



CORONAVIRUS FACTS RFP Data Description

The International Fact-Checking Network is creating an academic request for proposal (RFP) concerning COVID-19 and the large database tracking all fact-checks that have been published so far. This database contains fact-checks submitted by 88 fact-checking organizations in 74 countries since Jan. 24. The goal is to release this database to the teams with accepted proposals, and for the RFP to contain a sample dataset of 30 rows from this database.

To assist researchers in determining if they would like to answer the RFP and those who may be awarded funds for it, the International Fact-Checking Network provides below an in-depth description of the CoronaVirusFacts Alliance dataset, detailing individual columns.

Here researchers will find what each column contains and/or doesn't contain, along with information regarding possible irregularities that may be found in each cell.

Notes for the user:

- All columns in the database are in English.
- Other languages might be found in the content linked to in the following columns:
 - Link to the original piece
 - URL to fact-checked article (in your language)
- The content in the links will be in the language indicated in the Language of your fact-check column.
- Though every effort has been made to clean the dataset, it is worth noting that it has been hand-inserted by reporters and may contain characters, spaces, or empty cells. Any parsers or natural language processing tools should take this into consideration.



When did you see the claim?

The date when the claim that was fact-checked was first spotted by the fact-checking organization. The claim may have been circulating earlier, but this is the organization's first record of it. The date format will always be zero-padded YYYY-MM-DD

Example:

2020-01-12

Country (1, 2, 3, 4)

These columns are used by the fact-checker to list the countries and/or regions (i.e. "East Africa") where the falsehood has spread, one per column. The list is not exhaustive. It is based on the fact-checker's observation. A full list of possible countries in Appendix 1.

Organization

The name of the fact-checking organization that has fact-checked the claim. This will always be the same for the same organization, meaning the capitalization will always be the same etc. A full list of organization names is provided in Appendix 2.

What did you fact-check?

A free-form text description of the piece of content that has been fact-checked. This will usually be the claim itself, but it may also describe an image or a video. The fact-checker writing this does not follow a standard format.

Examples:

"A chain message circulated on Tuesday, Jan. 14, warning people to avoid going to Shangri-La Plaza (a mall in Mandaluyong City) because of a supposed case of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) reported in one of the mall's medical clinics."

"Warning: the virus is spreading in Italy (January 22)."



Who said/posted it?

The origin, as best as can be ascertained, of the fact-checked claim. This will sometimes be attributed directly to an individual or group, other times it will instead list the social media platform or publication where the piece of content was found.

Example:

“Many social media platforms”

“Facebook, Website”

“Chris Kirckof and Jordan Sather on Facebook and Twitter”

Link to the original piece

A link to the original source of the claim, if available. This may be a social media post, an article, a video, or an image. In some cases this may be empty, especially in the case of WhatsApp, or other messaging apps where the app does not generate URLs.

Researchers should note that some links may be invalid or dead, or that the original material may have been removed by various platforms. Some links will also link to an archived version of the site, such as archive.is. There is however, no standard archive system used by the fact-checking organizations.

URL to fact-checked article (in your language)

A link to the fact-checked piece published by the fact-checking organization. This will be in the original language of the fact-check, which may or may not be English (see next column description).

Language of your fact-check

The language of the original fact-check and claim. This may not be English. If you are scraping the sites of the publishers please note that it could be any of the languages listed in Appendix 3.



Final rating

The rating given to the claim by the fact-checking organization. In general, this will either be “False” “Partly False” “Misleading” or “(Org. doesn't apply rating)”[sic]. There is a possibility that this value may be different or missing altogether.

Explanation

A one or two sentence, free-form explanation by the fact-checkers on why the final rating was given to the original claim.

Example:

“Speaking to reporters on January 24, Health Undersecretary Eric Domingo maintained that there is still no confirmed case of the 2019 nCov in the Philippines. The management of PBCom Tower also said there is “no truth” to the information.”

“According to Dr. Tarik Al Azraqi, head of the committee for infectious diseases in Saudi Arabia, the nurse was diagnosed and received treatment for MERS not 2019-nCoV.”

