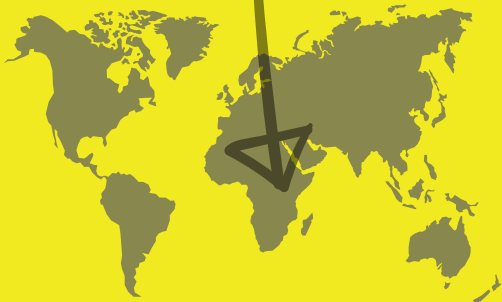


Bulletin Factsheet

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The Rooted in Trust 2.0 project in South Sudan is funded by USAID Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAUD-BHA) through Internews. It aims to respond to rumors, misinformation and fake news that shape negative public perceptions towards COVID-19 response in the country

About This Bulletin

This bulletin provides humanitarian and health partners with the latest rumor data identified among internally displaced populations in northern Iraq. The aim is to guide and inform risk communication and community engagement efforts within the COVID-19 response.

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Rumor OR Claim #1

“Our own sunlight is much healthier than vaccines.”

Through social media
Facebook

FACTS

The COVID-19 virus can be transmitted in ALL AREAS, including areas with hot sunlight and humid weather. Regardless of climate, adopt protective measures. The best way to protect yourself against COVID-19 is by frequently cleaning your hands, sanitising and keeping social distance. COVID-19 is mainly transmitted through contact with respiratory droplets rather than through air.

The disease can spread from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth which are spread when a person with COVID-19 coughs, sneezes or exhales, so sunlight or sun heat can not prevent the spread of COVID-19. It is better for people to stay more than one meter (3 feet) away from one another.

SOURCE: <https://www.who.int/news-room/q-a-detail/q-a-coronaviruses>



Rumor OR Claim #2

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What people say



We do not believe in vaccines, those things manufactured by industries are all demonic.

The claim is from an offline survey that is a church meeting. Some of those lean on christianity belief of the Seventh Day Adventist (SDA)

There is no specific scientific evidence that the vaccines are chemicals that kill human beings.

According to the World Health Organization(WHO)report, the vaccines are the most effective tool for protecting people against COVID-19.

SOURCE:

<https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/covid-19-virtual-press-conference-transcript-7-december-2020>

Rumor OR Claim #3

What people say

"COVID -19 vaccine was manufactured in a hurry or it is not a vaccine but a booster"



The statement (claim) was in a meeting.

FACTS

Studies found that the two initial vaccines are both (Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna) about 95% effective and reported no serious or life - threatening side effects. There are many reasons why the COVID-19 vaccines could be developed so quickly. Here are just a few:

- ⇒ The COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna were created with a method that has been in development for years, so the companies could start the vaccine development process early in the pandemic.
- ⇒ China isolated and shared genetic information about COVID-19 promptly so scientists could start working on vaccines.
- ⇒ The vaccine developers didn't skip any testing steps, but conducted some of the steps on an overlapping schedule to gather data faster.
- ⇒ Vaccines projects had plenty of resources, as governments invested in research and / or paid for vaccines in advance.
- ⇒ Some types of COVID-19 vaccines were created using messenger RNA (MRNA) which allows a faster approach than the traditional way that vaccines are made.

SOURCE: <https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org>

Rumor OR Claim #4

What people say



Cooking a mixture of guava leaves, garlic, engine oil, lemon and ginger can treat corona.

FACTS

The guava leaves,garlic,lemon juice,ginger and engine oil none of these ingredients suggested have any scientific or clinical backing, said a Health Workers in Juba Teaching hospital. He suggested that only lemon juice,ginger,garlic and guava leaves can only boost the immunity system but can not treat COVID-19.

The Rooted in Trust 2.0 project works to combat COVID-19 rumors and misinformation, responds to the information challenges faced by vulnerable groups, encourages open dialogue between citizens and stronger collaborative partnerships between information providers.



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