Supplementary File

Truth in the Crossfire: The Case of Ethiopia and Fact Checking in Authoritarian Contexts

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Annex 1 – Semi-structured interview guide

1. What was it that first drew you to work on fact-checking/disinformation-related issues?
2. Tell me a bit about your background and role.
   a. What is your definition of fact-checking? How do you explain what you do to someone who might not have heard the term before?
3. Describe a typical day in your job.
4. What are the parts of your job that you find most fulfilling or exciting? What parts do you find most difficult or challenging?
5. Tell me about how your organization works:
   a. First, can you please explain how your team is structured?
   b. Second, what are the main processes and activities you do to conduct fact-checking?
6. How are decisions made about what content to fact-check?
   a. How do you determine whether something is true or false and how to label it?
   b. How do you think of "true" and "false" as concepts in the context of your work?
   c. What factors are most at play in discussions and decisions within your organization about what content to fact-check and how to do it?
7. Please tell me about the background of your organization – how was it started and for what purposes?
8. How would you characterize the environment in which the organization operates?
9. Overall, how effective would you say your organization has been? What have been the factors that have contributed to your organization's successes?
10. What can you tell me about the challenges faced by your organization?
11. Tell me about how your team works with others.
    a. Does your team/role interact with your users/people served by the organization: who are they and what does your interaction look like?
    b. Does your team/role interact with organizations at the international level such as X, and what does that relationship look like? How would you describe it?

    c.   What are the advantages of support from organizations such as X?
    d.   What are the disadvantages of support from organizations such as X?
    e.   What are the differences in the way fact-checking is seen locally versus by international organizations?

12. Describe a contribution you're particularly proud of in your role and why.