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Now 7 million enrolments strong: Join our community

OpenWHO.org has hit a new milestone: 7 million course enrolments. The record-setting participation comes as health emergencies continue to affect communities across the globe, generating demand for trusted and accessible public health knowledge. OpenWHO course enrolments have surged more than 4000% percent in just over 2.5 years, increasing from 160 000 in January 2020 to 7 million in August 2022.

The platform hosts courses on 165 public health topics, including training to support the response to ongoing outbreaks and events (see pages 2-3). Courses are available in 65 languages – most recently adding Georgian – so communities can access life-saving public health information in their native languages, making it easier to understand.

More than 3.7 million certificates have been issued to OpenWHO learners, who have shared more than 50 000 digital badges on social media to celebrate their achievements.

LATEST COURSES

The Food Insecurity and Health Readiness and Response Strategic Framework

Onchocerciasis: training of health workers at national and district levels on skin-NTDs

Noma: training of health workers at national and district levels on skin-NTDs

“I would like to thank everyone who contributed to developing this wonderful idea and providing this valuable information for free.” - OpenWHO webinar participant
As OpenWHO grows its course offerings, the learning platform’s core focus continues to be on providing real-time, accessible and high-quality knowledge from WHO experts to keep people safe in health emergencies.

OpenWHO is proud to share that 4 key emergency management courses have received Continuing Professional Development accreditation in 2022: Ready4Response Tier 1 and Tier 2, the Public Health Emergency Operations Centre and Health Cluster Coordination. This certifies that both the content and structure of the courses have been independently assessed and approved for continuing personal and professional development purposes.

OpenWHO has also prioritized training to support the response to ongoing outbreaks and events, as outlined on page 3.

Participation in online courses in the Ukrainian language to support Ukraine’s response to health emergencies has increased 136% since the beginning of 2022, indicating the need for learning resources in crisis.

As of 8 August 2022, OpenWHO had 3484 enrolments across 18 Ukrainian language courses, compared to 1477 enrolments on 1 January when 7 Ukrainian courses were available. The courses are hosted on the Ukraine learning channel, providing a centralized source of learning resources in Ukrainian in collaboration with the WHO Country Office in Ukraine.

The most recent addition to the channel is OpenWHO’s introductory cholera course, responding to the ongoing risk of cholera outbreak in Ukraine. Additional Ukrainian courses are under development on a variety of topics, including rabies, health and peace, operational readiness, health emergency response and vaccine safety.

Overall, OpenWHO hosts more than 10 000 enrolments from Ukraine across all courses and all languages on the platform. 56.9% of those enrolments are from health care professionals – more than double the 24.3% platform average – suggesting that the courses are being heavily utilized by Ukraine’s frontline responders.

The WHO emergencies learning team also facilitated the translation of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee’s learning package Saying No to Sexual Misconduct into Ukrainian and Russian in response to the current emergency.
Learning response to ongoing events
A sample of free multilingual resources available on OpenWHO.org

Ukraine emergency
Food insecurity
COVID-19
Monkeypox
Cholera
Marburg
Plague
Polio