

"This is an exciting course that every vulnerable community must have!"
- OpenWHO learner, EWARS in a box course

Learning in Emergencies

The latest from the Learning and Capacity Development Unit

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Call for abstracts: Share your OpenWHO story

The World Health Organization's open-access learning platform [OpenWHO.org](https://openwho.org) is issuing a call for abstracts to identify how our learning content is used in local, national and regional contexts, and adapted for use outside the platform.

We are particularly interested in capturing how materials have been used in workforce training and emergencies, as well as in capacity-building contexts, to prepare for or respond to disease outbreaks or health events. Abstracts that are accepted will be invited to be made into posters to be delivered at an online exhibition in July 2023.

The case studies will serve as evidence of OpenWHO use on the ground by health professionals and communities, providing examples beyond what can be captured on the platform and contributing to the body of knowledge on the multiplier effect of open online learning.

All submissions are due by 15 March 2023. [Click here](#) to learn more and submit your 150-250 word abstract.

NEW ONLINE COURSES



Latest WHO HIV service delivery and differentiated service delivery for HIV treatment



Neglected Tropical Diseases Monitoring and Evaluation Framework



EWARS in a box: electronic early warning, alert and response system implementation in emergencies

HPass Certified Learning Provider Spotlight:**Learning in the Health Emergencies
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WHO feature on [HPass website](#)

New online resource for cholera outbreaks

WHO has launched an [online course](#) to provide critical knowledge for preparing for and responding to outbreaks of cholera, which is transmitted by ingesting faecally contaminated water or food. The new course complements the [introductory cholera training](#) that was already available on the OpenWHO learning platform.

The 2-hour course outlines the objectives of a cholera outbreak response, how to detect and confirm cholera outbreaks and how to effectively organize the response including describing control measures. It also describes steps to take to be better prepared to respond to cholera outbreaks. Good preparedness leads to faster more effective outbreak response.

The course is intended primarily for public health professionals who are directly involved in cholera outbreak detection and response and in developing cholera preparedness plans.

A Certificate of Achievement is available to participants who score at least 80% on the post-test.

WHO recognized for high-quality humanitarian learning

Millions of people are affected by humanitarian crises each year. Access to high-quality learning programmes is essential to empower vulnerable communities and professionals involved in humanitarian action with the latest health knowledge to save lives.

Following the completion of an extensive independent quality review, the WHO Health Emergencies Programme (WHE) has been recognized as an approved provider for humanitarian learning by achieving [HPass certification](#).

Managed by the Humanitarian Leadership Academy and overseen by a Steering Committee of 11 organizations, HPass certification confirms that WHE has met the criteria for [8 quality standards](#) based on internationally recognized best practices across the global humanitarian sector.

Becoming an HPass certified learning provider demonstrates a clear commitment to quality learning products and services, from the 190 [OpenWHO.org](#) online courses developed by WHO expert teams, to highly specialized blended training for leaders in health emergencies.

“We know learning saves lives — so we are thrilled that HPass has certified WHE learning activities for humanitarian action,” said Heini Utunen, Unit Head, WHE Learning and Capacity Development. “We are proud to embody the best practices for humanitarian learning to protect the health of communities in crisis.”

New OpenWHO learning channel



Accessible, quality health facility services are central to achieving universal health coverage. All countries need information on how well their facility services are functioning.

The Harmonized Health Facility Assessment (HHFA) provides a comprehensive package of resources and tools for conducting high-quality facility surveys. The [HHFA channel](#) includes training courses that prepare country stakeholders for planning and implementing a HHFA, for analysing and interpreting HHFA data, and communicating the findings. Courses are available for various target groups with different functions within the HHFA process.

The channel currently hosts 2 courses: [Harmonized Health Facility Assessment introduction](#) and [HHFA data review, interpretation and communication](#).

Pandemic learning milestone

