What is the COVID-19 Health System Response Monitor (HSRM)?

✓ HSRM is an open-access online platform which systematically maps and analyses up-to-date information on how health systems are responding to the COVID-19 pandemic across Europe, Central Asia and selected countries.

✓ HSRM allows policymakers and other interested parties to find all the latest information about country health system responses to COVID-19 in one place, presented clearly and concisely, on a politically non-partisan and judgement-free basis.

✓ HSRM focuses primarily on the responses of health systems but also captures wider public health initiatives.

✓ HSRM is an open-access tool available to any person interested in understanding the COVID-19 pandemic. It will be of particular interest, however, to policymakers, researchers, academics and journalists.

✓ HSRM is a joint initiative between the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, which developed and maintains the platform, with support from the WHO Regional Office for Europe and the European Commission.
What does the HSRM platform comprise of?

- **Cross-country analysis: trends and key lessons** - This feature pulls together key learning through customized comparative analysis tracking country responses across a variety of key policy areas, which evolves as policy and practice changes over the course of the pandemic.

- **Country pages** - Users can access the latest information from different European countries’ health system response to the COVID-19 outbreak and information about other key public health initiatives being undertaken.

- **Country comparisons** - Users can make comparisons between the responses of two or more countries across a range of topics.

- **Other resources** - Links to other websites, data sets, research papers and other articles of relevance all in one place.
Who generates the evidence for the HSRM analyses and how?

- Data and policy information is gathered, collated and presented on the HSRM by the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, a partnership that brings together national governments, international organizations, academic institutions and others to generate evidence for decision-makers.

- The platform depends on a network of academic institutions including the Health Systems and Policy Monitor (HSPM) team and WHO Country Offices who cover non-HSPM countries. It taps into their vast knowledge, credibility and links to multiple, complimentary networks.

- Their analyses are prepared using a standard template designed by HSRM, that outlines the basic questions and guides authors through health system and non-health system responses. Data is largely in the public domain but national authors typically drawn on additional academic and policy sources to draft initial texts. Authors’ submitted text is strengthened and polished by a technical editor and then reviewed by a HSRM team from the European Observatory for quality, consistency and policy relevance before being uploaded on to the platform.
How does COVID-19 HSRM work?

Policy makers want to know how health systems are responding to COVID-19

The Health System Response Monitor (HSRM) is an open-access online platform that systematically:

1. **collects, organizes and updates country information** using public data to capture what country health systems are doing to meet Covid-19 challenges

2. **features cross-country analyses** to allow policy-makers to see what is happening in context

3. Allows users to make **comparisons between the responses of two or more countries** across a range of topics.

4. **guides users to relevant COVID-19 information** by linking to key data, websites and articles and flags wider public health initiatives and good practices.

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How does HSRM make country information accessible and comparable?

Country Pages capture information on:

1. Key **health systems responses** on
   - preventing transmission
   - maintaining infrastructure and workforce
   - delivering health services
   - paying for care
   - legal, regulatory and policy aspects
   - measures in other sectors.

2. **Updates** on the latest policy responses.

3. **Links** to relevant data, articles and background documents.
How can countries set their responses in a wider context?

The HSRM platform facilitates comparisons across countries

Key features

1. Choose **countries** that have common (or contrasting) economic, health system or cultural factors or historic links.

2. Choose the **topics** that are relevant.

3. **Generate a PDF** that automatically pulls together the topics and countries to set issues in context.
How can countries draw out policy lessons?

The cross-country analysis feature pulls out key learning through:

1. Customised analyses addressing countries’ policy questions.
2. A focus on key patterns and trends.
3. Updates as policy and practice evolves.
4. Interesting examples and good practices.
5. Links to key documents.

https://analysis.covid19healthsystem.org/
How else does the HSRM support policy makers?

**Updates**
- HSRM is updated continuously and users can subscribe to weekly update summaries.
- It is adaptable to changes across the Region.
- It is already looking at transition issues.

**Insights**
- HSRM can pick out emerging responses.
- It can highlight ‘outlying’ examples that have broader implications.
- It focuses on extracting what is policy relevant from the evidence.

**In-depth research**
- HSRM systematically maps interventions across Europe creating a basis for analysis.
- Its expert networks are anchored in academic institutions bringing real strengths.
- It allows for countries outside Europe to be compared on a rigorous basis.
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