"This is such amazing training and time to help during COVID-19 especially now when the infection seems to be spiking and more health workers are victims." -OpenWHO user, COVID-19 occupational health and safety course

OpenWHO News

The latest from WHO's open learning platform

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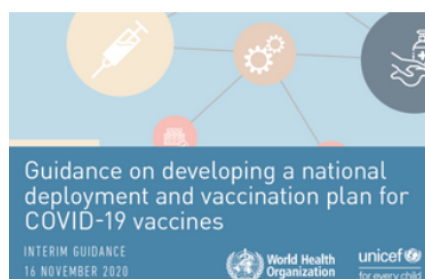
Reflecting on 2020: #LearningSavesLives

2020 has been an incredibly challenging year, but together we have achieved so much for learning and capacity development in health emergencies. We will close the year with 4.7 million enrolments across more than 240 courses on the OpenWHO platform.

Whether you worked with us to ensure OpenWHO provides the latest, life-saving health knowledge, translated resources into national and local languages, or joined our growing community of learners on the platform, we are so grateful for your support. Watch our one-minute video message here.

In the new year, we are committed to continuing to provide free access to expert knowledge to help you manage the COVID-19 pandemic and improve public health. We challenge each of you to help us spread the word about these free learning resources by bringing 20 people you know to OpenWHO in 2021. Wishing you all a safe and healthy new year.

LATEST COURSES

Orientation to national deployment and vaccination planning for COVID-19 vaccines

COVID-19 vaccination training for health workers

Management and Facilitation of a Country COVID-19 Intra-Action Review (IAR)

Learn how to conduct **COVID-19 vaccination** safely and effectively

New FREE online course for health workers on Open**WHO**.org

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OpenWHO wins Gold at Learning Technologies Awards

The OpenWHO learning platform, powered by Hasso Plattner Institute solutions, was awarded the Gold prize for the 'Best international digital transformation of a training programme in response to COVID-19' at the Learning Technologies Awards on 18 November.

"The judges were impressed by the speed and scalability of OpenWHO, the dynamic learning environment created to lead and facilitate a worldwide frontline response to the pandemic now and in the future," the panel noted.

Others shortlisted in the category included the British Council, Novartis, Open University of Hong Kong, University of Fort Hare and Metlife.

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World Health Organization

New courses on COVID-19 vaccines, country intra-action reviews close 2020

Working with WHO expert teams, OpenWHO launched the following courses in December to transfer critical knowledge for the evolving COVID-19 pandemic:
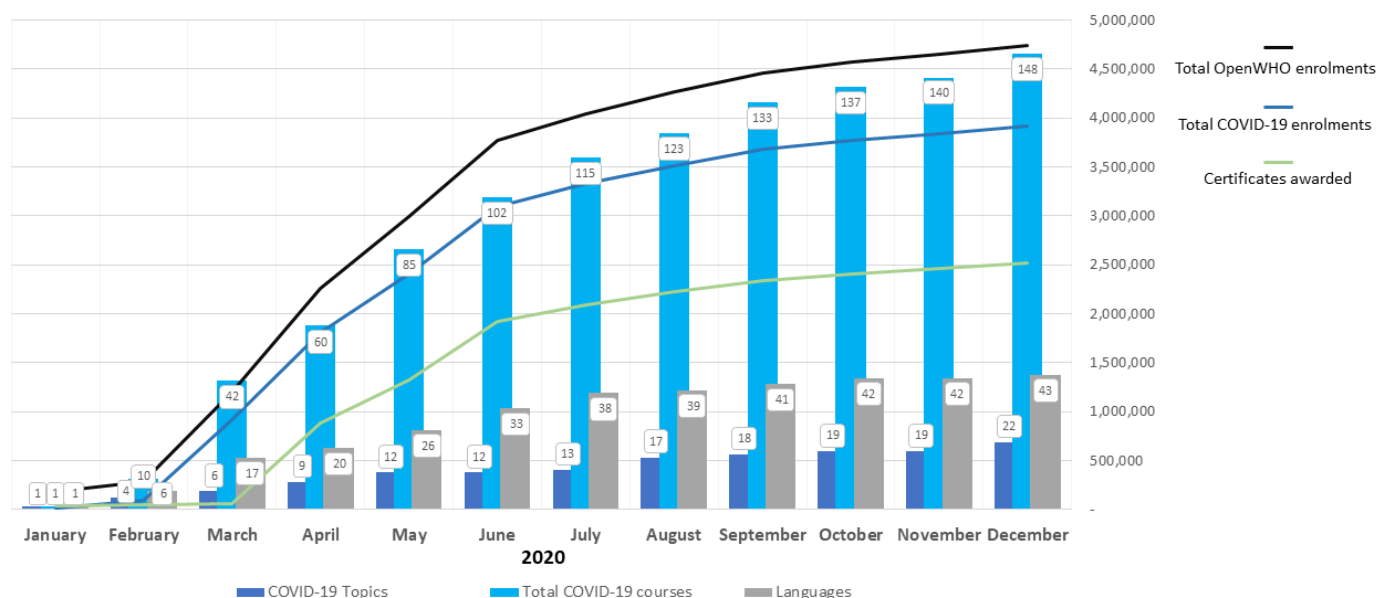
- a course to provide health workers with knowledge for safe and efficient COVID-19 vaccine administration;
- a course to help focal points in countries develop national deployment and vaccination plans for COVID-19 vaccines; and
- a course to help countries conduct national and sub-national intra-action reviews to identify and share best practices and apply lessons learned during the ongoing COVID-19 response to change the trajectory of the outbreak.

The new courses close a landmark year for OpenWHO, in which the platform produced an average of 13 COVID-19 courses and 4 new languages each month. This led to an average 415 155 monthly enrolments on the platform, with 80% in COVID-19 courses.

You can read a peer-reviewed article analyzing platform use and incidence of COVID-19 in *Education Sciences* here, and OpenWHO's reflections on pandemic learning in *newSpecial* here.

One year of pandemic learning response on OpenWHO.org

The COVID-19 pandemic brought a surge of new users to the OpenWHO platform in 2020.

The graph above illustrates the growth in total OpenWHO enrolments, COVID-19 course enrolments and certificates awarded by the platform, alongside the growth in COVID-19 course and language offerings.

The first COVID-19 course launched on 26 January in English and by the end of December the platform hosted 148 COVID-19 courses spanning 22 topics and 43 languages.

Mainly fueled by the COVID-19 courses, OpenWHO has grown exponentially (+2669%) in one year of responding to its first pandemic, a key motivation for its creation. Total enrolments increased from 160 000 in January to 4.7 million in December.

2020 milestones: OpenWHO.org

January
160 000 course enrolments
1st COVID-19 course launched introducing emerging disease

February
10 COVID-19 courses, spanning 4 topics and 6 languages

March
1 million course enrolments
New COVID-19 learning channel for national languages

April
2 million course enrolments
Peer-reviewed article in *Journal of Medical Internet Research*

May
3 million course enrolments
COVID-19 courses available in 26 languages

June
100th COVID-19 course launched
4.6 million words translated for pandemic learning

July
4 million course enrolments
'Best Communication Paper Award' for COVID-19 publication

August
2.2 million certificates issued
New learning channel for infection prevention and control

September
9 million views of introductory COVID-19 video in 16 languages

October
New COVID-19 course and learning channel for clinical management

November
Gold winner at Learning Technologies Awards for COVID-19 work

December
148 COVID-19 courses, spanning 22 topics and 43 languages