



CONNECT:
COVID-19



FACT-CHECKED INFORMATION
REAL PEOPLE'S PERSPECTIVES
REALITY-CHECKED TIPS

Hi there.

Welcome to the fourth edition of **Connect:COVID-19**. This weekly digest will connect you with quality resources and fact-checked information designed to combat misinformation in the COVID-19 crisis.

This weekly digest is designed to support busy newsrooms as well as fact-checking and community organisations. We link you with the tools you need to provide your communities with accurate information to combat rumours and misinformation.

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Who are we? We are a group of organisations funded by the [H2H Network](#) that work to improve access to quality information in a crisis.

Find out more about our organisations here: [Internews](#), [Translators without Borders](#), [BBC Media Action](#) and [Evidence Aid](#). With valuable support from other H2H Network members, including [Standby Task Force](#) and [Anthrologica](#).

We make two promises. To be brief - we know many people are facing an information overload at this time. And to be practical – our support, content, and

resources are free to use and can be adapted for context and language preferences.

We can:

- Help you respond to misinformation with verified information from sources you can trust
- Translate quality COVID-19 resources into local languages
- Create engaging content to respond to community information gaps

If you have any questions, requests for resources, feedback or would like to let us know when our tools have been useful, you can email us at any time at covid-19@internews.org.

This week's tools.



**People's Perspectives -
What are people saying
about the virus?**

Are you using social media data to follow rumours in your communities? [This webinar](#) from CrowdTangle shows you how to use the platform to track rumours and misinformation online.

Facebook recently launched a [COVID-19 information centre](#). It connects you with info from official sources, requests for help or assistance in your area and is a rich treasure trove to see what people are talking about in your region.

What is our role as media to ensure everyone is receiving COVID-19 information, including those not in our usual audience base? [This article](#) argues that we should be doing more to reach diverse audiences.

A rise in hate speech is a concerning trend that has emerged from COVID-19. This [twitter analysis](#) shows how the pandemic is affecting the levels of hate speech in Malaysia and reminds us of the power of social media to both unite and divide us.

Resources – What info can I use to respond?



Let's face it, reporting on clinical trials isn't always easy. There are more than 500 clinical trials related to COVID-19 around the world and it can be challenging to work out which ones are worthy of your attention. Internews has produced [this guidance note](#) to support journalists reporting on scientific studies involving medicines and vaccines.

Calling all Thai journalists - Thursday April 9, starting from 1pm, Internews is hosting a free media webinar aimed at supporting journalists to respond to rumours and misinformation in the COVID-19 crisis. [Join here](#). You can also view our recent webinar for Indonesian journalists [here](#).

[Evidence Aid](#) has produced a series of [summaries of COVID-19 research](#). These summaries explain, in plain language what worked in the research, what didn't work and importantly what is still uncertain. Summaries are available in Arabic, Chinese, French, Spanish, and Portuguese with updates on a daily

basis.

BBC Media Action and its partners have produced a [short guide](#) on how to adapt your community engagement activities in these times of social distancing.

Have you seen TWB's new [interactive language map](#) of Indonesia? This map reminds us that we need to do more to ensure we're providing information in more than just the lingua franca! You can also access their full [dataset](#) here to support your reporting or research.

TWB also worked with Wash'em have worked together to create this COVID-19 [fact sheet](#) in Arabic, and IFRC to translate [key resources](#) for fighting stigma in this response. Tips and discussion points are aimed at community workers and volunteers and are available in 14 languages.



Content – What content can I use?

The BBC Media Action team in Bangladesh has created a fun animation aimed at encouraging people to always verify information before sharing. The one-minute clip is available for use on social media and other platforms in [English](#), [Bahasa Indonesia](#), [Banqla](#), [Hausa](#), [Hindi](#) and [Nepali](#). Other languages will be available soon.

Other resources we're using.

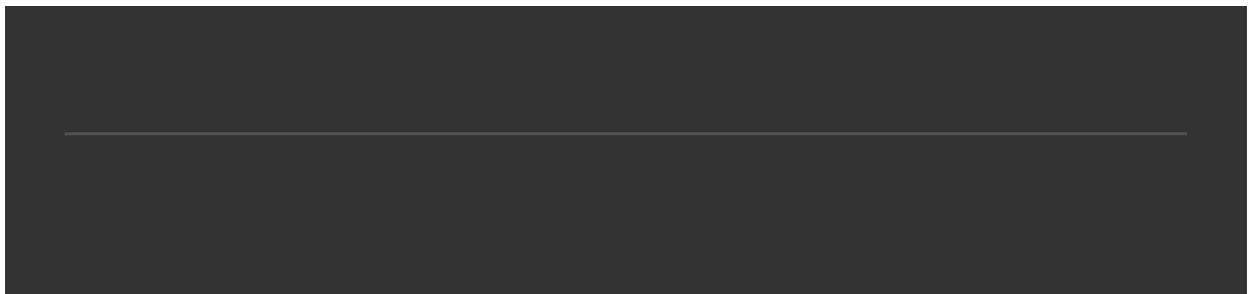
- The [Aspen Institute](#) and the [Committee to Protect Journalists](#) have a webinar on 'Press Freedom at Risk:How the Pandemic is Threatening Truthtelling Around the World' on April 9, starting from 12pm noon ET. Join this live session [here](#).
- [Save the Children](#) has produced this set of handy [social media cards](#) in Khmer.
 - [Accountability Lab](#) is releasing rumour bulletins to support community radio stations in [Nepal](#), [Pakistan](#), [Nigeria](#) and [South Africa](#).
- [Insecurity Insight](#) is detailing the rising incidents of insecurity for aid workers and medical staff in their latest [bulletin](#).
- [Points Data & Society](#) has regularly updated resources, tip sheets and guidance for media ethics and reporting on COVID-19.
- The [International News Safety Institute](#) has released [a step-by-step guide](#) to ensure your media team will know how to protect themselves in contaminated environments during COVID-19.
 - Looking for funds to cover COVID-19 stories? The National Geographic Society offers a [global emergency fund](#) ranging from USD1,000-8,000 for journalists all over the world who wish to cover reporting on COVID-19 within their own communities.

- [Ethnolink](#) has translated COVID-19 information into more than 50 languages in this [online library](#).
- Last but not least, [Kaiser Family Foundation](#) has created this [COVID-19 outbreak glossary](#) to help you to understand complex terms frequently used in this pandemic.



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