

"The OpenWHO course came in just in time when everywhere was filled with myths about the pandemic. It helped me understand all that has to do with the virus and since then I have been able to educate others." -OpenWHO user, introduction to COVID-19 course

OpenWHO News

The latest from WHO's open learning platform

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Webinars added to OpenWHO offerings

OpenWHO has introduced new interactive and synchronous learning opportunities on the platform. The #LearningSavesLives webinar series was launched in February. This complements our self-paced course offerings of 30 topics spread across 50 languages, which by the end of March 2021 recorded more than 5 million enrolments.

The webinars, which feature leading experts from around the world, provide users worldwide an opportunity to examine and contribute to priority topics for learning during the COVID19 pandemic and other health emergencies.

Webinars were held to mark International Day of Social Justice, International Women's Day and International French Language Day (links to webinar recordings). More than 4500 participants from 146 countries took part in the first three webinars alone. Participants interacted with each other and with the panellists. Across the webinars, equity and access to learning surfaced as the key concerns.

The next webinar will be held on Friday, April 23rd, UN Spanish Language Day with simultaneous translation to English & Spanish: ¿Oportunidades durante la pandemia del COVID-19?, aprender para salvar vidas y fortalecer la salud pública / Opportunities during the COVID-19 pandemic? Learning how to save lives and strengthen public health. This webinar has been co-organized with PAHO/WHO's Virtual Campus for Public Health. Sign up using the link below:

https://who.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ObFIbBmTQdedf2jbW2WR8Q

LATEST COVID-19 COURSES:



[COVID-19 vaccine-specific resources](#)



[Guidance on mask use in the context of COVID-19](#)

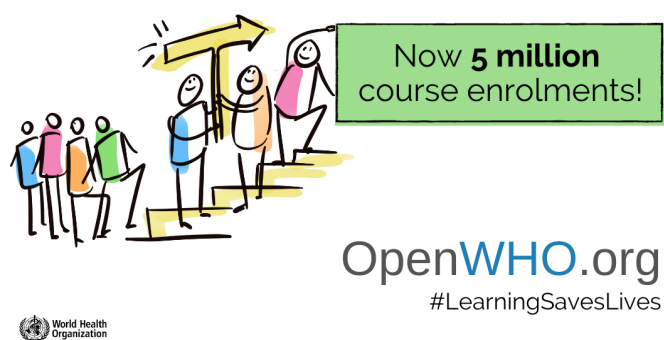


[COVID-19 infodemic management](#)

5 million enrolments and 50 languages

The Learning and Capacity Development (LCD) team recently celebrated a new milestone on OpenWHO – 5 million course enrolments and courses available in 50 languages. The platform now offers languages from Albanian to Zulu!

Such an achievement would not have been possible without partnerships with champions of learning across the Organization – the expert teams that have worked tirelessly with us to produce innovative, engaging and learner-centred courses jam-packed with life-saving knowledge. The LCD team extends a heartfelt thank you to every collaborator and supporter and commits to continuing to work together to ensure equitable access to learning for everyone working in health emergencies.



How learning in French can help save lives in Creole!

