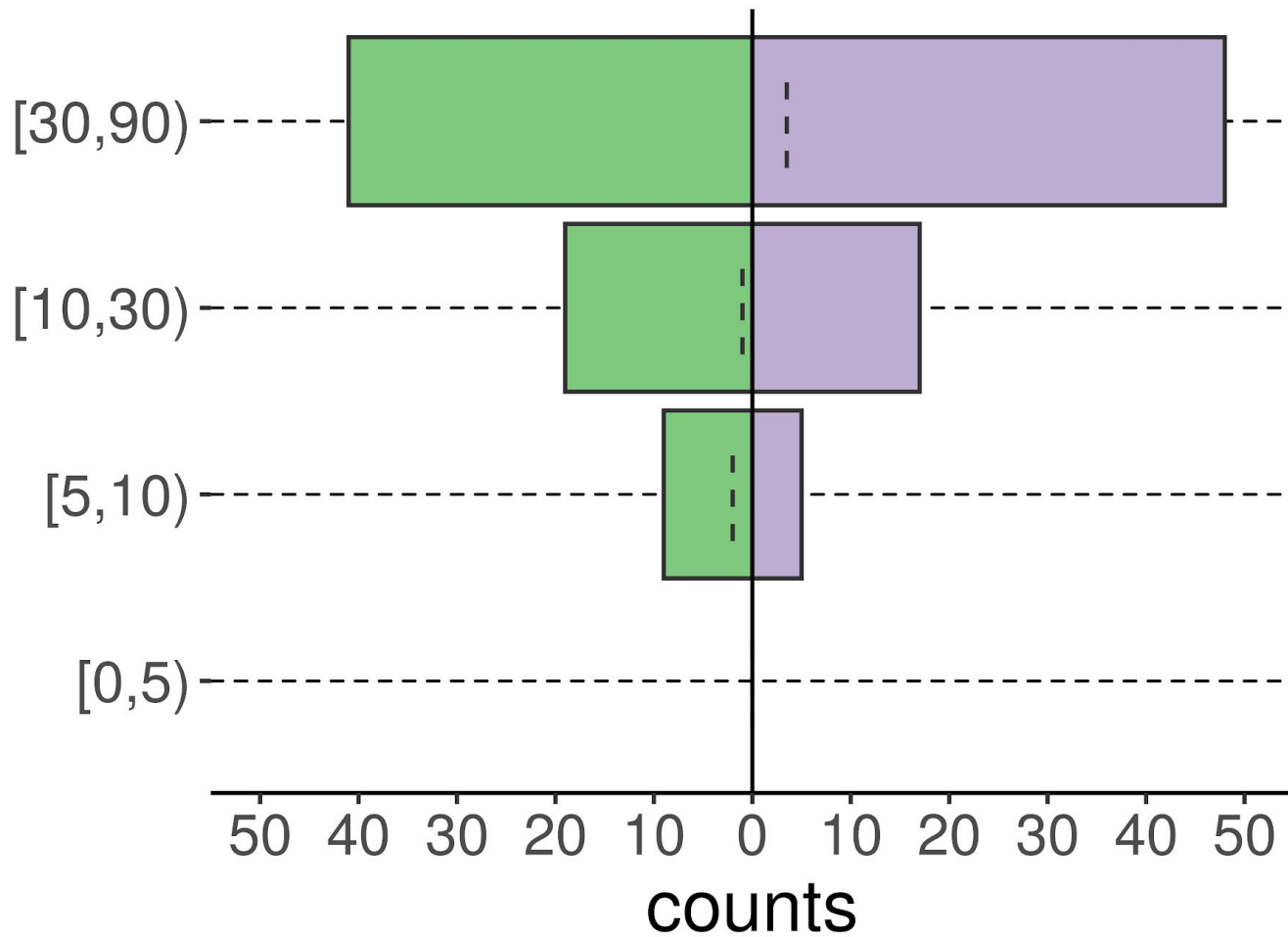
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3 | output: word_document
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28 | ```{r setup, include=FALSE}
29 | # hide all code chunks in the output, but show errors
30 | knitr::opts_chunk$set(echo = FALSE, error = TRUE, fig.width = 6*1.25, fig.height = 6)
31 | # set default NA to - in output, define figure width/height
32 | options(knitr.kable.NA = "-")
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35 | library(knitr) # for creating output doc
36 | library(dplyr) # for cleaning/shaping data
37 | library(ggplot2) # for plotting diagrams
38 |
39 | # epi packages
40 | library(sitrep) # for msf field epi functions
41 | library(incidence) # for epi curves
42 | library(ISoweek) # for creating epi weeks
43 | library(epitools) # for creating 2by2 tables
44 |
45 | # spatial packages
46 | library(sf)
47 | library(ggspatial)
48 |
49 | # set default text size to 16 for plots
50 | # give classic black/white axes for plots
51 | ggplot2::theme_set(theme_classic(base_size = 18))
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1:1 Cholera outbreak report

