HOW TO SAFELY ENGAGE COMMUNITIES
Tips for volunteers on conducting face-to-face community meetings during COVID-19

1. Before the activity
   - Avoid wearing items that need to be disinfected afterwards
   - Stay at home if you feel symptoms
   - Set up your community meeting safely by:
     - Prepare it outside if possible and security context allows
     - Ask participants to keep 2m apart from each other. You can prepare chairs beforehand
     - Try not to allow more than 5 participants, with a maximum of 2 facilitators
     - Wear appropriate personal protective equipment following your NS recommendations
     - If mandated by government, physical distancing is no possible and/or high number of cases, encourage participants to use masks

2. During the activity
   - Avoid typical physical greetings and try new practices without touching
   - Cough or sneeze into your elbow
   - Do not touch your face
   - Use large format materials instead of handing out flyers to avoid virus transmission
   - Do not enter homes
     - During household visits, you can speak through windows or doorways maintaining 2-meter distance

3. After the activity
   - Wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer after each household visit or community interaction
   - Designate a space for removing and cleaning clothing used during your outreach, remember disposable masks need to be discarded into a closed bin each day and not reused!
   - Disinfect all items

For more tips on risk communication and community engagement: https://communityengagementhub.org/what-we-do/novel-coronavirus/