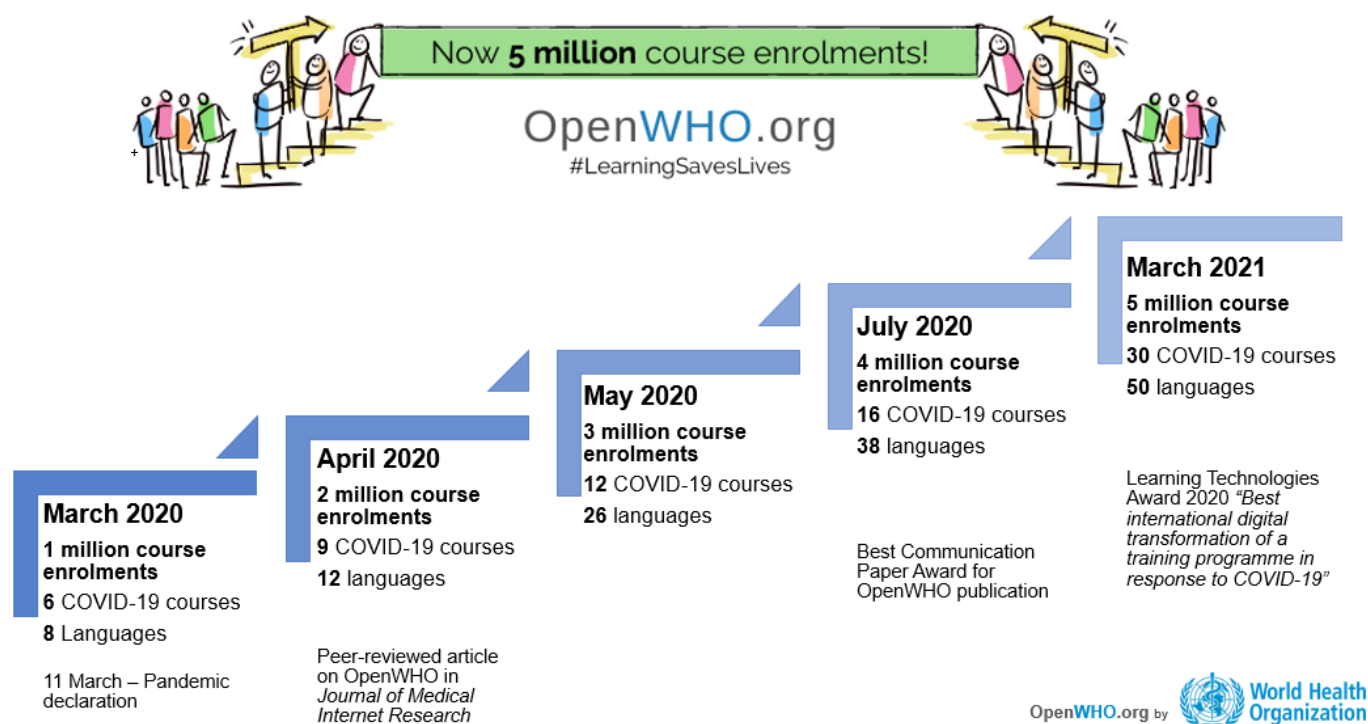
March 30th, Port au Prince, Haiti: Ms. Clairna Philome is an experienced community nurse currently supporting WHO's Americas Regional Office in Haiti as a consultant. Her daily work includes understanding the needs of those working in the COVID-19 response in hospitals and



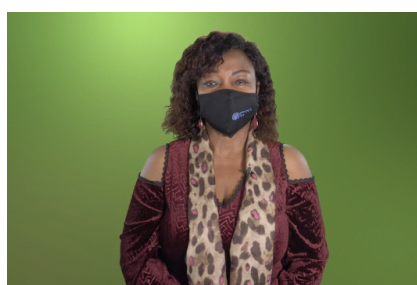
the community and working to ensure that they get timely access to the knowledge they need during this rapidly unfolding pandemic. During the recent webinar in French, "Combattons la COVID-19: La langue française peut sauver des vies" she explained that while French was one of the two official languages in Haiti, Creole was the working language for the majority of the island's health emergency workforce.

Clairna highlighted how access to the latest health emergency knowledge in French was essential for her work. Access to French content, allows her to develop lifesaving materials in Creole that are focused on the needs of the Haitian health workforces. To watch Clairna's full presentation on her experiences in Haiti, and how knowledge must speak many languages please access the webinar recording by clicking [here](#).

OpenWHO real time learning response to the COVID-19 pandemic



OTHER RECENTLY RELEASED COURSES:



[Strengthening collaboration between human & animal health sectors for improved health security](#)



[Promoting oral health in primary health care settings](#)



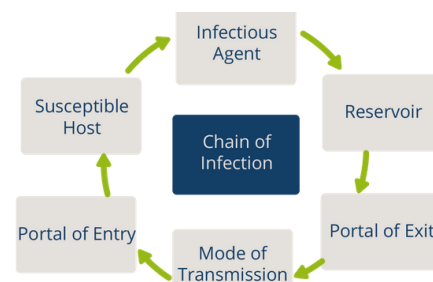
[Health and peace: Concepts and tools for frontline workers – a course by WHO/EMRO](#)



[The Public Health Emergency Operations Centre \(PHEOC\)](#)



[Intro to AFRO integrated disease surveillance & response technical guidelines 3rd Edition](#)



[Introduction to infection prevention and control \(IPC\)](#)