Console

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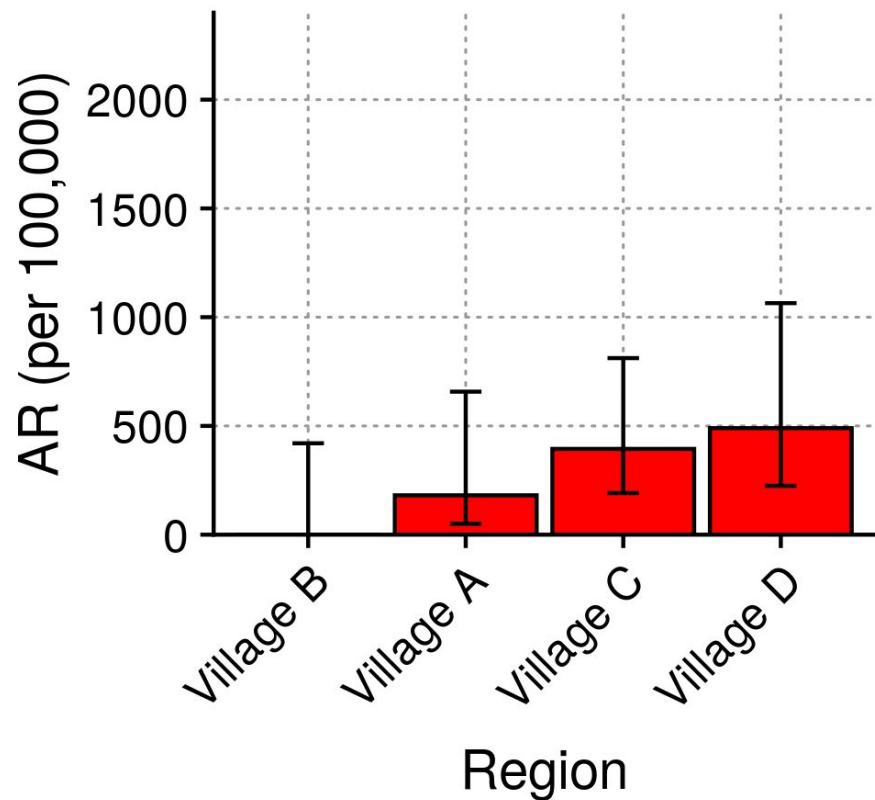


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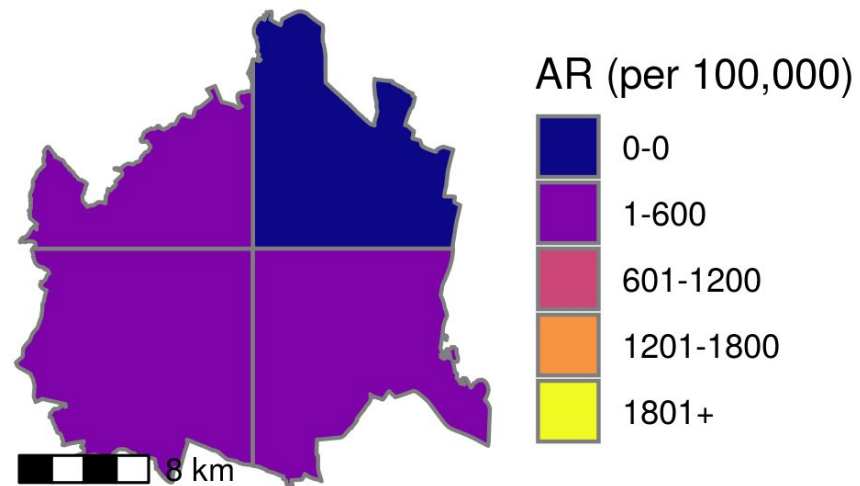
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Epiweek:2018-W18



