

#### MADE links businesses to farming communities



 The MADE business-to-farmer model provides an important link to some of Ghana's most vulnerable rural communities





### MADE networks are useful to inform farmers about COVID-19

- As a MADE intern, you will be a crucial part of MADE's response by helping to provide farming communities with critical information about the COVID-19 coronavirus
- You will be delivering key messages to farmers in rural areas about COVID-19 and how to stop its spread







# What to do before you visit the farming communities

Learn the key messages about COVID-19





#### COVID-19 resources are in your Intern Pack





**Document:** "Guidelines to prevent the transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19)"

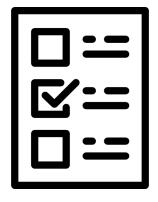
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**Videos:** Three short animations including

- 1) Introduction to COVID-19
- 2) Signs and symptoms
- 3) Keeping safe

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**Quiz:** A short quiz to recap on messaging before you go out into the field





**Graphics:** Largeformat images to support messaging





## What to do when talking to farming communities

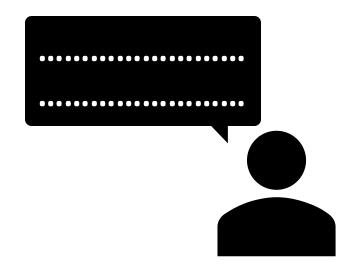




#### 1. Find out what people already know and think

Have you heard about the COVID-19 coronavirus?

What do you know about it?



- This will help you to dispel any incorrect information or rumours that people may have heard about the virus
- Some people may have limited knowledge about the virus, including what to do to keep themselves and their communities safe and well



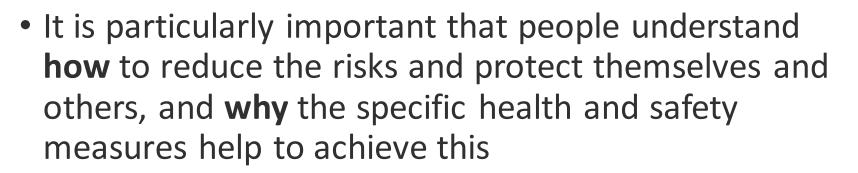
#### 2. Inform them about the virus

Here are some important messages about COVID-19:

- These are the risks...
- This is how to protect yourself and others...





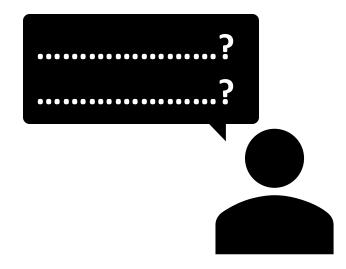


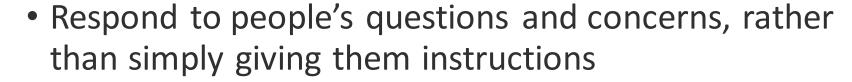


#### 3. Take the time to answer their questions

Would you like me to repeat anything?

Do you have any questions?





- Be patient you may need to repeat some of the points for people to understand them
- Refer back to the MADE resources whenever needed





### How to communicate effectively

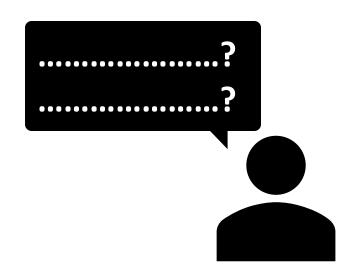




#### Tips for effective communication

 Build trust with the people you are speaking to by letting them ask questions

 Be sensitive to people's views or fears, while clearly explaining the key messages to them





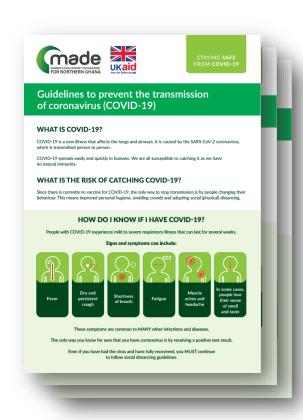
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 Key messages should be clearly expressed using concepts and words that will be familiar to the people you are talking with

- Provide relevant examples where helpful
  - For example, if you are talking about disinfecting objects or surfaces, what might the person you are speaking to have contact with?
- Be concise when conveying key messages and answering questions



#### Communicating in different languages



- The "Guidelines to prevent the transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19)" are written in English
- At the start of your internship, spend some time thinking about how you will translate the key messages into the other languages you will be speaking, and practice saying them
- Consider the best phrasing to communicate the information simply and clearly



#### Supporting your words with actions

 Actions sometimes speak louder than words, so consider which messages you can demonstrate when talking to people









Use the large graphics – they are visible from a distance





# Above all – make sure to keep yourself safe!





#### Keeping yourself safe

- It is very important that <u>you</u> stay safe and follow all of the health and safety guidelines when visiting farming communities
- These precautions are outlined on the last page of the "Guidelines to prevent the transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19)"
- Please speak to your supervisor if you have any queries or concerns

#### WHAT SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS MUST I TAKE WHEN TRAVELLING AND VISITING FARMING COMMUNITIES?



Wash your hands regularly with soap and water; if you have hand sanitizer use it between each visit



Wear a face mask or covering at all times when stepping outside



Use disposable gloves when handling products



Regularly disinfect working tools (workstations, computers, tablets, etc.)



Communicate remotely and work from home wherever possible



Comply with social distancing recommendations and avoid personal contact



Stay in touch with your local health authorities and district extension officers to help identify where there are known incidents of COVID-19 – and avoid these areas



If you are feeling unwell, please stay at home





### Looking for more information?

Check your Intern Pack





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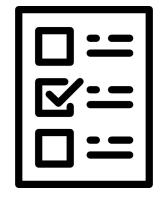


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