The Two Opioid Crises

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The Crisis of Access > 70% of the world
Measures of suffering have been absent until now!

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The Crisis of Excess

In 2016, synthetic opioids (primarily illegal fentanyl) passed prescription opioids as the most common drugs involved in overdose deaths in the United States.

In 2016, synthetic opioids were involved in nearly 50% (19,413) of opioid-related deaths, up from 14% (3,007) in 2010.
Government - provided oral morphine for palliative care in Uganda and Kerala. No diversion or misuse!
THERE ARE TWO OPIOID CRISSES
Both must be solved for govts to achieve SDGs 3.5 and 3.8
Thank you for your attention!