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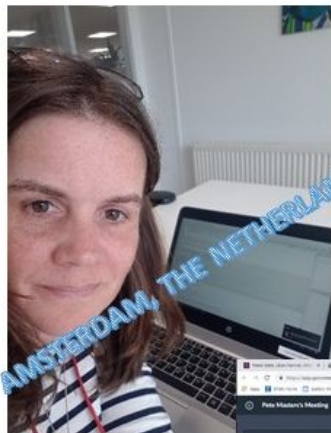


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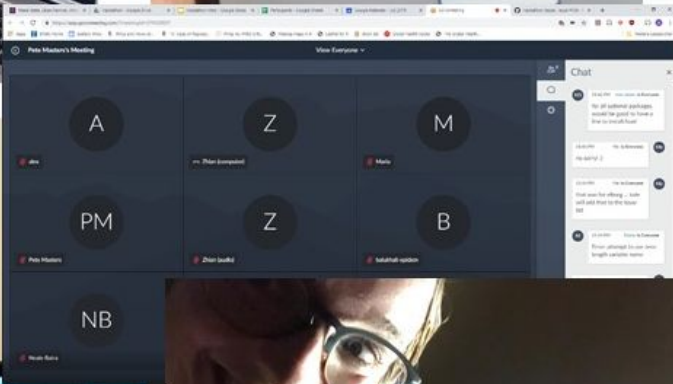
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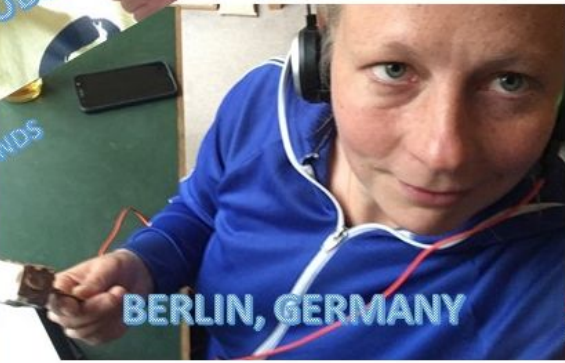
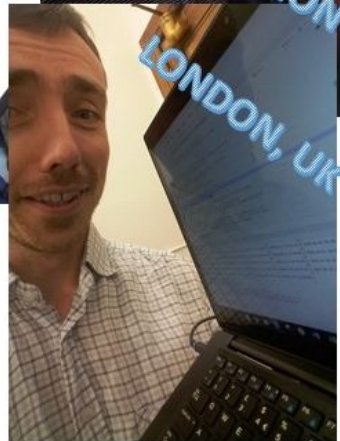
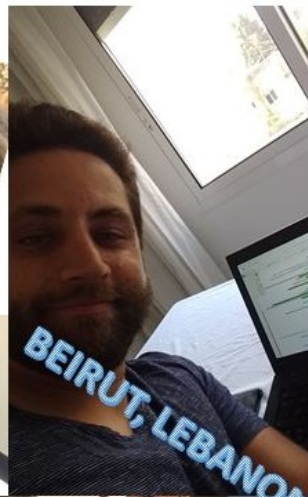
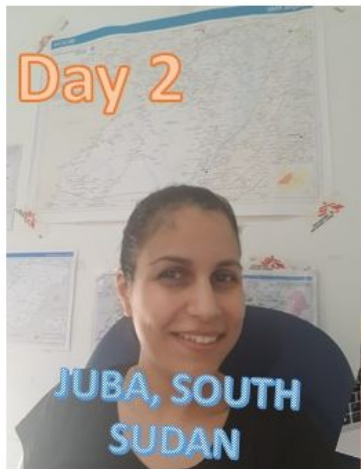


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Hackathon Day 2




≡ **Hackathon Issues**



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- Working directory (fix: RStudio project)
- Package installation (fix: restart R)
- Matching columns (“exquisitely painful”)

