

"Understanding the concern of Podoconiosis is very vital... This information is very useful and easy to understand."
- OpenWHO user, Podoconiosis course

OpenWHO News

The latest from WHO's open learning platform

HIGHLIGHTS

OpenWHO launches its 60th language in pursuit of providing global access to public health learning (p.1)

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Year-end data highlights expansive reach of OpenWHO learning (p.2)

Data spotlight on top OpenWHO use cases and platform report card (p.3)

Closing 2021 with online learning in 60 languages

As we wrap up 2021, OpenWHO is proud to share the launch of our 60th language – Tajik – as part of our efforts to make public health knowledge accessible to all. Our platform now offers free online courses in the official languages of 43 out of 46 of the least-developed countries, as well as the 15 most-spoken languages worldwide, in recognition that it is easier to learn in one's native tongue. In total, OpenWHO hosts [courses on 120 health topics](#), including 40 COVID-19 courses, with 6 million course enrolments.

None of this would be possible without the contributions of each of you, from our WHO expert teams, to the dedicated translators and course producers, to our amazing community of learners. Thank you for supporting OpenWHO in 2021. We look forward to continuing to serve the globe with open-access public health learning in 2022 and wish you all a healthy and happy new year.

LATEST COURSES



Infodemic Management 101

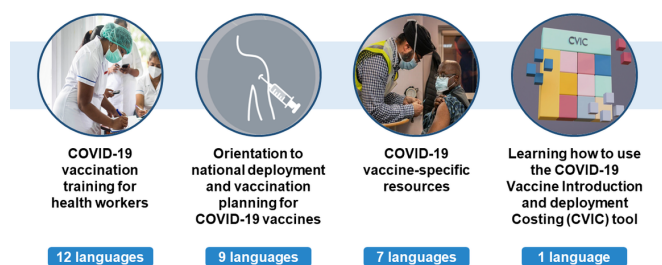


Health emergency and disaster risk management for resilient cities



Introduction to Marburg Virus Disease

COVID-19 vaccine courses on OpenWHO

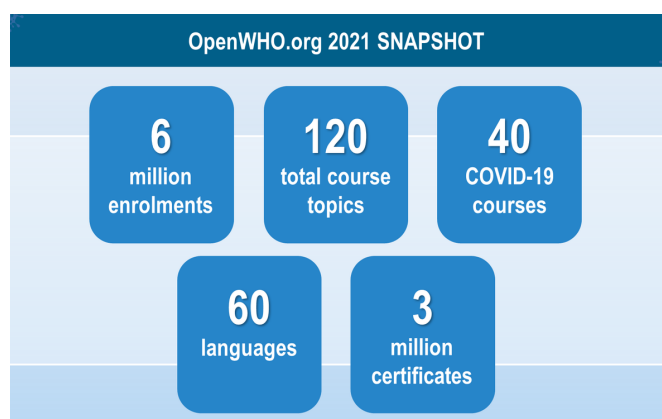


End-of-year data highlights expansive OpenWHO reach

A year-end analysis of OpenWHO data offers interesting insights into how the free online learning platform is used across the globe. For example:

- The top course and top video on the platform provide an [introduction to COVID-19](#), reflecting the surge in demand for OpenWHO learning driven by the pandemic.
- The most completed course covers putting on and removing COVID-19 [personal protective equipment](#).
- The platform is most used by students and health professionals, which are key target audiences.

You can find additional data points of interest in the infographics that follow.



Online training informs COVID-19 vaccination rollout

A peer-reviewed paper published in *JMIR Public Health and Surveillance* found that an OpenWHO online course supported health workers in preparing for COVID-19 vaccination deployment.

The [paper](#) analysed OpenWHO platform data for the [COVID-19 vaccination training for health workers](#) course, as well as the results of a learner feedback survey. The analysis found that 56% of enrolled learners completed the course – significantly higher than the industry benchmark of 5-10% for a massive open online course – and that learners' scores increased an average of 9% between the course pre-quiz and post-quiz, from 76.5% to 85%. Nearly 98% of survey respondents fully or somewhat agreed that they had more confidence in their ability to support COVID-19 vaccination after the course, which is based on videos, quizzes and job aides for health workers.

"... Ministries of Health and health facilities should consider the potential of training their health professionals using virtual or blended approaches to increase rapid accessibility and exchange of information," the paper concluded.

OpenWHO hosts 3 additional [COVID-19 vaccination courses](#) on national deployment and vaccination planning, vaccine-specific resources and costing. In total, the 4 vaccine courses have more than 201 000 enrolments across 12 languages.

OpenWHO learning platform

Free of charge

Accessible

Self paced

Multilingual



AT THE TOP OF OpenWHO

TOP COURSE: INTRODUCTION TO COVID-19

TOP VIDEO: ANIMATED COVID-19 EXPLAINER

TOP COUNTRY: INDIA

TOP AGE GROUP: AGES 20-29

TOP AFFILIATIONS: STUDENTS & HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

TOP CHANNEL: COVID-19

TOP REFERRER: GOOGLE

OpenWHO REPORT CARD

Average course completion rate

45.9%

Total quiz questions

1655

Average course enrolments per learner

2.3

Most completed course

COVID-19 personal protective equipment

Total certificates awarded

3.3 million

Total badges issued

62 000