

"The international support response mechanism is a very good machinery every UN member country must know. Thank you, WHO for this very informative learning." - OpenWHO user, Ready4Response Tier 1 course

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The latest from WHO's open learning platform

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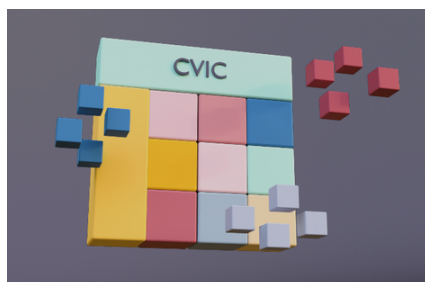
OpenWHO launches its 100th free online course

OpenWHO marked an exciting milestone this summer: WHO's free online learning platform launched its 100th course!

The landmark course was part of the "Clinical Management of Patients with COVID-19" series, focusing on investigations and care for [mild, moderate and severe disease](#). About one-third of OpenWHO's courses transfer knowledge for the COVID-19 pandemic, which has created an exponential surge in enrolments on the platform.

By the end of July, OpenWHO hosted 114 total courses – 37 for COVID-19 and 77 on other topics to support health emergencies and WHO's mandate – across 55 languages. The platform organizes resources according to 17 learning channels, most recently adding channels on [antimicrobial resistance](#) and [scientific and strategic talks for COVID-19](#).

LATEST COURSES



Learning how to use the COVID-19 Vaccine Introduction and deployment Costing (CVIC) tool



SARS-CoV-2 antigen rapid diagnostic testing



WHO Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Emergencies



Expanding capacity in Infection Prevention and Control during a pandemic

One global investment in expanding Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) capacity has been IPC training that has been made available for free on OpenWHO over the course of the pandemic.

The platform hosts 16 [IPC-related courses](#), of which 5 are COVID-19 specific ([IPC in the context of COVID-19](#), [personal protective equipment](#), [long-term care](#), [mask use](#) and the prevention, identification and management of [infections in health workers](#)) and 11 are part of a core IPC series. In total, the courses have 1.9 million enrolments. More courses are expected to be added over time, while others are being updated as needed.

OpenWHO has played a critical role during the COVID-19 emergency response by expanding the reach of training, capacity building and knowledge transfer, especially in light of travel measures restricting the movement of experts to deliver this training and the critical need for multilingual and multimodal learning materials. To date, the IPC courses are available in 26 languages. Stay tuned for more to come!

Webinars continue to attract worldwide audience during COVID-19

As the pandemic continues, webinars have endured as a popular interactive tool to transfer life-saving knowledge to all corners of the globe. Grounded on OpenWHO.org principles of equity, free access and lifelong learning, they provide a unique opportunity for anyone with an internet connection to interact directly with experts and those in the field.

OpenWHO has collaborated on 2 widely-attended webinar series for COVID-19:

- the [#LearningSavesLives webinar series](#), which is designed to spotlight how learning and training are helping to protect people in health emergencies like COVID-19; and
- the joint online training, "[Build back better](#): Harnessing South-South cooperation and risk reduction planning for resilient and healthy cities in the post COVID-19 era" by the UN Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC), the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Global Education and Training Institute (GETI), and the WHO Health Emergencies Programme.

In June and July, a total of 13 352 participants attended 6 webinars. The events included 2 #LearningSavesLives webinars on [competencies](#) for health emergencies and [One Health](#), as well as the 4-part [joint training](#) which provided simultaneous interpretation in Chinese, French, Portuguese, Arabic and Spanish.

