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The platform organizes and shares information in four key areas:

(i) country information
(ii) comparing countries and setting them in context
(iii) links to reliable and timely data, and
(iv) analysis of key themes that cut across countries and pulls together emerging stories.
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To choose a single country, use the drop down menu in the countries box as shown.
How do you navigate through the HSRM? How can you find new information?

**Country Pages organize information by:**

1. **Health system ‘building blocks’** … so
   - preventing transmission
   - sustaining infrastructure and workforce
   - delivering health services
   - paying for care
   - governing (legislation, regulation, policy)
   - working with other sectors.

2. **Updates** highlighting the latest changes and developments by ‘block’.

3. **Links** to related data, articles and background that put the issues in context.

- The country pages organize information according to health system ‘building blocks’.
- Click on the heading in the left hand column to review all posts on a particular area (like workforce or governance). You can also see from this menu when the most recent updates were made.
- Once you click on the heading, you will see that the ‘building blocks’ are further broken down to make navigation easier (so preventing transmission is divided into sub-sections on
health communication; physical distancing; isolation and quarantine; monitoring and surveillance; and testing).

• The panel in the middle shows latest updates (see next slide).

• There are also links to other sites and to a complete description of the country health system - the “HiT”, or ‘Health System in Transition’ series - and a menu tab (second from left) that allows you to move to other country pages easily.
The country updates give evidence on country experience that has been provided by national academic experts or WHO country offices.

The links at the bottom provide additional sources for journalists.

The names at the top of the update are the authors and, again, are potential sources for further information.
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Clicking on the compare country ‘button’ shown takes you to a screen (see next slide) that allows you to assemble evidence for countries and topics of your choice.
How can you compare countries and set their approach in context?

The HSRM platform allows you to group information for chosen countries and topics

You can …

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

2. Choose the **topics** you find relevant.

3. **Generate a PDF** that automatically pulls together the topics and countries setting issues in context.

The compare country feature is extremely simple to use – click up to 10 countries and then click the topics you want to explore and generate the pdf (see next slide).
How can you compare countries and set their approach in context?

The HSRM platform allows you to generate a report of the countries and issues you choose.

You can select the ‘issue’ you want to cover at the topic ‘sub-level’. In the example here, health communication was selected as a sub-section of Preventing Transmission.
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• The Observatory does not seek to be the primary entry point for quantitative data because this would cut across global projects and create too many issues around synchronization / standardization.

• Instead, we offer links to the most credible international data sources (see next slide).
How does HSRM relate to the latest international data and core sources?

• The clickable links include websites that can help users find best practices, articles and the sites of key players.
• You can also subscribe to weekly alerts. Click on the ‘subscribe’ link to register and choose the countries you want to follow and you will receive a weekly email with an overview of updates.
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The final feature is the cross country analysis page, accessed by clicking on the ‘Analysis’ button shown.
What are the stories behind the policy experiences?

There is a section of cross-country analysis that pulls out narrative threads:

Interesting : topical : important

The analysis section

• responds to questions from countries, WHO and the EC
• spots emerging issues and picks up on patterns and trends
• gives examples and good practices
• links to key documents
• updates as policy and practice evolves.

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• The Observatory focuses on topical themes or stories by responding to specific questions and drawing on country experts to identify emerging issues.
• Observatory staff also review the evidence in the platform to pull out trends and themes.
• The column on the left reflects the building blocks menu on the country pages and lets you choose stories on a particular theme and at a more granular level.
• The block on the right lists stories in the order in
which they are posted so you can see the latest news (see next slide).
What kinds of stories are covered?

The stories link to articles, sources and evidence in the platform.
A bar at the bottom of the selected story/analysis page helps you to move from one story or analysis to other related ones.
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