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COVID-19 has spawned a flood of potentially deadly mis- and disinformation that directly impacts lives and livelihoods around the world. UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres has described this [as a “poison,”](#) and humanity’s other new [“enemy.”](#)

As part of the UN’s response to the crisis, we were commissioned to produce [two new policy briefs](#) published today by the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), with the support of ICFJ. The goal is to help the UN, governments, journalists, civil society and internet communications companies respond to the crisis — and to ensure that [freedom of expression rights are not undercut in the process.](#) This research highlights journalism’s critical role in fighting back.

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