ENGAGEMENT IN THE TIME OF CORONA

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Vietnam’s response to Covid-19

• 1st case of Covid19 on 23rd January 2020;
• Vietnam national steering committee for Covid19 response;
• Mass communication measures, contact tracing, mandatory 14-day quarantine, school & university closure and progressive flight restrictions;
• 11th Feb – quarantine of Son Loi village (10,600 people) for 20 days;
• National lockdown 1-22nd April, with closure of businesses & internal transportation;
• No community transmission since 15th April;
• Lifting of restrictions, apart from external borders.
Some lessons from Vietnam

- Rapid response – based on experience of previous epidemics (SARs, H5N1, H1N1...);
- Strong community-based health care system;
- Clear, unified health messaging;
- Wide spread acceptance of restrictions and public health measures;
- Trust in the government and health services.
% of people in each country who think the government is handling the issue of Coronavirus ‘very’ or ‘somewhat’ well
Lessons learnt from the Ebola outbreak:

• Low trust relates to low compliance with control interventions;
• Low trust does not necessarily correlate with lower understanding of transmission pathways.

Building trust in a time of public health crisis through public and community engagement

• Dialogue and transparency
• Collaborative partnerships to find joint solutions
• Empowering communities – practically and by ‘progressive transfer of knowledge for sustained and safe interventions within the community’

WHO, 2018: Managing epidemics: key facts about major deadly diseases
1. Dialogue

Public discussion
Examining the effects of the national interventions in the COVID19 pandemic

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#HearTheExperts
Quynh Phan
Does people with re-positive test result have a chance to transmit the virus the same as people the first time infected with virus?

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Duong Tran
Returning to chloroquine, a few weeks ago, OUCRU announced that it was researching this as an potential treatment. Dr. Day, you mentioned that it's not showing to be effective in humans. Is this conclusive yet?

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2. Hearing community voices - digital diaries

- Photos and captions
- Weekly video ‘diaries’
- Participant-led films
3. Promoting evidence-based knowledge

Covid-19 media monitoring project

1. Identifying misinformation and fake news;
2. Developing evidence-based health information and science for laymen;
3. Feedback to policy makers
OUCRU has taken different approaches to media in different contexts

Evidence-based articles in mainstream media in Indonesia

WHO “Myth Busters” in Vietnamese for social media

Health information posters put up in communities in Nepal
Educational animations

An animation designed by Ragil Dien (EOCRU) in Bahasa, English, and Vietnamese about how to cope with stress during Covid-19.