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HIGHLIGHTS

Results from the third round of the Turkish Red Crescent's COVID-19 perception study have been published. Both host and refugee populations partipated in surveys and focus group discussions across Turkey. **Regarding COVID-19 vaccine, 94.9% of survey respondents reported not having received the vaccine and more than half of these respondents (52.1%) had not received any information about getting the vaccine.** The remaining (47.9%) have received information on various topics including on priority groups, people who could get the vaccine and vaccination plans.

Among those (3,646), who did not receive COVID-19 vaccine, more than half of the respondents (58.4%) said they wanted to get vaccinated when it was available for them. The remaining (41.6%) were either unsure or did not want to get the vaccine due to beliefs that the vaccine will not be

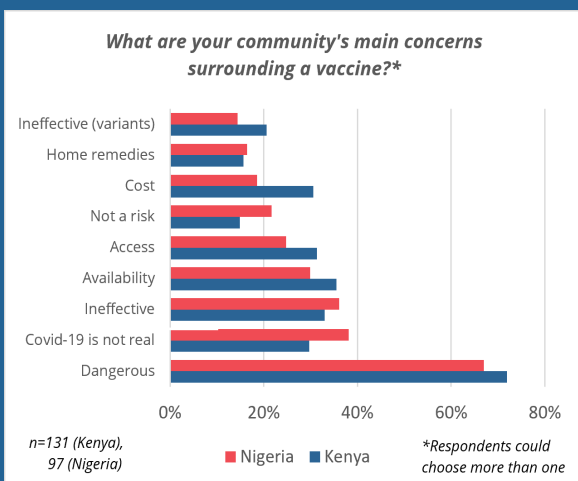safe or that people could experience serious side effects after getting vaccinated.

The RCCE Collective Service has synthesized 66 data sources across 107 countries, looking at COVID-19 vaccination topics. Overall, global COVID-19 vaccine acceptance is 75%. Findings suggest lower acceptance rates in low-income countries, but also a correlation between greater vaccination rates and increased acceptance. Those who have recently received an influenza vaccine are more likely to express willingness to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

Some key recommendations are to invest in local level studies and analysis to look beyond general global or regional trends, and to address the gap in triangulating offline and qualitative data with remote data collection from surveys.

RCCE interventions in a complex crisis environment: the Lebanese Red Cross and Anthrologica study offers several recommendations for operating in a multi-emergency context. Results showed that trust in the vaccine was low, with only 23% trusting it very much. 90% of respondents knew how to register for the vaccine, but older age groups reported the largest knowledge gap, indicating possible challenges in engaging with online registration processes.

DATA TRENDS

Red Cross Red Crescent volunteers in 49 Africa countries reported vaccine safety as the top community concern, but concerns at country level varied significantly. Volunteers in Kenya reported greater concerns of physical and financial barriers than volunteers in Nigeria, who cited community lack of belief in and risk of COVID-19.

What are your community's main concerns surrounding a vaccine?*

Categories (top to bottom): Ineffective (variants), Home remedies, Cost, Not a risk, Access, Availability, Ineffective, Covid-19 is not real, Dangerous

x-axis: 0%, 20%, 40%, 60%, 80%

n=131 (Kenya), 97 (Nigeria)

■ Nigeria ■ Kenya

*Respondents could choose more than one

FURTHER RESOURCES

iMMAP / Data Friendly Space COVID-19 Situational Analysis Secondary data reviews for humanitarian decision makers across six countries and global level.

Johns Hopkins KAP COVID-19 Dashboard Global vaccine acceptance dashboard and resources exploring survey results from 67 countries

Internews: Addressing Misinformation Demonstrating how investment in local trusted influencers counters COVID-19 misinformation

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