



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

Welcome to the fourteenth edition of **Connect:COVID-19**. This weekly digest connects you with quality resources and fact-checked information designed to combat misinformation in the COVID-19 crisis. We aim to support busy newsrooms and other communicators in this response.

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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.](#)

## **This week's tools.**

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



Did you catch [Edition 5](#) of the Internews Social Media rumour bulletin last week? This **special edition** profiles more than 3,000 rumours collected in 6 languages over 3 months. It is now also available in [Bahasa Indonesia](#).

Using feedback collected from the **Rohingya refugee community in Bangladesh**, [BBC Media Action](#) and [Translators without Borders](#) produce the [“What Matters?” bulletin](#). This Edition highlights feedback on the increased use of megaphones as a method of communication and WHO, site management,

and the government agency responsible for refugees respond to common rumours and misinformation circulating in the camps.

[Ground Truth Solutions](#) has been surveying a number of communities in countries including Uganda, Syria, and Iraq to measure the information access, behaviours, trust, and the economic impact of COVID-19. These [perception surveys](#) make interesting reading to understand the community's **feelings towards the crisis** and how they change over time and are a great source of information for humanitarian responders and story ideas for journalists.

[ABC International Development](#) has released their latest look at **social media rumours in the Pacific**. [This edition](#) covers conversations collected from 24 popular Facebook groups in April and May and shows conversations have moved to focus on the economic impacts of the crisis.

And in Social media news, Twitter is testing a [new feature](#) that will prompt users to make sure they have **actually read an article before tweeting it**. Last year the [Scientific American](#) took an in-depth look at how our willingness to share content without thinking is exploited to spread disinformation.



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

#### **Webinars:**

- On the 24th of June, Internews will join with IFRC, UNFPA, and BBC Media Action to discuss the media's role in combatting stigma and prejudice in this crisis. (English language webinar) [Register here](#).
- This week marks the 100 days since the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 as a pandemic. Join us on Wednesday June 17,

2020, at 2:00 PM Phnom Penh time for a webinar in Khmer titled Media & COVID-19 pandemic: The 100-day challenge. [Register here](#)

- The Global Investigative Journalism Network (GIJN) will look at how to dig into COVID-19 data to reveal hidden stories on Thursday 18 June. [Register here](#).
- Did you miss: In Part 4 of the [India Alliance](#) webinar series? Internews Health Journalism Advisor Ida Jooste discussed the role of language during a pandemic. Watch the webinar [here](#) and read edited excerpts of the webinar [here](#).

#### **Other resources:**

As infections reduce in some countries, the discussion has turned to fears of a **'second wave' of infections**. But what is a second wave and how can a journalist report on it responsibly? Internews has produced [this handy guide](#).

The [Press Emblem Campaign \(PEC\)](#), is attempting to track confirmed COVID-19-related deaths among journalists globally. By June 16 they had recorded **146 deaths in 30 countries**. This Internews guide to journalist and newsroom safety is now available in [Vietnamese](#), [Hindi](#), [Bangla](#), [English](#), and [Thai](#) with thanks to Translators without Borders.

## **Content-What content can I use?**



The concept of isolation in a health facility is new for many people, including the Rohingya refugees living in Bangladesh. As part of the [Soiyi Hota audio series](#), BBC Media Action spoke to a refugee who had spent time in a centre about his experience.

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## Other resources we're using.

- Prevent Pandemics has released [their weekly review](#) into the latest COVID-19 science
- Going the distance. To demonstrate the importance of social distancing during the COVID-19 outbreak, The New York Times created a 3D simulation of [how cough droplets travel in a room](#)
  - The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has created [this communication toolkit](#) to help public health professionals, health departments, community organizations, reach populations who may need COVID-19 prevention messaging in local languages.
- First Draft [tackles the tricky issue](#) of how to talk to friends and family that share misleading social media posts.
- The [Slum and Rural Health Initiative Network](#) (SRHIN) have developed behavioural change communication in easy-to-read infographics in over 90 local languages - check them out [here](#).
- The Global Forum for Media Development shares [this list of resources](#) for journalists tackling misinformation. The list features resources ranging from tips to help audiences spot mistruths and advice for states trying to quell the infodemic, to COVID-19 fact-checking networks for journalists and researchers.
- ICT Works [takes a look](#) at Cambodia's government health hotline and the impact it had on helping to stop the spread of COVID-19

- The Wilson Center of Science and Technology Innovation looks at whether Facebook's new labels will help counter state-sponsored propaganda
- This study from the University of Cambridge has identified 275 ways to reduce transmission of the coronavirus after lockdowns ease.



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](mailto:covid-19@internews.org).