



Delivering Vital COVID-19 Information Around the Globe

Information Saves Lives

At the onset of COVID-19 as a global pandemic, Internews recognized that information providers – arguably the most vital defense to the disease – were under threat.

As journalists scrambled to cover the impact of the coronavirus, they grappled with a bitter irony: demand for information soared, but the business model funding media was in continued collapse.

Furthermore, many governments use the pandemic to justify suspending human rights, elections, and checks on their power – making the work of independent media more important than ever.

The work of Internews – to support and grow local, trusted, accurate sources of information – has never been more needed. We responded by launching new programs and redesigning existing projects to meet information needs on the ground.

A snapshot of our response through September 2020:



68

Internews provided support directly related to COVID-19 in 68 countries.

КОВИД-19
कोविड-१९
کوفید-۱۹
新型冠状病毒
โควิด-19

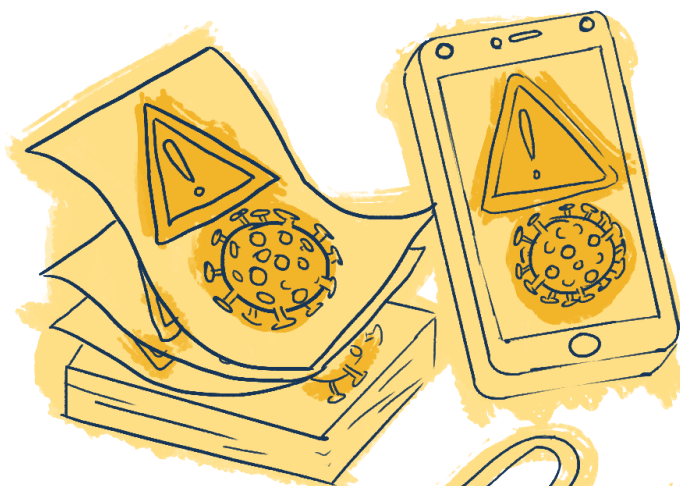
135

Internews supported the production of COVID-related information in 135 languages.

Our partners in more than 100 countries include media outlets, internet freedom advocates, fact checkers, media literacy trainers, social media influencers, lawyers and technologists. From July to September 2020, Internews supported:

980

organisations that produce
Covid-19 information



804

media outlets



176

civil society
organizations



328

media outlets on
business sustainability
during the pandemic



Internews' Rapid Response Fund received and reviewed more than **1,000** applications from more than **40** countries. We disbursed more than **180** grants totalling **\$600,000** for work on COVID-19 information through the Rapid Response Fund in 2020.



242

Our program teams hosted 242 webinars on COVID-19 topics by September 2020...



29,041

...attended by 29,041 participants



82%

of our projects redesigned activities in response to COVID-19



66%

of projects adapted in-person gatherings (conferences, forums, roundtables, etc) to an online space



59%

of projects adapted in-person training modules (on any topics) to deliver as distance learning



35%

of projects provided a learning resource of any kind (webinar, guidelines, toolkit) on Covid-19 topics



41%

of projects provided grants or funding to support recipients' Covid-19 topics



35%

of projects provided mentoring or training on Covid-19 topics



12%

of projects pivoted in other ways