

Vale Hans Rosling

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Sad news from Sweden this week: Hans Rosling, statistician and founder of Gapminder, has passed away. It's not easy to make development data meaningful to the non-technically inclined, but Rosling did just this, conveying important messages while he was at it, as *The Guardian's* obituary [details](#).

For those who haven't seen his mastery in action, his first, famous TED talk is [here](#), as well as a more recent one [here](#). You can watch the work of Rosling and others at the Gapminder [website](#), where you can also create charts of your own, bringing your own data to life. And while you're there, take time to watch the history of human development in [just one chart](#).

Here's another great video below of Rosling sharing his love of data and stats with the BBC. His work was always an important reminder of the importance of communicating research and numbers in ways that can have impact for the widest possible audience.

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