Hi there.


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.

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.

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.

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More reasons to connect! Internews has launched new COVID-19 dedicated Twitter and Facebook accounts to give you more access to resources, rumour analysis and newsroom support across the region! Like, follow, share and engage with us!
This week's tools.

This week the second edition of the Internews COVID-19 Rumour Bulletin brings an analysis of key trends in rumours, and misinformation shared on social media in six languages across Asia. In this edition they take a look at rumours about face masks, chloroquine, and aerosols.

Internews also has this blog post which gives a behind the scenes look into the tools they sue to analyse data and the words most commonly used in rumour posts across each language.

The drugs chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine continue to trend in rumours on social media. But the attention has also led to drug shortages and dangerous self-medication. Internews has created this guide for journalists to better understand the science behind these drugs and their dangers.

Have you heard rumours that COVID-19 might be ‘airborne’? Internews has developed this factsheet for reporters to better understand why scientists are yet to agree on whether COVID-19 can survive for long periods in the air.

BBC Media Action and Translators without Borders (TWB) have released the latest edition of the What Matters? humanitarian feedback bulletin giving a snapshot of COVID-19 rumours collected in Rohingya communities in Bangladesh. This bulletin is also available in Bangla.
Webinars:

Calling Filipino journalists: Internews’ upcoming webinar on April 29th will discuss the link between COVID-19 and the spread of animal diseases due to illegal wildlife trafficking. Register here.

Calling Thai journalists: Join Internews to explore how media can reduce stigma and prejudice in COVID-19 reporting, Thai language webinar May 4th. Register here.


Earth Journalism Network of Internews in the Philippines gives these tips on how reporters can contribute to #infohygiene in this crisis.

TWB worked with Save the Children to translate these essential tips during school closure for parents and caregivers into French, Spanish, and Arabic.

Have you seen this storybook for children on COVID-19? TWB worked with the Inter-Agency Standing Committee to translate it into Korean. More languages soon.

This week TWB joins HelpAge International to release the latest guidance for the elderly in Bangla and guidelines for care homes in Thai and Farsi.
With **123 major languages in India**, communicating health information in the right language is crucial. These new [datasets](#) and [maps](#) from TWB provide insights into language, literacy, and communication dynamics.

**Evidence Aid**’s [COVID-19 evidence collection](#) has so far over **140 plain language summaries of research** available in a number of languages, including Arabic, Chinese, French, Spanish, to Portuguese. These summaries are also on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

Safe and respectful treatment of the deceased during mourning and burial is essential in a pandemic. [Social Science in Humanitarian Action](#) has summarised key learning from earlier disease outbreaks to create these [key considerations](#) for those working in the COVID-19 response.

In Myanmar, [BBC Media Action](#) shared this [public service announcement](#) (PSA) on its [Facebook page](#). This short video clip encourages the elderly to stay at home to avoid contracting COVID-19, also available for use on [YouTube](#).

**Other resources we’re using.**

- Want an insight into how humanitarians in Africa are preparing for the pandemic? Join [this English language webinar](#) on April 29th.
• The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction will host this webinar on risk communication to counter the infodemic of COVID-19 on April 30th.

• Poynter gives these practical tips for how newsrooms can tone down their coronavirus coverage while still reporting responsibly.

• To celebrate the upcoming World Press Freedom Day on May 3rd, the International Center for Journalists provides these five key threats to media freedom associated with the pandemic around the world.

• UNESCO Mil Clicks has this animated video with simple tips to spot fake news.

• World Health Organization continues to add to its “Myth busters” for public health advice on COVID-19.

• The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, UNICEF, and WHO worked together to develop this guide to preventing and addressing social stigma.

• Coda Story has this newsletter tracking how disinformation is shaping the coronavirus pandemic.

• The New Humanitarian gives this weekly update on how COVID-19 is disrupting aid efforts around the globe.

• Ushahidi launched this hyper-local tool for neighbourhoods to organise a Covid-19 page.

• Tomorrow is the deadline to apply for the Google News Initiative Journalism Emergency Relief Fund, which supports small and medium-sized news organizations that are producing original

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