

*"Mass gatherings are an essential social health requirement and having knowledge on how risk can be assessed, averted or managed is very crucial in this current COVID-19 landscape and the future. Thank you OpenWHO for making us more knowledgeable." -OpenWHO user, COVID-19 mass gatherings course*

# OpenWHO News

The latest from WHO's open learning platform

## HIGHLIGHTS

OpenWHO awards 1 million certificates for achievement and 1.1 million for participation (p.1)

New learning channels showcase WHO 'triple billion' targets, infection prevention and control (p.2)

OpenWHO highlights courses on safe mask use to mark World Mask Week (p.2)

Data shows English courses for COVID-19 are most popular, followed by Spanish (p.3)

## More than 2 million certificates issued from OpenWHO

The massive increase in participation in OpenWHO courses during the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a landmark number of certificates being awarded.

By the end of August, the platform had issued more than 1 million Record of Achievement certificates, which are awarded based on quiz scores. In addition, 1.1 million Confirmation of Participation certificates were provided based on the completion of course materials.

In total, OpenWHO hosts more than 200 active courses, about 80% of which offer a certificate. A record 126 courses have been produced for the COVID-19 response, covering 17 topics across 39 languages.

Overall, the platform has more than 4.2 million course enrolments.

## LATEST COURSES



Occupational health and safety for health workers in the context of COVID-19



Antimicrobial Stewardship: un approccio basato sulle competenze (Italian)



Migration & Health: Enhancing Intercultural Competence & Diversity Sensitivity



## OpenWHO marks World Mask Week

In recognition of World Mask Week (7-14 August), OpenWHO highlighted courses on the platform that illustrate how to safely wear a mask in the context of COVID-19.

The [ePROTECT health and safety course](#) in English features video demonstrations that show how to put on and take off medical (Module 4) or fabric masks (Module 5). The videos are also accessible in [Indian Sign Language here](#) (Modules 2 and 3).

"As well as being one of the key tools to stop the virus, the mask has come to represent solidarity," said WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. "By wearing a mask, you're sending a powerful message to those around you that we are all in this together."

Learn how to protect your

- ✓ physical & mental health
- ✓ safety
- ✓ well-being

while responding to COVID-19



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## New learning channels for 'triple billion' targets, IPC

OpenWHO has launched 2 new learning channels to showcase courses that support the 'triple billion' targets at the heart of WHO's strategic plan:

