



SESRIC WEBINAR SERIES ON STATISTICAL EXPERIENCE SHARING



Webinar on “Monitoring Health for SDGs in the Post-COVID-19 Era”

30 April 2024 / 13:30 – 16:10 (Ankara time – UTC/GMT +3)
Registration Link: https://erp.sesric.org/events/postcovid_health_sdg/Apply

Background and Objectives

Since the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic, the world has witnessed unprecedented challenges in health systems, spotlighting the critical importance of resilient healthcare frameworks. This period has underscored the need for robust health monitoring mechanisms, especially within the context of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). As countries navigate the post-pandemic landscape, there is a pivotal opportunity to reinforce health systems, emphasizing Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and the pivotal role of Health Information Systems (HIS) in achieving transformative resilience.

In response to the emergence of infectious diseases and the lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, countries worldwide have rapidly developed new national strategies

and international collaborations aimed at strengthening preparedness for future pandemics. This proactive approach raises an essential inquiry: Is Universal Health Coverage (UHC), a principle ardently supported by governments as a cornerstone in confronting a myriad of health challenges, including infectious diseases, adequately integrated into pandemic preparedness and response plans? UHC is predicated on the premise that everyone should have access to high-quality health services in a timely manner without suffering financial hardship. This principle is a critical component of the SDGs (specifically, SDG 3.8). UHC extends beyond the mere promotion of health and well-being; it is a vehicle for achieving social inclusivity, gender equality, poverty reduction, economic progress, and the upliftment of human dignity.

The advent of the COVID-19 pandemic has underscored significant challenges for UHC, compelling countries worldwide to explore effective solutions. To tackle these challenges, there is a critical need for interdisciplinary approaches and evidence-based interventions in public healthcare. This situation demands a heightened emphasis on health statistics and the strategic utilization of the expanding pool of healthcare data. Ensuring the effective management of this data is paramount, as its utility and integrity are essential for devising informed healthcare strategies and solutions.

Health Information Systems (HIS) are indispensable for managing health-related data effectively. Their adoption has profoundly transformed healthcare practices, addressing gaps left by traditional systems. HIS primarily enables the seamless exchange of information and data, underscoring its vital role in healthcare. The integrity and quality of data managed by HIS are crucial, as they provide healthcare professionals with the accurate insights needed for planning, decision-making, and delivering precision healthcare. HIS acts as a linchpin in healthcare, facilitating data exchange that is instrumental in enhancing health outcomes. Despite the inherent complexity of health data and the computational challenges it presents, healthcare specialists consistently rely on HIS for informed decision-making and strategic planning.

EVENT DETAILS	
 STARTS AT	30 April 2024 13:30 (UTC +3)
 ENDS AT	30 April 2024 16:10 (UTC +3)
 PLATFORM	ZOOM
 ORGANISER	SESRIC
 PRESENTERS	WHO, World Bank, UNSD, GAVI
 LANGUAGE	ENGLISH



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Against this background, SESRIC will host an experience-sharing webinar on “Monitoring Health for SDGs in the Post-COVID-19 Era” on 30 April 2024 within the framework of the Programme of Action for 2021-2025 under the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision for 2030. The webinar aims to discuss a range of topics, including the global health situation following the COVID-19 pandemic, methods to enhance statistical indicators for assessing UHC, data-driven approaches to strengthen the resilience of healthcare systems, the application of data and technology for health monitoring.

Format

- The webinar will be conducted via Zoom, featuring presentations across approximately 2½ hours.
- The webinar will be conducted in **English** only, and open to the NSOs and other relevant stakeholders in the NSSs of OIC member countries.
- The sessions of the webinar will be moderated by SESRIC.

Draft Work Programme

13:30 – 13:40	Introduction and Agenda Setting
13:40 – 14:10 20 minutes (with Q&A)	Session 1: Navigating the Post-COVID-19 Health Landscape Presenter: WHO (tbc)
14:10 – 14:30 20 minutes (with Q&A)	Session 2: Enhancing Statistical Measures for Universal Health Coverage Assessment Presenter: UNSD (tbc)
14:30 – 14:50 20 minutes (with Q&A)	Session 3: Data-Driven Approaches to Strengthen Health System Resilience Presenter: Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance (tbc)
14:50 – 15:10 20 minutes (with Q&A)	Session 4: Harnessing Data and Technology in Health Monitoring Presenter: World Bank (tbc)
15:10 – 16:00 50 minutes (with Q&A)	Presentations by Participating OIC Countries: - OIC Africa Group member: Uganda (tbc) - OIC Arab Group member: Morocco (tbc) - OIC Asia Group member: Türkiye (tbc)
16:00 – 16:10 10 minutes	Closing Remarks

* All times are indicated in Ankara, Türkiye (UTC +3) time. For time difference information, please refer to: https://time.is/compare/1330_30_april_2024_in_Ankara