HUMANITARIAN SITUATION REPORT - APRIL 2022

Community Feedback on COVID-19 and Vaccines

In April 2022, Internews collected rumors, misconceptions and community concerns on Facebook and Twitter about the COVID-19 pandemic and vaccines in Sudan. People on social media continue to question the safety of the COVID-19 vaccines. One concerning post spoke of doctors in Al-Hikma Medical Complex refusing to get vaccinated. This post may influence communities’ perceptions of the vaccines and their decision to get vaccinated, especially since healthcare workers are considered trusted sources of information within their communities. Another concerning post on Facebook argued that more people are dying from hunger than from COVID-19. This post reflects some of the frustration people are feeling with increasing food prices and inflation in Sudan.

Endemic rumors are those noting that COVID-19 is no longer a concern, and has become endemic. Rumors that fall under the Secondary Impacts theme are highlighting the effects of COVID-19 on communities and states, like education, employment and economy.

TOP RUMOR THEMES

Endemic: 76%
COVID-19 Hoax: 36.5%
Political Agenda: 36.5%
Vaccine Safety: 7%
Secondary Impacts: 4%

Although there are relatively few high-risk rumors, they require a rapid response, as they could cause significant harm to community members.

SUDAN ROOTED IN TRUST

We aim to tackle misinformation and rumors around the pandemic and vaccines, to engage and support humanitarian, public health and media actors in responding to vulnerable communities’ COVID-19 information needs.

RUMOR RISK LEVEL

Low Risk: 80.5%
Medium Risk: 15.5%
High Risk: 4%

RUMOR BY GENDER DISTRIBUTION

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Some social media users (other) choose to not share their gender identity.

Please visit: Internews Sudan COVID-19 Rumor Bulletins
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While men shared more rumor posts on social media in April 2022, both men and women between ages 26 and 35 accounted for most rumors shared when compared to other age groups.

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We welcome your feedback and suggestions. Please contact: Mayada Mahdi, Information Management Officer, mibrahim@internews.org

## ABOUT ROOTED IN TRUST

### SOCIAL MEDIA USERS SHARING RUMORS

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### SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

- **Public**: 83%
- **Private**: 17%

### TYPE OF SOCIAL MEDIA DATA

- **Community Feedback**: 100%
- **Rumor**: 75%
- **Other**: 0%

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