



COVID-19:

emergency response in Africa

Together for Reliable Information

Reliable and critical information about the COVID19 virus is essential for people to protect themselves against COVID19, to mitigate risks, and to limit the number of casualties. In order to ensure that independent media and journalists in Africa can fulfill their role in providing reliable information, we set up the COVID19 emergency fund.

With this fund, we assist media professionals and media organisations from African countries severely affected by the COVID-19 crisis to enable them to resume work as quickly as possible. Short-term support is provided irrespective of the medium within Africa covered by the journalist or outlet.

Requirements for support

- The application concerns a media organisation or a practicing media professional in an African country;
- The media organisation or media professional is covering COVID19 or is affected by it;
- The emergency situation is a direct result of your work in the media;
- The applicant understands assistance is not structural but provided on an incidental (one-time) basis;
- The applicant understands that the aim of our support is to continue the work or resume to work as soon as possible;
- The situation can be confirmed by at least two trusted sources.

Protection

To ensure journalists are protected when covering the COVID19 situation, we can support protection materials and gear such as masks, protective gloves & hand sanitizer

Psychosocial Support

We can offer advice, referral & funds to seek psychosocial assistance for journalists covering the COVID19 crisis

Security Measures

We can assist journalists under threat with security measures such as funds for temporary relocation, support for a safe house, or protection tools

Digital Security

To protect journalists & their data, we offer digital protection tools (such as VPNs,), digital security courses, and digital security advice

Legal assistance

We can provide support for a lawyer or a legal expert for journalists who are detained or face prosecution because of reporting about COVID19

To apply for support, please fill out **our online application form here**. For more information, please contact reportersrespond@freepressunlimited.org or contact our Free Press Unlimited office on: +31 20 8000 400. We will respond to your request as soon as possible.

For more information about the COVID19 Response in Africa: Together for Reliable Information project, **please click here**.



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