On the 26th of January 2020 OpenWHO was fast in our response to the SARS-CoV-2 novel virus outbreak. The first online learning course on COVID-19 was launched four days before WHO declared the outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. Through OpenWHO, the Organization has continued to deliver learning to help frontline workers manage the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is the 12th published article on WHO’s online learning platform for health emergencies, and was developed together with technical leads focusing on the core benefits of online learning during the first year of the pandemic response.

"I have learned many kinds of new information regarding wearing a mask properly in different places. The module is very helpful for knowing the best way to prevent COVID-19." -OpenWHO user, COVID-19 course on mask use

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- Health and peace: Concepts and tools for frontline workers
- Junte-se a nós num webinar para celebrar o Dia Internacional da Língua Portuguesa a 5 de Maio

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OpenWHO celebrates the multilingualism in the UN language days

Multilingual learning for emergencies is an essential part of making sure all frontline responders have access to the latest knowledge and skills to save lives and prevent disease at their ease. We start by offering our courses first in the 6 UN languages and Portuguese. OpenWHO runs webinars and visibility campaigns for the courses in the respective languages.

A webinar for the francophone language learners was organised to mark the day on 20 March. There are 39 French courses on OpenWHO. Chinese language day on 20 April drew attention to 10 courses in Chinese.

Another webinar was targeted to the Spanish Day on 23 April and explored the use of 15 courses in Spanish. The same day was English language day - OpenWHO hosts 86 different courses in English.

The day of the Portuguese language on 5 May will be celebrated by featuring 16 Portuguese courses on OpenWHO. Portuguese is an official language of the WHO African regional office. Upcoming Russian language day on 6 June will promote the 15 Russian on the platform and Arabic language day will end the year on 18 December. Currently, 16 courses are offered in Arabic.

#LearningSavesLives Webinar for Spanish Day: Partnerships in training benefit frontline workers in the Americas

On April 23, to celebrate the International Spanish Language Day, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and OpenWHO co-hosted a webinar with testimonies on how the virtual training has been instrumental in defending public health and protecting lives in the Americas.

During the webinar, speakers from across the Americas shared their experiences on how PAHO’s Virtual Campus and OpenWHO platforms enabled rapid national scale-up for training during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic, making life-saving knowledge available, accessible and locally contextualised.

Watch the webinar recording here.
Working with WHO expert teams, OpenWHO has launched 3 courses to transfer critical knowledge on vaccination for the evolving COVID-19 pandemic:
- COVID-19 vaccination training for health workers
- Orientation to national deployment and vaccination planning for COVID-19 vaccines
- COVID-19 vaccine-specific resources

These vaccine courses host more than 100,000 users and are available in all UN languages, Portuguese and several national languages.

OpenWHO now hosts 31 COVID-19 topics and offers courses in 51 different languages.