

Combating misinformation in under-resourced languages: lessons from around the world | First Draft

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2020 has taught us that virtually all communities struggle with the effects of misinformation. While those that speak majority languages have access to fact checks and verified information in their native tongues, the same is not always true of other communities. Minority languages are often under-resourced by both platforms and fact checking organizations, making it even more difficult to tackle misinformation and build up media literacy in these communities.

As part of its Rising Voices initiative, Global Voices' Eddie Avila and First Draft's Marie Bohner spoke to experts from around the world to see how local communities are tackling the threat of misinformation in their native languages. Among them are Rahul Namboori of Fact Crescendo in India, Endalkachew Chala of Hamline University in Ethiopia and Kpenahi Traoré of RFI from Burkina Faso, who shared their perspectives in tackling this unique challenge.

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