Dear colleagues,

The UNCG Crisis Team (global level) shares on a daily basis **new and updated COVID-19 communications materials** received from across the UN system. Our updates feature **global level**, rather than individual **country level**, communications assets.

The UNCG Crisis Team is co-chaired by the Department of Global Communications (DGC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) and reports to the UN Crisis Management Team (CMT). The CMT has requested **UN agencies, funds and programmes to share through their Headquarter Offices**, their global level communications messages and planned activities with DGC through email to Sunil Narula, Jon Greenway and Julie James (narulas@un.org; greenway@un.org; julie.james@un.org).

**Please send your content by 17:00 hrs NY time to contribute to this daily update. Content received after 17:00hrs will be included in the following day’s update.** (*due to the volume of contributions the below list of updates is also attached as a file for reference*)

1. **Secretary-General**
   - UN Secretary-General’s video message on COVID-19 and Misinformation

2. **UNCG Crisis Team**
   - **Updated forward planning grid** showing announcements from across the system. Attached – **FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY AND NOT FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION**. Send any upcoming communication items (announcements, press releases, events, report launches, major media interviews, leadership travel) to Jon at greenway@un.org.
   - **Core messaging - UPDATED** for the UN System response to COVID-19 (in EN, FR and ES). They are produced by the UNCG Crisis Team based on information received from across the system. They should be used by UN principals and spokespeople when speaking to media. They should also guide UN editorial and content production teams who may tailor the language to reach their target audiences. Updates and suggested edits should be sent to Jon at greenway@un.org, cc Sunil at narulas@un.org, Julie at julie.james@un.org. We will aim to clear and issue these once a week.

3. **WHO**
   - Latest WHO Talking Points (attached – **FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY/NOT TO BE POSTED EXTERNALLY**)
   - Latest WHO media monitoring (attached – **NOT FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION/INTERNAL INFO ONLY**)
4. **DGC**
   - Dedicated Social Media Trello Board - [https://trello.com/b/vumsShVd/covid19-social-assets-messaging](https://trello.com/b/vumsShVd/covid19-social-assets-messaging)

5. **OHCHR**
   - COVID-19 restrictions should not stop freedom of assembly and association, says UN expert
   
   GENEVA (14 April 2020) – A UN expert today called on States not to use state of emergency declarations during the COVID-19 crisis to impose wholesale restrictions on freedom of peaceful assembly and association, and released [detailed Guidelines](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=25792&LangID=E) governments and law enforcement agencies must follow to avoid human rights abuses

6. **UNDP**

7. **FAO**
   - **FAO’s Work on COVID-19** daily update (attached)
   - **Event** FAO and the African Union host a Ministerial Meeting focusing on COVID-19 and implications for food security in Africa, on Thursday 16 April, 2pm-5pm Rome time. The virtual meeting will be webcast live on the FAO website.
     * event: [http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/fao-au-ministerial-meeting](http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/fao-au-ministerial-meeting)
   - **Big Data tool** provides real-time information on value chains and food security to help countries mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on food and agriculture (April 14) [https://datalab.review.fao.org/](https://datalab.review.fao.org/)
   - **Video** on how FAO is supporting farmers in Syria during the COVID-19 pandemic, including using new technologies to share information (April 14) Twitter ([English](https://twitter.com/fao_world)), Facebook ([English](https://www.facebook.com/FAO/)), LinkedIn ([English](https://www.linkedin.com/home/page)), YouTube
   - **Policy briefs** (April 14):
     - Urban food systems and COVID-19: The role of cities and local governments in responding to the emergency
     - National agricultural census operations and COVID-19
     - Legal considerations in the context of responses to COVID-19 to mitigate the risk of food insecurity

8. **UN Habitat**
   - Key Messages on COVID-19 and Housing (attached - other languages on [www.unhabitat.org](https://www.unhabitat.org))
   - Joint Press Release with United Cities and Local Governments on Transport live learning session (attached - other languages on [www.unhabitat.org](https://www.unhabitat.org))
• Key messages on COVID-19 and Informal Settlements  

• Overall key messages on COVID-19  
https://unhabitat.org/sites/default/files/2020/03/covid19_key_messages_eng_1.pdf

• Press Release on Handwashing facilities in Kenya’s informal settlements  

• Op-Ed by UN-Habitat Executive Director and UCLG Secretary General published by Thomson Reuters Foundation  
  o https://news.trust.org/item/20200327112921-ucwz7  
    (Spanish)

• Press release on Joint Learning session with UCLG on local government associations -  

9. UNAIDS
• Congregational health messages on COVID-19 for religious leaders (attached)  
• Press release - UNAIDS condemns misuse and abuse of emergency powers to target marginalized and vulnerable populations  

• Story - When will men stop thinking that women’s bodies are their property?  

• Video - When will men stop thinking that women’s bodies are their property?  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rHSaf95PCyY&feature=emb_logo


10. UNOPS
• Total COVID-19 response activities reported to date: 23  
• Latest update/s: 14 April 2020 – Myanmar: The UNOPS-managed Livelihoods and Food Security Fund (LIFT) announced additional funding of $15.8 million to support Myanmar’s COVID-19 preparedness and response. LIFT’s implementing partners will use the funds to support the country's most vulnerable: migrants, the elderly, internally displaced people, pregnant women and those with children under the age of two.  
• UNOPS pledge to support the response to the COVID-19 crisis. For all our updates please go to our dedicated COVID-19 page

11. ITC
• Blog: Tourism at stake: Challenges and measures for small businesses  

• Story: Urban logistics benefit small businesses in Guinea during COVID-19  

12. UNICEF
• Agenda for Action to protect the most vulnerable children from harm
Joint Statement: More than 117 million children at risk of missing out on measles vaccines, as COVID-19 surges [Measles & Rubella Initiative: American Red Cross, U.S. CDC, UNICEF, UN Foundation and WHO]

Press Release: UNICEF Spain contributes 418,000 protective masks to combat pandemic

Latest Video Diary: UNICEF’s Executive Director, Henrietta Fore

Indoor play ideas to stimulate young children at home

Cleaning and hygiene tips to help keep COVID-19 virus out of your home

Latest: Multimedia assets from South Sudan / Denmark / Syria / Indonesia / Venezuela / Indonesia / Syria / DRC and much more

YOUTH:

Take action and help fight COVID-19: Inspired by young people, a set of actions that anyone can take

COVID-19 and youth mental health – discover the stories, illustrations and messages of support

How teenagers can protect their mental health during COVID-19

Tips: Engaging adolescents and young in the COVID-19 response

GENDER:

Flattening the curve: Finance and the pandemic of gender-based violence

Technical Guidance: Gender equality in the COVID-19 response

Gender equality during COVID-19: 5 ideas for action

Guidance: GBV Case Management and COVID-19 [GBV AoR Help Desk]

13. UNRWA

- A link to our Covid 19 page - [https://www.unrwa.org/covid_19](https://www.unrwa.org/covid_19)
- A link to our sos unrwa video - [https://www.dropbox.com/s/unj1fmdtilw9piy/UNRWA%20covid19_EN_VER-30%20Sec.mp4?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/unj1fmdtilw9piy/UNRWA%20covid19_EN_VER-30%20Sec.mp4?dl=0)
- Animated Video: Coronavirus Health Instructions for Children
  - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=3CEyHD65zqE&feature=emb_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=3CEyHD65zqE&feature=emb_title)
- A link to our distant education video - [https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/videos/education-cannot-wait](https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/videos/education-cannot-wait)
- A link to the latest daily English HR covid Communication [https://www.unrwa.org/situational-reports-sitreps-updates](https://www.unrwa.org/situational-reports-sitreps-updates)
- UNRWA is a Frontline Provider (Video) [https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/videos/unrwa-frontline-provider](https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/videos/unrwa-frontline-provider)
- We are with you. we are UNRWA. (Video) [https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/videos/we-are-you-we-are-unrwa](https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/videos/we-are-you-we-are-unrwa)
- Dr. Seita, UNRWA Health Director, addresses the Agency’s preparedness and response plan to COVID-19 and its impact on Palestine refugees across the region.

14. **UNECE**
- Press release - UN/CEFACT digital standards can help governments reduce the risk of disease transmission from animals and facilitate legal trade (14 April 2020) - [http://www.unece.org/?id=54187](http://www.unece.org/?id=54187)
- Updates on our Food Outlook
  - 14 April 2020, Impact of COVID 19 on the agricultural sector-Western Balkans
  - 14 April 2020, UNECE Survey on Covid-19 effects on Potato, Seed Potato Supply and Demand
- Updates on our Border Crossing Observatory, With information on over 100 countries, and contributions from all 5 UN Regional Commissions, ITF, IRU &, FIA [https://wiki.unece.org/display/CTRBSBC/Observatory+on+Border+Crossings+Status+due+to+COVID-19+Home](https://wiki.unece.org/display/CTRBSBC/Observatory+on+Border+Crossings+Status+due+to+COVID-19+Home)

15. **Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals**
- Twitter Video – Bats Are Not the Enemy -They do not spread COVID-19 [https://twitter.com/BonnConvention/status/1247886759653814273](https://twitter.com/BonnConvention/status/1247886759653814273)

