

Information Integrity: COVID-19



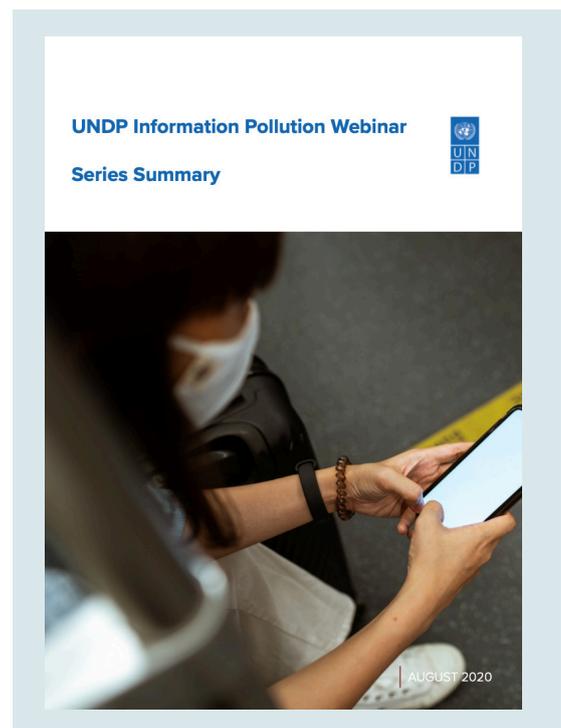
A UNDP governance response to Information Pollution and COVID-19

July/August Newsletter

Final webinar + summary report (with recording links)

The final webinar in the series on information pollution during the COVID-19 pandemic was held on the 1st July. The webinar, “Supporting and building capacity of fact-checking organizations as one of the most effective ways of countering Covid-19 information pollution” can be accessed [here](#) as a recording.

A [summary report](#) from the webinar series has also been produced. Included are the key-takeaways, a brief summary, as well as a list of resources and links to recordings from each webinar as well as the #UN Talks webinar on ‘Tackling the Infodemic of COVID-19’.



Other representation

The Oslo Governance Centre was represented at the following events:

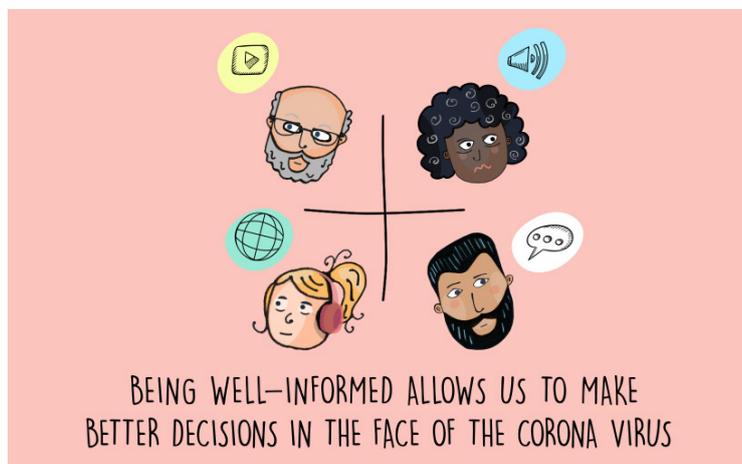
- Istanbul regional hub’s Future of Governance Dialogue
 - [ODI](#)’s closed round table on disinformation
 - [WHO Infodemiology conference](#)
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Case study: Uruguay

The recent blog post about how UNDP in Uruguay has tackled issues of disinformation during the pandemic is available on the UNDP Oslo Governance Centre webpage.

"Disinformation around COVID-19 spread rapidly across Uruguay in the early months of 2020. This came at a particularly sensitive time, as Uruguay was scheduled to have municipal elections in May. However, the confluence of COVID and a pre-electoral period meant that keeping individuals informed, safe and healthy has remained a challenge due to disinformation"....

[...read the full blog post!](#)



Information Pollution Mapping Grants

[The Oslo Governance Centre](#) announced the allocation of grants of up to \$40,000 to support UNDP country initiatives to counter Covid-19 information pollution. The grants invited country offices to submit proposals for initiatives that could include activities such as:

- Media monitoring initiatives
- Data collection from national and international sources tracking information pollution
- Data analytics (online listening) to detect online trends and patterns

In August the project proposals from the following countries were selected:

- **Samoa:** reduce and mitigate the impact of information pollution in Samoa by gaining a solid understanding of the media, social media and misinformation landscape in the midst of the COVID-19 emergency response.
- **Cambodia:** conduct an assessment of the information landscape in Cambodia to assess influence of information sources for spreading disinformation.
- **Sierra Leone:** Undertake a mapping that will provide an in-depth understanding and documentation of the major sources, messages, channels, influencers and amplifiers of misinformation, disinformation and misconceptions on COVID-19 in Sierra Leone and identify trusted sources of information.

- **Ukraine:** A survey shall develop and implement a social listening and engagement strategy to counter information pollution with a focus on the COVID-19 epidemic in Ukraine
 - **Chile:** Address information pollution related to the upcoming constitutional reform process in order to foster legitimacy and promote participation
 - **Panama and Venezuela** (joint project): Carry out a study through Twitter and other platforms to explore how COVID-19 information pollution is impacting women
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Country office support

In July we provided technical support to Paraguay and Sudan. In 2020 we have supported the following countries:

