Hi there.

Welcome to the fifth 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. We aim to support busy newsrooms as well as fact-checking and community organisations.

Has someone forwarded you this email? Click here to subscribe.

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.

This week's tools.

This week Internews is launching the first edition of their COVID-19 Rumour Bulletin which provides an analysis of key trends in rumours and misinformation shared on social media in the region. The bulletin draws data collected in six languages by Internews, Translators without Borders and Standby Taskforce.
More guidance on responding to rumours and misinformation in this crisis can be found on their [microsite](#).

[BBC Media Action](#) and [Translators without Borders](#) have released the latest edition of the [What Matters?](#) humanitarian feedback bulletin focusing on COVID-19 rumours spreading in Rohingya refugee settlements in and around Cox’s Bazar.

There are increasing rumours and media reports about whether it is possible to become reinfected with COVID-19. Struggling with how to cover this story? Internews has produced [this guide](#) for journalists responding to these claims.

**Resources – What info can I use to respond?**

**Webinars:**

- ‘Staying Safe While Reporting on COVID-19’: Join the Internews [Earth Journalism Network](#) on April 15th to discuss how journalists can stay physically safe while on assignment and mentally healthy while working remotely. Webinar in English. Register [here](#). See more on Journalist safety below.

- Calling Cambodian journalists: Internews will host a webinar ‘COVID-19, getting the science right and distinguishing facts from rumors’ on April 17th in the Khmer language. Register [here](#).

- Thai journalists: If you missed the recent Thai language media support webinar on how to respond to rumours and misinformation in the COVID-19 crisis, check out a recording of the Internews event [here](#).
Safety is a big concern for many journalists working in this crisis. Internews has produced a new guide including considerations for journalists, freelancers, and newsrooms to keep safe in this crisis.

The Dart Centre Asia Pacific gives these tips from a psychologist for maintaining mental wellbeing as a journalist in this time, and provides advice for editors and chiefs of staff. While Reporters without Borders has released a tracker following the impact of COVID-19 on press freedoms.

Struggling with medical terminology? This week Translators without Borders (TWB) released a multilingual COVID-19 glossary in 11 languages. They also released this policy brief on the importance of using local languages when communicating about COVID-19.

Save the Children joined with TWB to translate an essential guide of 10 things you should know about COVID-19 and people with disabilities in Burmese, Hausa, Arabic, and Spanish, with more languages in the pipeline.

Journalists in Indonesia and Vietnam can now access Internews guidance for reporting clinical trials on anti-COVID-19 medicines and vaccines in Bahasa Indonesia and Vietnamese.

How is physical distancing working where you are? Social Science in Humanitarian Action recently published a report on attitudes and practices relating to physical distancing measures in Eastern and Southern Africa.

Evidence Aid has compiled an evidence collection containing more than 90 summaries of systematic reviews relevant to COVID-19 listing what works, what doesn’t and what’s uncertain. Many of these have been translated into Arabic, Chinese, French, Spanish, and Portuguese.
The BBC Media Action team in Bangladesh has produced an animation aimed at encouraging people to stay at home and maintain a social distancing. This one-minute video clip is currently available in English. Other languages will be available soon.

In Myanmar, BBC Media Action produced this viral public service announcement featuring popular actor and footballer Duang explaining how COVID-19 spreads from person to person.

TWB partnered with Wash’em and Scientific Animations Without Borders to produce a short video in French and an animated film in Vietnamese.

Hungry for more free content? The Asia-Pacific Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) working group have a database of audio, video and print-based tools in South and Southeast Asian languages. Anyone interested in contributing more resources to the collection can also contact the RCCE working group here.

Other resources we’re using.
- The Carter Center has compiled a list of resources focusing on journalists’ mental health in this crisis.
• The International Center for Journalists also provides these tips on journalists’ mental health.

• Reuters Institute has released this factsheet identifying types, sources, and claims of COVID-19 misinformation based on an analysis of 225 rumours in English collected by First Draft.

• First Draft has created a resource hub for journalists reporting on COVID-19.

• The Media Development Institute Fund gives these financial survival tips for how to minimise the impact of coronavirus on media businesses.

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.

Has someone forwarded you this email? Click here to be added to the distribution list. You can opt-out at any time.