



Health Systems Strengthening-PRO Virtual Learning Course

OVERVIEW

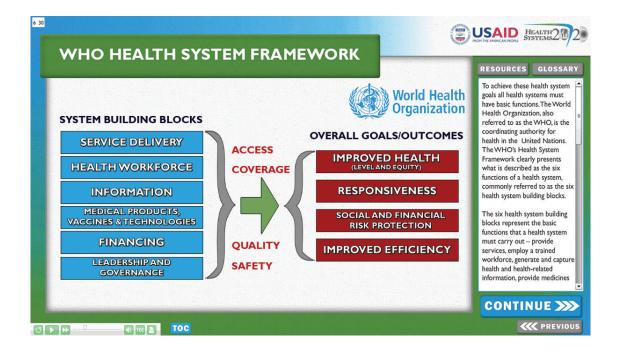
Health Systems Strengthening-PRO is a virtual learning course for professional development.

The HSS-PRO series is designed for public health professionals, policymakers, program implementers, and others with a shared interest in working to ensure that all people have access to high quality, equitable, and affordable health services.

FEATURES

In a series of 10 modules, the HSS-PRO course presents health systems fundamentals, health systems strengthening concepts, and best practice tools and techniques used for strengthening health systems.

This online course is a self-paced virtual learning series. Based on interests and needs, a learner can choose to take all modules in the course or choose the modules that are most appropriate for a specific learning need.





Lessons Learned for Building Stronger, Smarter Systems

Module 1: Overview of the Health System and Health System Components. Lays the foundation to understand what a health system is and the components and functions that interact and work together to comprise a health system.

Module 2: *Health Systems Strengthening.* Builds on what we know about health systems, explores impact of health systems strengthening on health goals, and examines the different drivers of health system performance and interventions that affect those drivers.

Module 3: *Systems Thinking to Strengthen the Health System.* Explores the complex nature of health systems, how to use a systems thinking approach to health system strengthening, and reviews systems thinking tools.

Module 4: *Financing.* Provides an overview of health financing, describes how health financing impacts health system performance, covers the linkages to other health system functions, and explains common health financing terminology.

Module 5: *Human Resources for Health.* Presents an approach to understand human resources for health (HRH) by looking at a life span representation (pre-service, employment, and retention) of HRH to identify challenges and apply a framework to identify appropriate interventions.

Module 6: *Leadership/Governance*. Explores governance frameworks to understand their context in the health sector, identifies priority challenges, and explores how to integrate governance issues within other health system building block areas.



Module 7: *Medical Products, Vaccines, and Technologies.* Explores what a well-performing system looks like, particularly for selection, procurement, distribution, and use of products and technologies. It examines the implications and interactions with the other WHO health system building blocks as well as the role of the private sector.

Module 8: *Service Delivery*. Explores service delivery with an emphasis on how the other building blocks impact this most visible function of a health system. Key topics discussed include the effective use of public and private sector providers; access, coverage, and utilization; the organization of service delivery; quality assurance; and community participation.

Module 9: *Health Information Systems*. Explores what a health information system is, how it works, what type of data should be collected, and how the information is used by management for decision-making and accountability.

Module 10: Applying the Program Cycle to Health Systems Strengthening Programming. The final module aligns programming for health systems strengthening solutions to the program cycle —that is, assessment and problem identification, design, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation. This module offers resources and tools to use during the program cycle.

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Health Systems 20/20 is USAID's flagship project for strengthening health systems worldwide. By supporting countries to improve their health financing, governance, operations, and institutional capacities, Health Systems 20/20 helps eliminate barriers to the delivery and use of priority health care, such as HIV/AIDS services, tuberculosis treatment, reproductive health services, and maternal and child health care.

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