

# THE MSF MIS/DISINFO THREAT ASSESSMENT

### STEP 1: CLASSIFY

A QUICK CLASSIFICATION OF THE INFORMATION AT HAND

| LOWER RISK ••••••••••••• | HIGHER RISK |
|--------------------------|-------------|
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| Parody   | Misconception /  | Misinformation  | Trolling or | Disinformation | Malinformation, |
|----------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|
| or Joke? | Misunderstanding | that could harm | Targeting   | Attack         | Leak or Hack    |
|          |                  |                 |             |                |                 |

## STEP 2: EVALUATE

WHAT KIND OF RISK DOES THIS CONTENT POSE?

|         | LOW                                 | MEDIUM                          | HIGH                                   | URGENT                               |
|---------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| GRAVITY | No risk real life<br>harm or threat | Moderate risk of<br>harm        | Indirect risk of real-life harm        | Direct threat of real-life harm      |
| SCALE   | Not much<br>attention               | Moderate pick up, some comments | Significant attention<br>in short time | Going viral                          |
| NOVELTY | Not new, has been said before       | Common or adapted trope         | New rumour linked<br>to wider issue    | Entirely new                         |
| TARGET  | No specific target                  | Generally targets<br>MSF        | Directly targets<br>MSF                | Directly targets specific MSF entity |
| SOURCE  | Source with limited reach           | Localised<br>movement, ad hoc   | Coordinated,<br>purposeful             | Networks with significant reach      |

### STEP 3: RESPOND

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO TO ADDRESS THIS?

| Hide or delete                              | Hide, delete, remove,<br>block or report | Set up monitoring and alerts      | Activate Disinfo<br>Response Team |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Ignore completely<br>Block user             | Set up monitoring                        | Verify claims                     | Contact Disinfo Officer           |
| Respond to comment                          | Verify claims                            | Contact Disinfo Officer           | Set up monitoring                 |
| Keep an eye on it in                        | Prepare for escalation                   | Activate Disinfo<br>Response Team | Verify claims                     |
| case of escalation<br>Report content on the | Consider response<br>strategy            | Seek digital support              | Seek digital support              |
| platform                                    | Seek digital support                     | Liaise directly with platform     | platform                          |
|   |  | Response strategy                 |                                   |



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# YOUR CASE

