
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.

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This week's tools.

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

This week the fourth edition of the Internews COVID-19 Rumour Bulletin looks at posts promoting specific drugs, questions over whether COVID-19 is sexually transmitted and suggestions that the disease is a hoax. The bulletin analyses trends in rumours, and misinformation about COVID-19 shared on
social media in eight languages. Edition three of the bulletin is now available in Bahasa Indonesia, Simplified Chinese, Thai, and Vietnamese.

Do you have any rumour to share? Contribute to our research by submitting a rumour here!

Internews has also produced two new guidance documents to help journalists respond to common social media rumours in the region. This week we look at the influenza medication Favipiravir and questions about whether COVID-19 is sexually transmitted. Their rumour guidances on hydroxychloroquine and airborne transmission are also now available in Bahasa Indonesia, Bangla, Hindi, Thai and Vietnamese.

In Bangladesh, the first cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in the world’s biggest refugee camp where more than 800,000 Rohingya refugees live in crowded conditions. BBC Media Action worked with medical charity MSF to produce this video tour that addresses community questions, concerns, and rumours about COVID-19 isolation centers.

Webinars:

**Calling Thai journalists:** Internews will hold a media webinar to discuss how to report on the impact of COVID-19 on vulnerable groups to ensure that no one is left behind. Webinar in Thai. Register [here](#).

**Calling journalists in Nepal, India, and Sri Lanka:** Internews and Accountability Lab will be hosting a webinar on Friday May 29th to discuss how journalists can report on the issue of returning migrant workers from the Middle

Journalists worldwide are still facing unprecedented restrictions in reporting on the ground during the pandemic. The Global Investigative Journalism Network (GIJN) will hold a masterclass in online research on Thursday May 28th to share tips on using advanced search techniques and social media to continue reporting from the safety of your home. Webinar in English. Register here.

The Asia Pacific Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) Working Group will hold a webinar on Thursday May 28th to look at how to best communicate the reopening of schools in the region. Panelists include representatives from UNICEF, Plan International, and WHO. Webinar in English. Register here.

Other resources:

Migrant workers in Thailand face unique challenges in accessing testing, treatment, and workers’ rights during COVID-19. With the support of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the World Health Organization (WHO), Internews has produced this guide summarising the rights and responsibilities of employers and information about how to access healthcare in this crisis. Myanmar, Laotian, and Khmer versions available soon.

In a sea of data, engaging visualisations can really bring a story to life. Internews has produced this guide that connects journalists and communicators with the latest free online tools to turn boring (but important) into beautiful. For inspiration, check out this visual guide to the pandemic created by the Visual and Data Journalism Team at BBC News.
The Internews guide to finding stories in sitreps is now available in Thai! More languages available soon, with thanks to Translators without Borders.


TWB has also been working with Tearfund to help households assess their vulnerabilities, needs, and support systems during COVID-19. This tool on making a household plan is now available in English, Swahili and Arabic.

Need help navigating the infodemic? Evidence Aid’s COVID-19 collection now includes over 225 plain language summaries of relevant COVID-19 research. More than 70 additional summaries are in progress. Evidence Aid works with Translators without Borders to translate the summaries into Arabic, traditional and simplified Chinese, French, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Content—What content can I use?

BBC Media Action in India has developed a 60-second comic book style animation called ‘Superhero Soap’ which shows soap can defeat the virus and save the community from COVID-19. The video is sure to engage both young and old and is a creative approach to risk communication. Download here or check it out on their Facebook page.
Other resources we’re using.

- **Frontline Club** will hold [this webinar](#) on May 28th to look back at the Spanish Flu panic in 1918 and lessons learned to fight against COVID-19.

- Did you miss the [Global investigative Journalism Network](#) webinar on assessing evidence in COVID-19? Full recording and notes are available now.

- The [Center for Health Journalism](#) shares these tips on how to enhance your reporting five months into the crisis.

- [Al Jazeera](#) is using mobile phone surveys to access people in hard to reach or conflict-affected regions of the world. Find out how here.

- [Storyhunter](#) has developed [this checklist](#) to keep videographers and crew safe before, during, and after working in the field during the Covid-19 pandemic.

- [Health Feedback](#) is a worldwide network of scientists sorting fact from fiction in health and medical media coverage. Check out their latest responses to poor journalism and online COVID-19 claims.

- [Retraction Watch](#) keeps an eye on studies and research findings that are released, then later retracted, Keep an eye on their COVID-19 watch, updated regularly.

- [DW Akademie](#) has also developed [this website](#) to fight the infodemic in times of COVID-19.
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