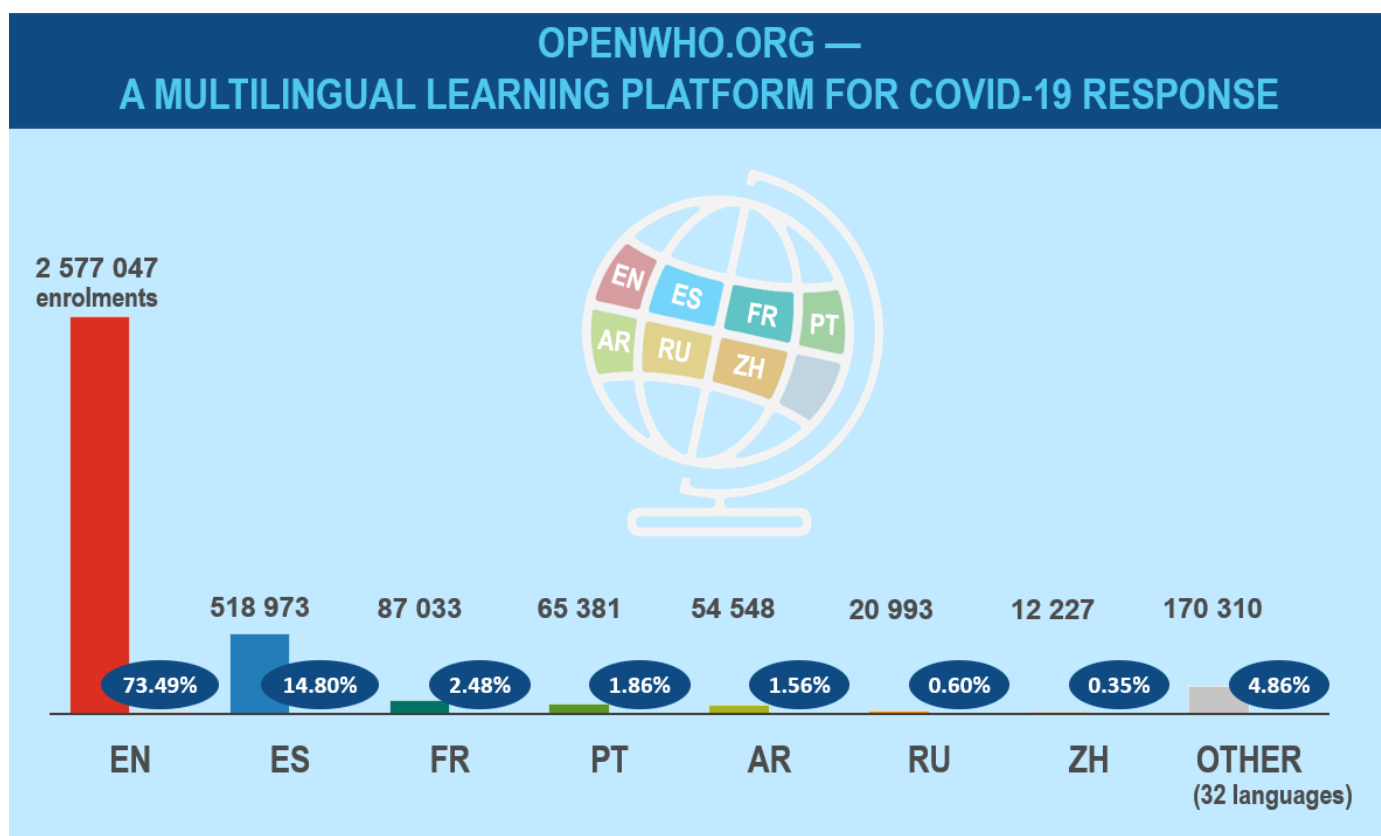
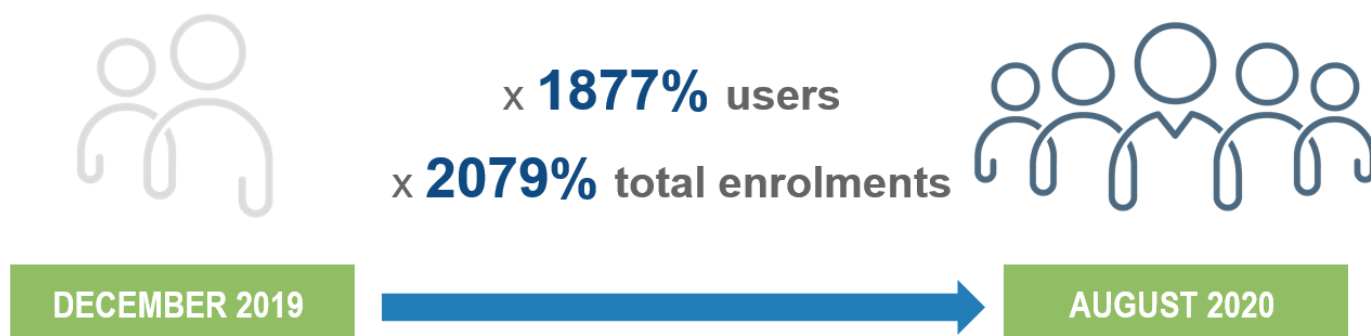
- the [Universal Health Coverage](#) channel; and
- the [Healthier Populations](#) channel.

The channels host courses that promote the targets of 1 billion more people benefitting from universal health coverage and 1 billion more people enjoying better health and well-being by 2023. As the health emergencies learning platform, a majority of OpenWHO courses already support the third target: 1 billion more people better protected from health emergencies.

In addition, the platform launched a new topical channel that brings together courses on [infection prevention and control](#) (IPC). The channel enables health professionals to easily identify new learning resources for IPC as they become available.

Two additional channels on clinical management and tuberculosis are expected to launch later this year.

## MASSIVE INCREASE IN USE DURING EARLY MONTHS OF THE PANDEMIC



The OpenWHO learning hub has played a critical role in WHO's global and local response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks to a strong commitment to multilingualism, key COVID-19 courses are available in at least the 6 official languages of the United Nations (UN) as well as Portuguese.

The English version of each course, which is the most widely used, is the first to be published, followed by an accelerated production process to make the resources available in other UN and national languages.

Interestingly, the pandemic has highlighted a significant demand for Spanish resources. Some Spanish courses have enrolment figures comparable to the English versions, although they were published weeks later.

The popularity of national languages continues to motivate the OpenWHO team to make resources available in the diverse languages preferred by users.