

Health and Peace Online Course: Concepts and Tools for Frontline Workers – A Learning Pathway

This course is designed to introduce the learner to key concepts and linkages between health and peace. It introduces tools for designing effective conflict-sensitive interventions that promote peacebuilding.



COVID-19

The pandemic has highlighted existing inequalities worldwide and in the Region. In some countries, responding to the emergency is made even more difficult due to conflict and insecurity. Despite the many challenges, the pandemic provides an opportunity to build back better by tackling inequalities and promoting peace.



Linkages

- Peace is necessary for lasting health gains
- Weak inequitable health systems drive conflict but health can be a peace promoter

How do these linkages fit within global peacebuilding?



UN Peacebuilding

- Sustaining peace is a shared responsibility of all UN agencies

What is the role of WHO in this system?



Historical Basis

- Linkages recognised in policy frameworks
- Interventions developed and implemented by WHO and others

How is WHO currently moving this forward?



WHO Approach

- Shift to peace-responsive programming to achieve both health and peace
- Step-wise approach, with conflict analysis and negotiation as essential skills for implementing programmes

What are the components of a comprehensive conflict analysis?



Conflict Analysis

- Key elements of the context analysed to identify factors driving conflict or promoting peace
- Essential for designing peacebuilding and conflict-sensitive programmes

How can constructive negotiations be conducted?



Negotiation

- Systematic approach outlining interconnected roles in negotiation
- Facilitates relationship building with different parties for effective programming

Health and peace linkages recognised in global health and development frameworks

Multisectoral collaboration facilitates an integrated approach to peace and other development goals

Making the case for ongoing investment in Health and Peace initiatives

Health and peace linkages shape practical programme design

Analysis brings understanding of context-specific linkages between health and peace

Implementing Health and Peace programmes to address linkages

