

Coping with stress during the **COVID-19** outbreak



It is normal to feel sad, stressed, confused, scared or angry during a crisis.

Talking to people you trust can help. Contact your friends and family.



Be aware that not everything you hear about the virus may be true.

Stay updated and use information from trusted sources, like your health authority, World Health Organization (WHO) or your local Red Cross or Red Crescent.



Limit worry and agitation by lessening the time you and your family spend watching or listening to media coverage that you perceive as upsetting.



Draw on skills you have used in the past that have helped you to manage previous adversities and use those skills to help you manage your emotions during this outbreak.



If you must stay at home, maintain a healthy lifestyle including proper diet, sleep, exercise and social contact with family and friends at home and remotely.



Deal with any emotions you may have in a healthy manner.

If you feel overwhelmed, talk to a health worker or counsellor. Have a plan, where to go to and how to seek help for physical and mental health needs if required.