

WHO REHABILITATION PROGRAMME UPDATES

Stakeholder webinar

22 & 24 November 2021

Background

Globally, an estimated 2.4 billion people live with conditions that can benefit from rehabilitation. This number is expected to increase due to people living longer and with more chronic disease and disability. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on future rehabilitation needs is also yet to be seen. Despite the huge need, rehabilitation services are limited in much of the world. Where rehabilitation is available, major barriers often persist including lack of funding, leadership, available data on rehabilitation and functioning, skilled workforce, and resources.

To address these challenges, WHO, Member States, development partners and civil society came together to launch the Rehabilitation 2030 initiative in 2017. The initiative called for all stakeholders to join forces and take coordinated global action to strengthen the health system to provide quality and timely rehabilitation for all who need it. The initiative has created substantial momentum in the rehabilitation sector, with many stakeholders rising to the occasion and taking commendable actions towards improving leadership and governance, increasing access to rehabilitation, expanding rehabilitation workforce, and integrating rehabilitation into emergency preparedness and response, among others. WHO has contributed to this progress by providing technical support to Member States and key stakeholders, by developing practical guidance and tools and by increasing the development of robust evidence for rehabilitation.

Two global Rehabilitation 2030 meetings have taken place since the initiative was launched, each bringing together over 200 stakeholders to reflect on where we are as a sector and within the global public health agenda, to take stock of progress made, and to agree on concrete actions moving forward. To continue to promote collaboration within the sector, WHO will hold a two-part webinar, providing an update on recent WHO technical products and activities.

Objectives

1. Introduce new rehabilitation WHO technical products and activities that support health system strengthening.
2. Strengthen collaboration and knowledge sharing between WHO and the global rehabilitation community.

Participants

The two-part webinar is open to anyone wishing to attend. This includes representatives from Member States, WHO collaborating centres, WHO non-State actors in official relations, United Nations agencies, bilateral organizations, civil society, professional organizations, rehabilitation experts and user groups, academia, and editors of journals.

Date

- **Part 1:** 22 November 13:00-15:00 CET
- **Part 2:** 24 November 13:00-15:00 CET

Where

The webinar will take place on Zoom. To register, please use the following links:

- **Part 1:** https://who.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Y8eO3lq5QA-gb9fO5MUhpA
- **Part 2:** https://who.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_w25SYc1bSXGalftbyszGuw

Language

The meeting will be conducted in English. Closed captioning will be available.

AGENDA. 22 NOVEMBER 2021 13.00-15.00 GENEVA / CET

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
13:00	Welcome and opening remarks	Alarcos Cieza
13:05	Overview of the Rehabilitation 2030 agenda	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Rehabilitation 2030: Call for Action – where are we now?	Alarcos Cieza
13:15	Strengthening health systems with rehabilitation as an integral part of emergency preparedness and response	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The essential role of rehabilitation in emergencies	Pete Skelton
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Addressing rehabilitation needs for people with COVID-19 and post COVID-19 condition	Wouter De Groote
13:45	Q & A session	
14:00	Approaches and tools for strengthening the health system building blocks for rehabilitation	
	Service delivery	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ensuring access to evidence-based interventions for rehabilitation, as part of universal health coverage	Alexandra Rauch
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Rehabilitation in primary care	Pauline Kleinitz
	Workforce	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Strengthening the rehabilitation workforce	Jody-Anne Mills
14:40	Q & A session	
14.55	Wrap up of part one	Alarcos Cieza

AGENDA. 24 NOVEMBER 2021 13.00-15.00 GENEVA / CET

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
13:00	Recap on part one	Alarcos Cieza
13:10	Approaches and tools for strengthening the health system building blocks for rehabilitation – cont'd	
	Financing	
	- Financing rehabilitation for universal health coverage	Pauline Kleinitz
	Health information systems	
	- Increasing data on rehabilitation within health information systems	Wouter De Groote
13:40	Q & A session	
14:00	Integration and implementation at country level	
	- Bringing it all together at country level	Pauline Kleinitz
14:20	Advocacy for rehabilitation	
	- World Rehabilitation Alliance	Elanie Marks
	- Health for All Film Festival, Special Prize on Rehabilitation – call for short films	Elanie Marks
14:35	Q & A session	
14:50	Next steps and close	Alarcos Cieza