

# Information Theory of Change: Witch hunting and imperative of scientific literacy in Africa

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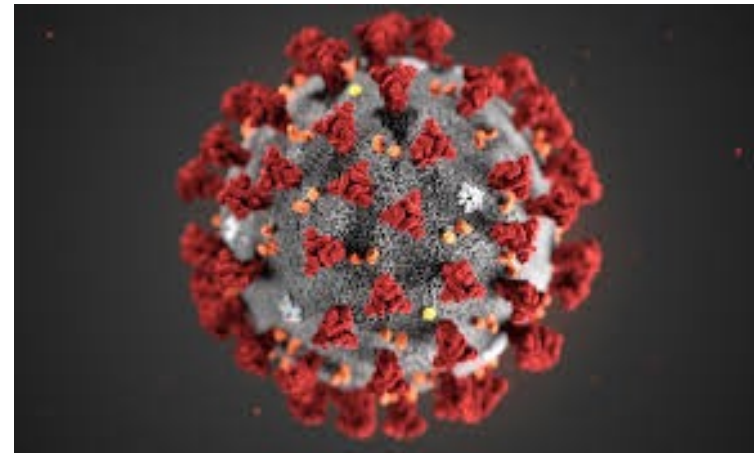
# Informaction Theory of Change

- The theory rest on two pillars: Information and action
- Ignorance, superstitions, misconception and mistaken notions of the world have been found to drive witch hunting activities



# Covid-19 and Misinformation

- The World Health Organization devoted a lot of resources combating misinformation and disinformation around the globe
- Misinformation fuels fear, panic and harm.
- False information made people drink ethanol, dettol or bleach, and other concoctions



# Misinterpretation of dementia and other health conditions



## Witch hunting, and persecutions.....





## Accused are attacked and killed



## Witch hunting and politics in Seychelles. Zambia....



- Seychelles opposition leader Patrick Herminie charged with witchcraft
- Suspected 'witchdoctors' arrested over attempt to 'bewitch' Zambia's president
- Six people accused of witchcraft were killed—two burned alive—by members of a youth militia tied to a political party in Burundi

# Raising Awareness





## Police intervention, court representation, and reintegration

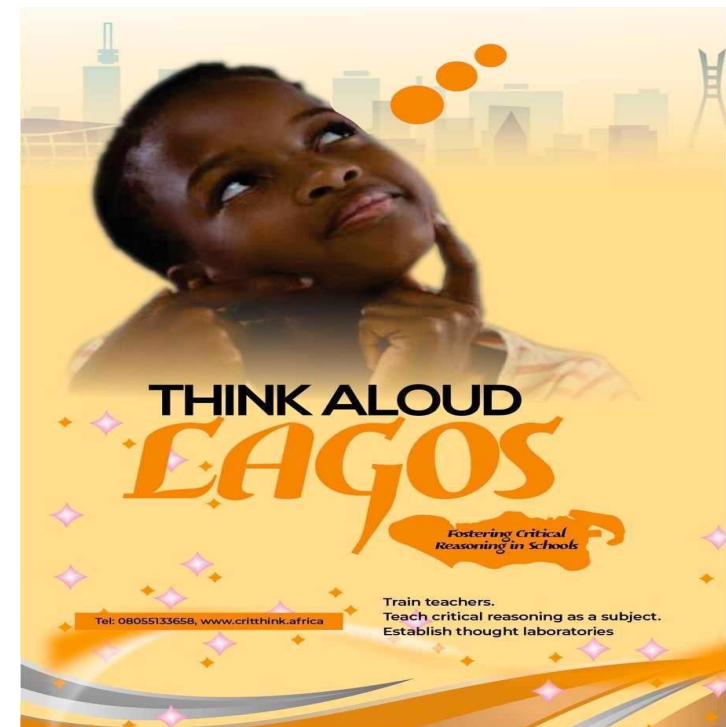


# Teaching critical thinking and training teachers.....



- Critical thinking as a subject and as infused
- Emphasis on interrogation not memorization
- Organise critical thinking competitions
- Encourage the establishment of thought laboratories in schools.

# Critical thinking in every school and for every child





# Thank you

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