

Review of: "African languages and COVID-19: Translations and interpretations of COVID-19 information in rural communities in Igbo land, Nigeria"

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Onwukwe and Emezue's article reconstruct with a proper sociolinguistic theory approach, the ways in which translation and neologism about COVID-19 prevention measures, results in misconceptions in Nigerian Igbo rural communities. These misconceptions were often related with social and cultural beliefs that run contrary to science-based information about COVID-19 cast by global health think tanks.

The relevance of this paper is to reveal the need to describe epidemic and pandemic emergency from a local point of view. We may conclude from the paper, the weight and empowerment derived from decolonize health and illness discourse. The article shows the need to reinforce local capabilities to tell what happen with the illness in our neighborhoods and towns. Unique prevention messages settled by international forums are useful for decision makers and governmental authorities. But to achieve local prevention measures it is essential to know the culture and daily life of the communities.