

Survey: Readiness and Responsiveness to COVID-19

COVID-19 is a rapidly evolving situation impacting all 35 low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) and placing an undue burden on healthcare systems and the healthcare workforce.

Assessing the current state of a healthcare system’s readiness and response to COVID-19 is a necessary first step toward understanding how to best advocate for and support healthcare organizations and the healthcare workforce.

To that end, the UIC Center for Global Health and several of its global partners from different countries developed a rapid-turnaround survey that will be used to gather a contemporaneous snapshot of the current level of readiness and response to COVID-19 among healthcare organizations in multiple LMICs. It was based upon review of the WHO pandemic checklist and multiple prior studies on the impact of disasters upon healthcare workers and organizations.

Our team (including UIC- and LMIC-based collaborators) will analyze findings and write a report with recommendations on how to best advocate for and support healthcare organizations and their workforces during the current pandemic and in future emergency response situations.

In this brief survey, we will gather information on:

- Characteristics of healthcare organizations
- Current involvement with COVID-19 cases
- Readiness of healthcare organizations for COVID-19
- Responses of healthcare organizations to COVID-19

Please note this is not human subject research as we are only requesting organizational-level questions and not individual-level questions.

We are asking informed members of healthcare organizations from multiple LMICs to complete this 15 minute survey online. Healthcare organizations are those providing medical services including inpatient and/or outpatient care. Informed members should work at the health care organization and be in a position to give accurate answers to all of the questions. If this describes you, please complete the

If you are informed member of a healthcare organization, please complete the survey found here: https://uic.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6tFaLcAi6XXj7eJ.

It will be available to complete through Wednesday, April 8th. Survey findings and a final report will be disseminated to all who provide their contact information in the survey and will be available on this website.

We also ask you to please share the link for the survey with different healthcare workers in your country or other LMICs who come from different healthcare organizations. Note: We only want one survey completed by each healthcare organization. Our goal is to gather information from at least 5 organizations from every country so we can gain a more representative snapshot.

We understand this is an incredibly demanding time for health care workers and greatly value your willingness to contribute. Please reach out to Nicole Gonzalez (ngonza22@uic.edu) or Stevan Weine (smweine@uic.edu) if you have any questions, or if you are interested in collaborating further on this or future projects.