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An integrated approach to building health systems resilience

The Defeat NCD Partnership

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Public health emergencies and other forms of health systems shocks continue to underscore the need for more resilient health systems as a requirement for universal health coverage and health security, and promoting a healthier population. A major challenge in building health systems resilience is the prevailing fragmentation in health systems strengthening and public health efforts.



- Incorporate the attributes of a resilient health system into relevant policies, plans, and actions;
- Apply an integrated approach to building health systems resilience as a requirement for UHC and health security;
- Advocate for and foster the implementation of the key requirements for building health systems resilience against various risks and shocks.



Addressing the challenge requires decision makers and managers for individual and population health services to have the knowledge and skills to identify and apply an integrated approach to making health systems and services resilient to public health threats. This course explores key requirements for enabling health system resilience with an integrated systems approach.

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Health systems continuously face various forms of public health challenges ranging from acute shocks (such as infectious disease outbreaks, and environmental, climate-related and/or man-made disasters) to more chronic stressors (such as the burden of non-communicable diseases, antimicrobial resistance, or protracted humanitarian crises). In these contexts, health systems struggle to maintain their essential individual and population-based health services and recover from the impacts of the shock events. This predisposes to additional deterioration in health and socioeconomic outcomes with setbacks in achieving universal health coverage (UHC) and health security goals.

WHO recommends a renewed and increased focus on building resilience by addressing the critical gaps that make health systems vulnerable to public health threats. A combination of integrated approaches and actions are required to demonstrate health systems resilience attributes across policymaking, planning, service delivery, and monitoring and evaluation efforts. These include applying systems thinking and essential public health functions approaches, with improvements in quality of care and all hazards emergency risk management.



Approximate course duration: 5 hours.

Languages: This course is available in the following languages: English

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The target audiences for this course are decision makers of public health policy, and managers of health services at national, subnational and community levels.



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