16. **IOM**
- **Ethiopia**: The unexpected arrival of more than 5,000 returnees to Ethiopia over the past two weeks without prior health screenings has added to the challenges the country faces strengthening measures to curb COVID-19: [https://www.iom.int/news/surge-returnees-ethiopia-un-calls-pause-amidst-increased-covid-19-enforcement](https://www.iom.int/news/surge-returnees-ethiopia-un-calls-pause-amidst-increased-covid-19-enforcement)
- **Bangladesh**: Recognizing the risks that the COVID-19 outbreak could pose to one of the largest refugee camps in the world, the Government of Bangladesh and the humanitarian community including IOM in Cox’s Bazar, we are now delivering a wide array of supports to ensure that health services in place for both Rohingya refugees and the host community are ready: [https://www.iom.int/news/coordinated-preparation-full-swing-combat-covid-19-coxs-bazar-refugee-camps](https://www.iom.int/news/coordinated-preparation-full-swing-combat-covid-19-coxs-bazar-refugee-camps). See video: [https://bit.ly/3cudaz9](https://bit.ly/3cudaz9)
**West Africa:** The COVID-19 pandemic has hit a total of 52 African countries, among them 23 in West and Central Africa. While the virus was slow to reach the continent—compared to Europe—infecion has grown rapidly in recent weeks and continues to spread: [https://www.iom.int/news/over-1500-senegalese-gambian-leaders-border-communities-engaged-fight-against-covid-19](https://www.iom.int/news/over-1500-senegalese-gambian-leaders-border-communities-engaged-fight-against-covid-19)


**Cyprus:** IOM in Cyprus has launched a new programme that aims to ease the difficult transition to adulthood for unaccompanied migrant children in Cyprus through semi-independent housing and other support: [https://www.iom.int/news/iom-supports-transition-adulthood-unaccompanied-migrant-children-cyprus](https://www.iom.int/news/iom-supports-transition-adulthood-unaccompanied-migrant-children-cyprus)

**Social media**
- COVID-19, a new risk for Venezuelan migrants and refugees: [https://twitter.com/angelamtwells/status/1250024029328637953?s=21](https://twitter.com/angelamtwells/status/1250024029328637953?s=21)
- Stay #HealthyAtHome during COVID-19: [https://twitter.com/unmigration/status/1250091448873168899?s=21](https://twitter.com/unmigration/status/1250091448873168899?s=21)
- It does not matter which day of the week, our COVID-19 response should never discriminate: [https://vm.tiktok.com/WRnVmA/](https://vm.tiktok.com/WRnVmA/)

17. **UN Network on Migration**

18. **UNODC**
- UNODC has updated the ongoing COVID-19 social media package, including Spanish translations and all visuals with the COVID-19 Response logo.
- Falsified Medical Products: [https://trello.com/c/tSIFCer5](https://trello.com/c/tSIFCer5)
- Law enforcement and criminal justice system: [https://trello.com/c/MtagnVt9](https://trello.com/c/MtagnVt9)
- Cybercrime and Misinformation including a video about cybercrime: [https://trello.com/c/VG3OEiB7](https://trello.com/c/VG3OEiB7)
- Treatment, care and rehabilitation of people with drug use disorder: [https://trello.com/c/Q0VHhist](https://trello.com/c/Q0VHhist)
- HIV and hepatitis B, C prevention, treatment, care and support for people who use drugs: [https://trello.com/c/f4E6UuYy0](https://trello.com/c/f4E6UuYy0)
- *COVID-19 prevention and control measures in prisons: [https://trello.com/c/mphfZbTn](https://trello.com/c/mphfZbTn)
- Stayhome package about telecommuting: [https://trello.com/c/CQFOIGdz](https://trello.com/c/CQFOIGdz)
- Violence Against Women: [https://trello.com/c/0738B6vl](https://trello.com/c/0738B6vl)
- Wildlife and Forest Crime: [https://trello.com/c/HUgyfxqo](https://trello.com/c/HUgyfxqo)
- The following videos are also available in the respective Trello packages and the COVID-19 YouTube playlist:
  - Violence Against Women
    - English: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ym1EG4W3jkk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ym1EG4W3jkk)
    - French: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ym1EG4W3jkk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ym1EG4W3jkk)
    - Spanish: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ym1EG4W3jkk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ym1EG4W3jkk)
  - Cybercrime
    - English: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ym1EG4W3jkk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ym1EG4W3jkk)
    - French: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ym1EG4W3jkk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ym1EG4W3jkk)
  - Treatment, care and rehabilitation of people with drug use disorder
    - English: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ym1EG4W3jkk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ym1EG4W3jkk)
19. OCHA

- Libya: Hostilities continue to disrupt health services [https://www.unocha.org/story/libya-hostilities-continue-disrupt-health-services](https://www.unocha.org/story/libya-hostilities-continue-disrupt-health-services)