

*"Excellent video summarising all necessary information in a very clear and simple way."  
- OpenWHO user, recognizing and managing anaphylaxis course*

# OpenWHO News

The latest from WHO's open learning platform

## HIGHLIGHTS

New 'Stories from the field' series shines light on how countries adapt and apply OpenWHO learning (p.1)

Course introduces WHO deployees to Standard Operating Procedures for Emergencies (p.2)

WHO, UNDRR & UNOSSC training on building back better post COVID-19 engages participants from 155 countries (p.2)

OpenWHO hosts 5.6 million enrolments across courses in 55 languages and counting (p.3)

## Spotlight on country stories

A new feature on OpenWHO showcases how 14 countries are deploying the platform's learning resources to support the response to COVID-19 and other health emergencies.

The '[Stories from the field](#)' series was launched as OpenWHO scales up its focus on serving countries with adapted and localized learning based on WHO guidelines in relevant languages. The series is produced by WHO country offices, partners and volunteers, with new articles to be added regularly.

OpenWHO also launched 2 new channels for [Indonesia](#) and [Somalia](#) as part of its 'Serving countries' learning portal. The portal currently provides 9 countries with easy access to courses in their official languages and will continue to expand.

For a recap of recent platform developments, past editions of the OpenWHO newsletter are available on the [Newsletter](#) tab, accessible under 'Find out more'.

## LATEST COURSES



Recognizing and managing anaphylaxis



Navigating the Tripartite Zoonoses Guide (TZG): A training for advocates and implementers



Scabies: Training of health workers at national and district levels on skin-NTDs

Predictability matters in health emergencies.



New free online course:  
WHO Standard Operating  
Procedures for Emergencies

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## Promoting predictable, standard business practices in emergency contexts across WHO

Agile and flexible administrative processes are crucial during response to graded emergencies. To address this need, an eLearning package on Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Emergencies is available on the OpenWHO platform.

The first release includes 10 modules in [English](#) and [French](#) covering a variety of subjects crucial for effective operations during emergencies: delegation of authority, procurement, human resources, planning, finance, risk management and operational partnerships. The second release of 9 modules covering operational support and logistics will be online by the end of 2021.

This new eLearning package will complement face-to-face training opportunities previously conducted to also ensure that staff are continuously kept up to date with new developments. Completion of this course is mandatory for all WHO employees to respond to emergencies.

## Nearly 3000 trained in WHO, UNDRR & UNOSSC joint training

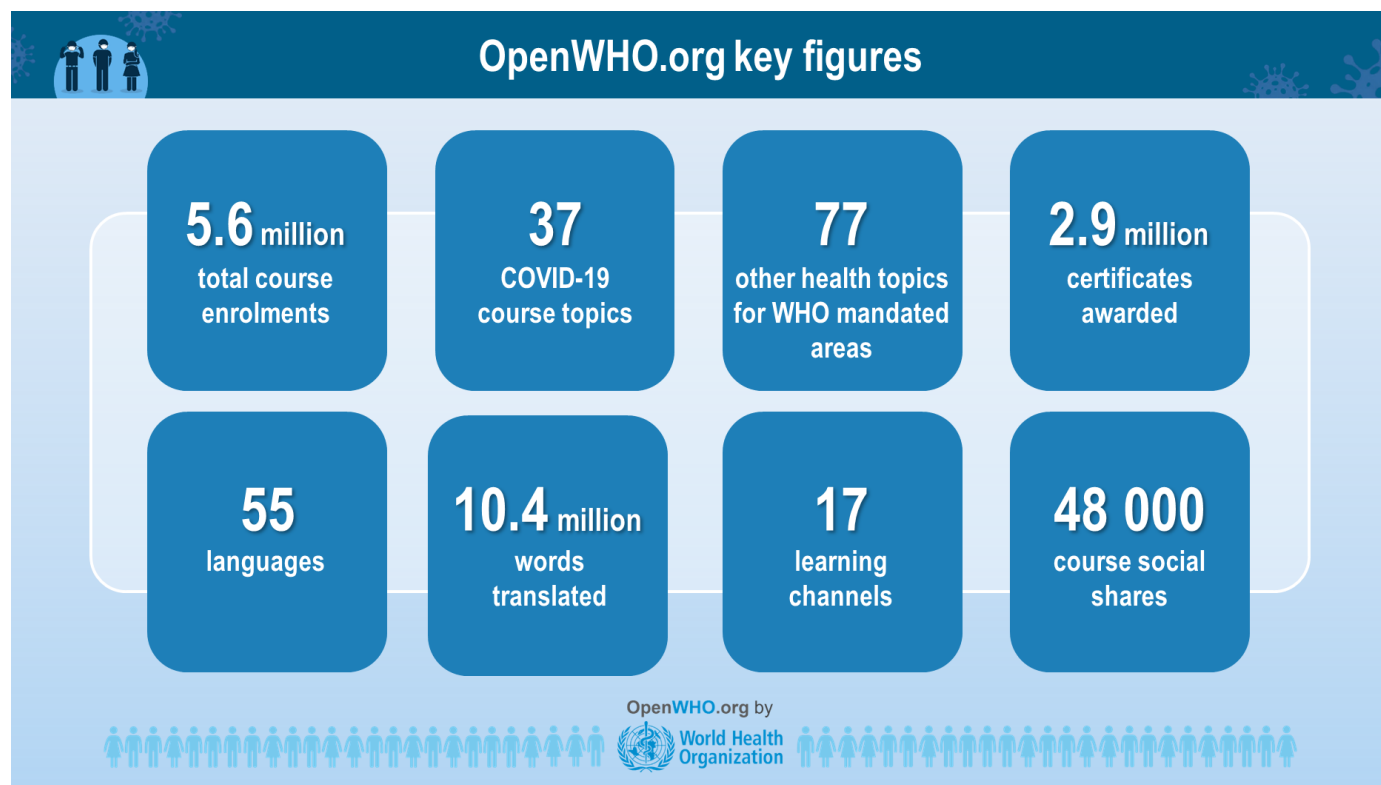
Today, 55% of the world's population lives in urban areas, a proportion expected to increase to 68% by 2050 (United Nations). As COVID-19 ravages the world, cities have and will continue to face the brunt of the pandemic. As a response, OpenWHO.org and the Health Security Preparedness team co-organized the training [Build back better: Harnessing South-South cooperation and risk reduction planning for resilient and healthy cities in the post COVID-19 era](#).

This month-long [workshop](#) was organized with the [UN Office for South-South Cooperation](#) (UNOSSC) and [UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction](#) (UNDRR) Global Education and Training Institute. It builds on our ongoing efforts to bring lifesaving knowledge to those on the front lines of response, working across sectors and promoting equity in access to knowledge through free learning available to anyone.

Close to 3000 [participants](#) joined from over 1000 cities in 155 countries, with close to equal gender participation. Approximately 35% of participants were from national and local governments, 24% from academic and research institutes, 12% from civil society organizations, 12% from the private sector and 10% from multilateral organizations. At the end of the course, more than 2000 people responded to the online post-webinar survey. More than 1400 participants passed final assessments and obtained certificates of completion.

# Data snapshot

Quantifying OpenWHO's global reach and learning offerings



OpenWHO now offers courses in 55 languages. Two new languages (Armenian and Nepali) will soon be added.