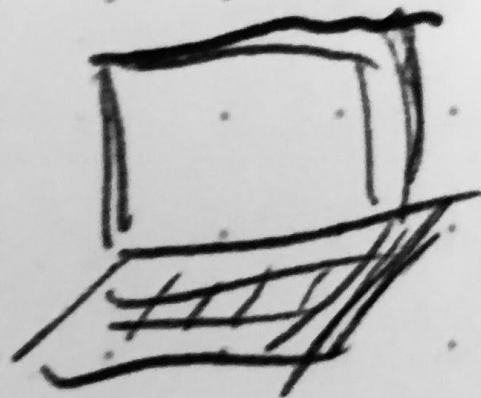
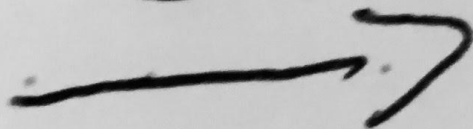
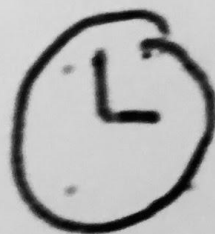


- Type errors (e.g. `as.Date(NA)`)
- Mis-typed filter rule; lost progress
- Protected spreadsheets (need `rJava` 🙄)



- Very detailed and well-organised instructions
- “Saves time to do complex tasks”
- “Openness” and customizability of templates
- Excellent support from Alex and Zhian

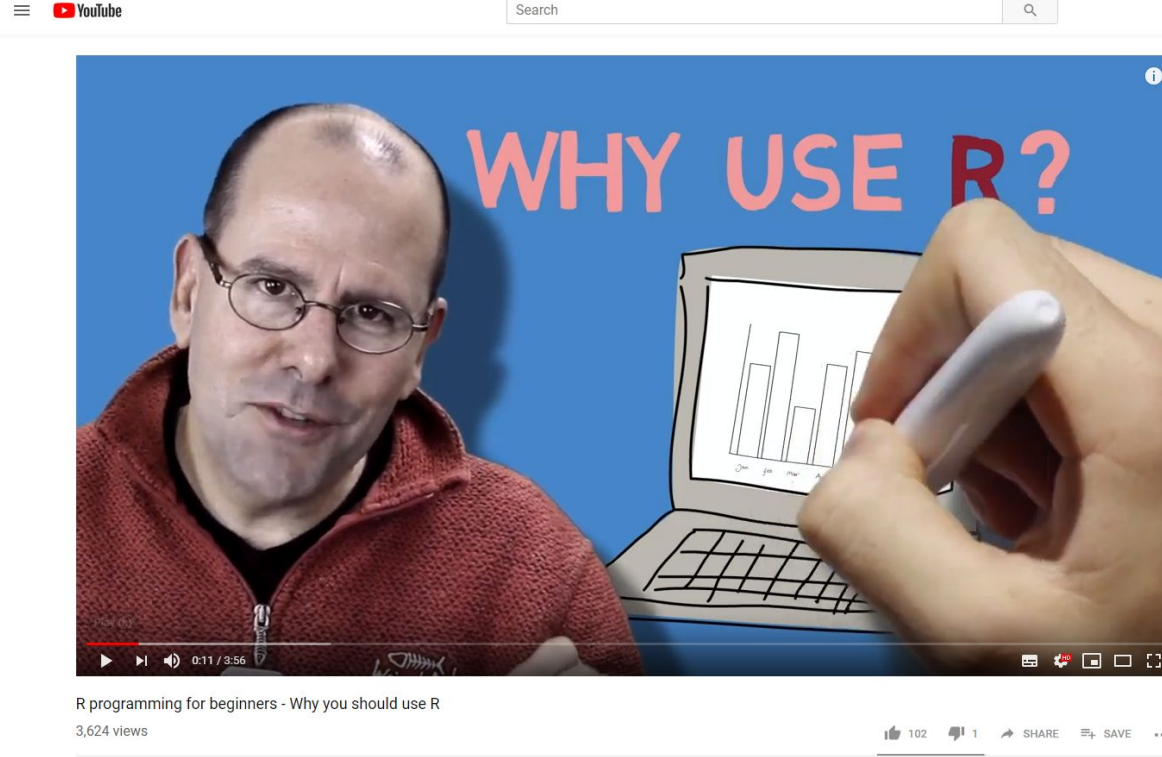




FUTURE WORK

Training Strategy

- Case Studies
- Video Tutorials by Greg Martin
- Dedicated technical support + maintenance



THANK YOU!



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