Re: Great talking to you

vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 3:42:56 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: [redacted]@disinformationindex.org Danny Rogers
Cc: jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh, [redacted]@disinformationindex.org Clare Melford

Thanks Danny and Clare!

Nice to meet you and thanks so much for the materials!
We're looking forward to receiving the concept note!

Vera

On Thu, Jul 14, 2022 at 3:06 PM Danny Rogers <[redacted]disinformationindex.org> wrote:
Thanks, Johnny and Vera, for your time and thoughtful questions and discussion today. We'll put together a concept note focused on the countries you outlined, so thank you for the list. In the meantime, here are a few background items we mentioned:

The PBS NewsHour Clip: https://www.pbs.org/video/online-anger-is-gold-to-this-junk-news-pioneer-1525297985/
A great NYT piece about the role of algorithms in spreading extremism: https://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/15/technology/alt-right-youtube-algorithm.html
My Time Magazine piece from last year on policy responses: https://time.com/5944432/how-to-fight-disinformation-online/

Additionally, here is a map of our current and emerging coverage. We're always eager for opportunities to fill in more of this map.

I've also attached three example Media Market Reports that demonstrate the kinds of final products we release - in addition to launch events - in various countries. I hope this gives you all a more in-depth picture of what we do. We'll be in touch with a concept note soon, and thanks again,

Danny

> On Jul 14, 2022, at 12:05 PM, Johnny Walsh <jowalsh@usaid.gov> wrote:
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> Danny and Clare - it was a pleasure; thank you for the time, and for your patience with this luddite. Here are the 10 countries we particularly have in mind as homes to promising democratic openings, that need help before they backslide as so many others have in the past. Each has its strengths and weaknesses, and there are other countries one could reasonably include here, but we'd love to hear your reactions, and better yet a one-pager on whether/how we might collaborate to help them. Looking forward to talking again!
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> Zambia
> Malawi
> Tanzania
> Dominican Republic
> Ecuador
> Honduras
> Nepal
> Maldives
> Moldova
> Armenia
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