

*"Great learnings here. This is a very relevant topic, especially for us in countries where there are frequent outbreaks."
-OpenWHO learner, infodemic insights report course*

Learning in Emergencies

The latest from the Learning and Capacity Development Unit

HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you to our global online learners and leaders in health emergencies (p.1)

OpenWHO to close 2023 with more than 8 million enrolments across 254 free online health courses (p.2)

157 leaders completed their learning for health emergency response this year (p.2)

Data spotlight on top courses driving OpenWHO enrolments in 2023 and growing demand for bite-sized learning (p.3)

Thank you for learning with us in 2023

2023 has been a memorable year for learning and capacity development for health emergencies.

In May, we saw the end of COVID-19 as a public health emergency of international concern, allowing our team to reflect on lessons learned and begin laying the groundwork for learning preparedness and response to future pandemics and health crises.

In June, WHO's [OpenWHO.org](https://openwho.org) learning platform marked its sixth year of providing free public health knowledge to people across the world.

In July, a scientific poster exhibition and experience-sharing [virtual event](#) showcased how learners use OpenWHO to make an impact in their communities.

And this month, we reached a milestone of 464 staff trained through our flagship Leadership in Emergencies programme, with additional cohorts planned for 2024.

You can read more about our progress on the following pages. Thank you for your support in 2023 and we look forward to continuing our collaboration in the new year. Click [here](#) to learn more.

NEW ONLINE COURSES



Response Preparedness for Zoonotic Disease Outbreaks Using a One-Health Approach

#END TB Channel
E-LEARNING COURSE ON
TUBERCULOSIS AND
MENTAL HEALTH



Tuberculosis and Mental Health



Introduction to Dengue



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Leadership in Emergencies in 2023: Expanding hybrid learning

2023 brought hybrid learning opportunities to more WHO and Ministry of Health leaders, fueled by continued demand for training and collaboration with WHO regions.

177 participants have completed the Phase 1 course across four English-language cohorts, and one French-language cohort.

Five Leadership in Emergencies Phase 2 workshops with training exercises were conducted in **Turkiye, Kenya, Denmark, Thailand and Cameroon**, up from two in 2022. 128 staff participated in the workshops in English and 29 in French.

41% of this year's participants were women compared to 29% in 2019, advancing a key priority to correct the gender imbalance among leaders in health emergency response. Peer learning and coaching opportunities also continued in 2023, with **150 hours of direct coaching provided to 22 leaders**.

With persistent demand from WHO regions, the Leadership programme is expected to further expand its ranks next year; 5 online Phase 1 cohorts and 4 hybrid Phase 2 cohorts are planned for 2024 to date.

OpenWHO.org in 2023: Empowering global learners

OpenWHO continued to deliver **real-time learning for health emergencies** across the globe in 2023, with a focus on courses for severe emerging diseases with epidemic and pandemic potential. The platform offers courses on **36 different diseases**, including all priority disease categories identified under the WHO R&D Blueprint, and responded to 47 disease outbreaks this year.

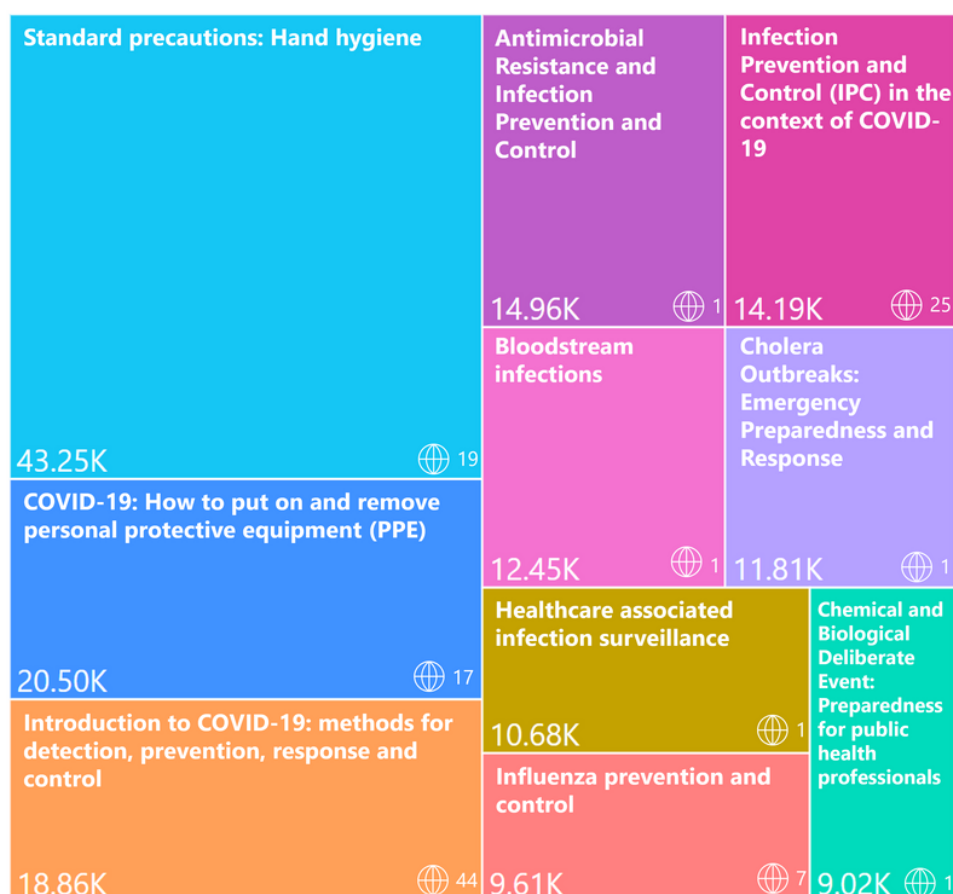
Learning is now available in **72 languages**, including the 20 most-spoken languages worldwide. Materials were launched in seven new languages in 2023: Bulgarian, Catalan, Haya, Luo, Kirundi, Nigerian Pidgin and Punjabi Shahmukhi.

In total, OpenWHO hosts **over 8 million enrolments across [254 free online courses](#)**, including 60 new courses launched in 2023. 75 additional courses are in development with WHO expert teams.

Courses are hosted across **25 topical learning channels**, with three new channels released in 2023: [Harmonized Health Facility Assessment](#), [Health Emergency Preparedness, Response and Resilience](#) and [Infodemic Management](#).

2023 was also a year of notable firsts for the learning platform:

- OpenWHO was honoured to be recognized as the [Learning Platform of the Year](#) at the 2023 Learning Awards.
- The platform redesigned its [look and feel](#) to provide learners with a more modern, streamlined learning experience.
- OpenWHO issued a Call for Abstracts and selected 40 champions to present case studies at a two-day [virtual global event](#).



Top 10 courses with most enrolments in 2023. 🌐: number of languages in which users enrolled in 2023.