“Until Jan. 22, this information hadn't been confirmed by any national or local newspaper nor by any member of the Italian government.”

Category

A category assigned to the type of mis/disinformation that has been fact-checked. A list of possible categories is found in Appendix 4.



Appendix 1 - Countries

Africa
Algeria
Argentina
Asia
Australia
Azerbaijan
Belgium
Bolivia
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Brazil
Burkina Faso
Cameroon
Canada
China
Colombia
Costa Rica
Croatia
Cuba
Denmark
DR Congo
East Africa
Ecuador
Egypt
Ethiopia
Europe
Finland
France
Gabon
Georgia
Germany
Ghana
Greece
Guatemala



Hong Kong
Iceland
India
India
Indonesia
Iran
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Ivory Coast
Japan
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Kenya
Kuwait
Latvia
Lithuania
Madagascar
Malaysia
Mali
Mexico
México
Middle East
Morocco
Myanmar
Nepal
Netherlands
New Zealand
Nigeria
North Macedonia
Pakistan
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
Russia



Rwanda
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Serbia
Singapore
Slovakia
South Africa
South America
South Korea
Spain
Sri Lanka
Taiwan
Tanzania
Thailand
Tunisia
Turkey
Uganda
Ukraine
United Kingdom
United States
Venezuela
West Africa
Worldwide (in English, German, French, Chinese)
Zimbabwe



Appendix 2 - Organizations

15min.It
AAP FactCheck
AFP
AfricaCheck
Agência Lupa
Agencia Ocote
Animal Político
Annie Lab
Aos Fatos
Bolivia Verifica
BOOM FactCheck
BuzzFeed Japan
Check Your Fact
CheckNews
Chequeado
Colombiacheck
Convoca.pe
Correctiv
Décrypteurs - Radio-Canada
Décrypteurs - Radio-Canada and CBC
Delfi Melo Detektorius (Lie Detector)
Demagog
Détecteur de rumeurs
Dubawa
Ecuador Chequea
EFE Verifica
Efecto Cocuyo
Effecinque - SkyTg24
El Surtidor
Ellinika Hoaxes
Estadão Verifica
Facta
FactCheck Georgia



Factcheck.kz
FactCheck.org
Factcheck.Vlaanderen
FactCrescendo
Factly
Factnameh
Faktabaari/FactBar
Faktograf
Fatabyyano
France 24 Observers
franceinfo
Full Fact
GhanaFact
India Today
INFACT
Istinomer
JTBC news
La Nación
La Silla Vacía
La Voz de Guanacaste
LeadStories
Les Décodeurs
Maldita.es
MediaWise
Misbar
Myth Detector
Newschecker
NewsMobile
Newtral.es
Nieuwscheckers
Observador
OjoPúblico
Open
Pagella Política
Periodismo de Barrio
PesaCheck
Poligrafo



PolitiFact
Rappler
Raskrinkavanje
Re:Check
Salud con lupa
Science Feedback
Spondeo Media
Sure And Share Center MCOT
Taiwan FactCheck Center
TEMPO
Teyit
The Quint
TheJournal.ie
TjekDet.dk
VERA Files
Verificado
Vishvas News
Vistinomer
VoxCheck
Washington Post Fact-Checker



Appendix 3 - Languages

Arabic
Assamese
Bahasa Indonesia
Bangla
Bosnian
Brazil
Burmese
Chinese (traditional)
Croatian
Danish
Dutch
English
English
Farsi
Finnish
French
Georgian
Georgian
German
Greek
Gujarati
Hindi
Italian
Japanese
Kazakh
Korean
Latvian
Lithuanian
Macedonian
Malayalam
Marathi
Odia



Polish
Portuguese
Punjabi
Russian
Serbian
Sinhala
Spanish
Tamil
Telugu
Thai
Turkish
Ukrainian
Urdu

Appendix 4 - Categories

Authorities
Causes
Conspiracy theory
Cures
Cures
Other
Prevention
Spread
Symptoms