



# Delivering Vital COVID-19 Information Around the Globe

## Information Saves Lives

At the onset of COVID-19 as a global pandemic, Internews recognized that information providers - arguably the most vital defense to the disease - were under threat.

As journalists scrambled to cover the impact of the coronavirus, they grappled with a bitter irony: demand for information soared, but the business model funding media was in continued collapse.

Furthermore, many governments use the pandemic to justify suspending human rights, elections, and checks on their power - making the work of independent media more important than ever.

The work of Internews - to support and grow local, trusted, accurate sources of information - has never been more needed. We responded by launching new programs and redesigning existing projects to meet information needs on the ground.

A snapshot<sup>1</sup> of our response from April to June 2020:



# 57

Internews provided support directly related to COVID-19 in 57 countries.

КОВИД-19  
कोमिड-१९  
کوفید-19  
新型冠状病毒  
โควิด-19

# 110

Internews supported the production of COVID-related information in 110 languages.

Our partners in more than 100 countries include media outlets, internet freedom advocates, fact checkers, media literacy trainers, social media influencers, lawyers and technologists. From April to June 2020, Internews supported:

**1,378**

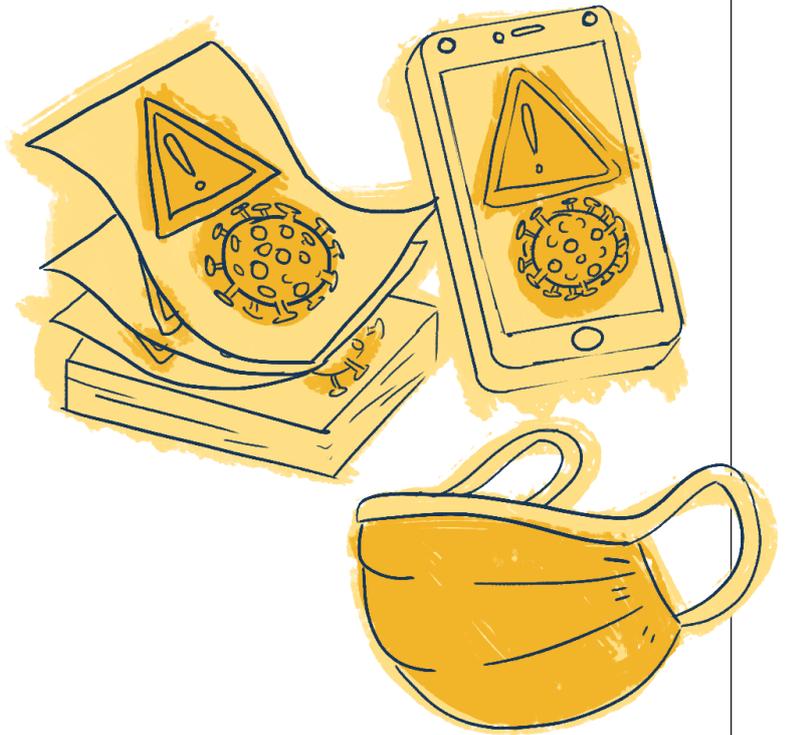
organisations that produce  
Covid-19 information

**1,130**

media outlets

**248**

civil society  
organizations



**259**

media outlets on  
business sustainability  
during the pandemic



Internews' Rapid Response Fund received and reviewed more than **1,000** applications. We disbursed **\$186,900** in grants for work on COVID-19 information between April and June, with more funds disbursed through September.



**138**

Our program teams hosted 138 webinars on COVID-19 topics...



**7,707**

...attended by 7,707 people



**87%**

of our projects redesigned activities in response to COVID-19



**74%**

of projects adapted in-person gatherings (conferences, forums, roundtables, etc) to an online space



**70%**

of projects adapted in-person training modules (on any topics) to deliver as distance learning



**44%**

of projects provided a learning resource of any kind (webinar, guidelines, toolkit) on Covid-19 topics



**38%**

of projects provided grants or funding to support recipients' Covid-19 topics



**52%**

of projects provided mentoring or training on Covid-19 topics



**15%**

of projects pivoted in other ways

<sup>1</sup> Data was collected internally by Internews' Global MERL team in August 2020, representing activities conducted by approximately 80% of Internews projects in the 2nd quarter of 2020 (April 1-June 30, 2020)