



Welcome to the fifteenth and final edition of **Connect:COVID-19**.

Going forward, the H2H Network will publish a monthly digest of services that support global, yet local, efforts to respond to the pandemic, focusing on countries/regions with weaker health systems. Not interested? [Click here](#) to unsubscribe.

Still want high-quality resources for journalists in this response?

Internews will continue to update www.internewscovid19.org with new tools and guidance for journalists working in this pandemic. To request a resource or tailored support, email covid-19@internews.org.

This week's tools.

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



Today [Internews](#) releases their [sixth and final Social Media Rumour Tracking Bulletin](#). This edition analyzes more than 1,600 rumours collected in Khmer, Tagalog, Bahasa Indonesia, Hindi, Bangla and Urdu in May and June.

You can [access all the previous Rumour Bulletins](#), with translations thanks to [Translators without Borders](#) in: Bahasa Indonesia, Hindi, Vietnamese,

Simplified Chinese, and Tagalog.

Internews has been supporting media and journalists in the region to identify and respond to rumours. [Check out their latest guide to #infohygiene](#) and a downloadable poster ready for your newsroom wall!

Internews has also created media backgrounder documents for major rumours circulating in the region. Ever wondered if COVID-19 is sexually transmitted? Or wondered if you can be reinfected after recovering from COVID-19? Get the facts to enhance your reporting [here](#).



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

Internews has been researching the information needs of migrants in Thailand during COVID-19. This Information Ecosystem Assessment will be released [on their website](#) on 29th June.

Join our researchers and representatives from organisations representing migrant health and labour rights to discuss how the media and humanitarians can better inform migrant populations in a pandemic.

- English language Webinar, 30 June 2.30pm Bangkok time - [Register here](#)
- Thai language Webinar, 1st July 2.30pm Bangkok time - [Register here](#)

Roundtable Discussion: June 29th - Join Internews, Interaction, and Translators without Borders (among others) to take part in discussions about

the children, older people, mental health, and stigma in the COVID-19 response. [Information and registration here](#).

Did you miss these webinars? Catch up with the recording now!

- 100 days since the beginning of the pandemic: how has the media in Cambodia been affected - [Khmer language webinar](#)
- 100 days into the COVID-19 pandemic and Indonesian migrant workers are still overlooked in response planning. How can media better report on this issue? - [Bahasa Indonesia webinar](#)

LGBTQ+ people may face increased discrimination and vulnerabilities in this pandemic - so how can the media better meet their information needs and ensure their reporting does not add to stigma or harmful stereotypes? Internews has created a new guide for journalists, [check it out here](#).

Local media are key in a crisis. They have built a trusting relationship with their community, they communicate in preferred languages and can take complex health information and localize it to make it relevant for their context. That is why Internews believes they should be key partners and information providers in a humanitarian response - [read why here](#).

New languages available: Thanks to Translators without Borders these resources are now available in more languages:

- Guidance: How to report on the 'second wave' of infections. [Now available in Tagalog and Bahasa Indonesia](#)
- Guidance: how to report on a return to work for your audience. Now available in [Tagalog, Bahasa Indonesia, and Hindi](#).

This week [Translators without Borders](#) (TWB) expanded their multilingual [COVID-19 glossary](#) into 33 languages.

TWB spoke to 53 humanitarian program staff from 32 countries to assess language and information gaps in humanitarian communication during COVID-19.

The survey highlighted challenges for program teams:

- A quarter of respondents felt they did not have enough information on COVID-19.
- Up to half didn't feel the available information was sufficient or accessible enough.
- When asked what further support or resources they needed, the most common answer was "information materials in local languages."

You can read the full survey findings [here](#).

With over 122 major languages in Nepal, it is essential that health communicators know which language to communicate with people at risk. TWB has launched [new maps and datasets for Nepal](#) that bring forth languages, literacy and communication dynamics. Use them to plan your COVID-19 communication strategy.

BBC Media Action are delivering workshops for media partners to help reflect on and strengthen communication and media content about the coronavirus and COVID-19, and counter the infodemic of misinformation. The workshop is complemented by a [Handbook for media: the new coronavirus and COVID-19](#) that is publicly available in English and Ukrainian, with more languages to be added soon.

More tools and guidance in multiple languages, including the Handbook on COVID-19, can be found here: <https://lifeline.bbcmmediaaction.org/tools/> - and

more on BBC Media Action's approach and work in humanitarian emergencies is available at <http://commisaid.bbcmmediaaction.org/>

Content-What content can I use?



TWB has been working with [Picturing Health](#) to create a short film including advice around COVID-19 in [Hindi](#), [Vietnamese](#) and [French](#).

TWB partnered with [Human Rights Watch](#) to create this pictorial guide on protecting the rights of people with disabilities during COVID-19 in [Simplified Chinese](#), [Thai](#), [Vietnamese](#), [Indonesian](#), [Japanese](#).

Other resources we're using.

- [This COVID-19 dashboard](#) from Machine Intelligence Company [Primer](#) brings together news articles and social media interactions that reference scientific papers and their authors.
- Global Investigative Journalism Network (GIJN) webinar: In this webinar, [Reporting COVID-19 Disinformation](#), two veteran journalists will share their tips and strategies for dealing with the flood of bad information.
- [The National Press Foundation](#) is offering a free online training program for 25 journalists to help them track how federal pandemic

assistance funds are being used. July 13-17 - [Apply here](#) before June 29.



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