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THREAD: As the 2016 #PanamaPapers, 2017 #ParadisePapers, 2017 Azerbaijan #Laundromat, and 2020 #LuandaLeaks have shown, collaborative investigative journalism is key to linking the complex pieces of information that help explain and expose transnational kleptocracy (1/10)

@MirandaOCCRP @OCCRP notes that, when the #COVID19 pandemic hit, investigative journalists launched efforts to track and expose potential avenues for corruption, given the vast amounts of aid to be disbursed to meet emergency public health needs (2/10) https://t.co/1IZD4FbRC1

As the economic impact of the virus reverberates across the world, traditional funders of independent media may turn their attention elsewhere; however, investigative journalists also may be able to take advantage of unexpected opportunities for independent media (3/10)



News outlets that have demonstrated flexibility and responsiveness around their reporting during the pandemic—like @kloopnews @istories_media and KRIK—have reaped the benefits of a public demand for reliable sources of trustworthy

information (4/10)

Some news outlets turned to crowdfunding to support their activities and saw a rise in interest among the public to contribute to independent journalism, both financially and through contributions to the stories themselves (5/10)

One way to encourage ongoing public engagement—besides well-reported stories and solid sourcing—is to develop new methods for presenting information in clear and comprehensive ways, like through innovative technology and web design (6/10)

Many independent outlets will always rely on donors in some way. But they need to find ways to adapt, protect core activities, and survive at times when money is short. Those that are able to survive will have a vision, long-term planning, and efficiency in spending (7/10)

Media outlets that are flexible—both in terms of the type of news they cover and how they cover it—can capitalize upon unexpected opportunities to continue exposing transnational kleptocracy and its devastating impact on people's health and well-being (8/10)

For more insights from @MirandaOCCRP @OCCRP, read her essay in our Global Insights series on the intersection of transnational kleptocracy and #COVID19 (9/10) https://t.co/1IZD4FbRC1

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