

MABAN COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE
MABAN RISK COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORKING GROUP
RUMOUR TRACKING AND MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

COVID-19

MABAN RUMOUR TRACKING OVERVIEW DATED 14 JULY 2020



Introduction

This document contains rumor (s) that are collected from the Maban community (both refugees and host community) with feedback from the community included as well. The aim is to provide a coordinated feedback to the community

Methodology

Information is collected by partners in the working Group through informal and formal discussions with the communities. The information is completed using a semi structured tool

Rumour Brief (1)

A COVID-19 drug has been discovered

Community said that a drug for treatment of COVID-19 has been discovered in Tanzania and that they can return to their normal social life and behavior

Doro refugee camp: Youth (18-29yrs): Through informal meeting

Rumour Brief (2)

Social stigma towards travelers

Community in Doro suspect the persons coming into the camp from liberated areas during GFD of having COVID-19 disease; this created fear among refugees within the camp

Doro refugee camp: Youth (18-29yrs): Through listening group

Correct Information/feedback to be provided to the community

Rumour 1: Currently, there are no specific vaccines or treatments for COVID-19. However, there are many ongoing clinical trials evaluating potential treatments. **Source: WHO**

Rumour 2: This is a stigma associated with people coming from Ethiopia. Anybody can contract COVID-19, irrespective of race gender and nationality; whether they have travelled or not, etc.

Everybody should follow the WHO-guidelines:

- o Practice respiratory etiquette (for example, by coughing into a flexed elbow)
- o Wash hands regularly with water and soap
- o Physical (social) distancing



Rumour tracking and management training with DRC Yusuf Batil team in July 2020 © DRC/Garbino Philemon

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