

It has been more than a month since our last newsletter and we have some Evidence Aid news to share with you. This time we're alerting you to an exciting new blog titled 'Will one per cent suffice?', written by Evidence Aid's new Director, details on our involvement in the upcoming UNISDR Science and Technology conference, our training event (registration now closed), our response to the Afghanistan and Pakistan earthquake, and some new reviews uploaded to our website. Please share this newsletter with your friends and colleagues and ask them to let us know if they would like to receive it directly in the future, so that we can add them to the distribution list.

### **New blog – Will one percent suffice?**

In this blog Jeroen Jansen, Evidence Aid's new Director, responds to the recent synthesis report for the World Humanitarian Summit (WHS). According to the report, research "indicates that at least one percent of humanitarian spending should be invested in research, evidence and innovation." (World Humanitarian Summit secretariat, Restoring Humanity: Synthesis of the Consultation Process for the World Humanitarian Summit, New York, United Nations, 2015, page 122.). This is certainly a step in the right direction and supports the call in the report for increased effectiveness in the humanitarian sector. The question that remains is if allocating one percent is sufficient to drive ideas through the innovation funnel to achieve evidence-based deployment at scale. Further considerations from Jeroen can be read [here](#).

### **New reviews added to Evidence Aid resources**

We have recently added the following reviews, amongst others, to the resources: 'Effectiveness of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Interventions on Health Outcomes in Humanitarian Crises' 'The Impact of Detention on the Health of Asylum Seekers' and 'Effectiveness of Personal Protective Equipment for Healthcare Workers Caring for Patients with Filovirus Disease'. Search all of our resources [here](#).

### **Evidence Aid and the UNISDR Science and Technology conference, Geneva 27-29 January 2016**

Evidence Aid will not only attend the UNISDR Science and Technology Conference in Geneva (27-29 January 2016), but we have submitted an abstract describing a review of the evidence for the theory of change of the Evidence Aid business plan, and we are also involved in the organisation of the one of its side events alongside [Public Health England](#). The aim of the conference is to assess how the science and technology community can best support the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030. More about the conference [here](#).

### **Evidence Aid Training Event, Dublin 7-8 December 2016**

Evidence Aid is conducting a systematic review course on 7 and 8 December 2015 in Dublin, Ireland. We have 24 people signed up to the course (no further registrations being taken) with participants from various geographical locations including, France, Italy and the US, as well as the UK and Ireland, and from many diverse humanitarian organisations and academic institutions. These include (but are not limited to) Plan International, Save the Children, ACF, Loughborough University, University of Galway, and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USA). We are looking forward to meeting all the participants and getting feedback about the course. You can read more about the course [here](#).

### **Afghanistan and Pakistan Earthquake**

During the recent earthquake in Afghanistan and Pakistan we created a page to highlight relevant resources, similar to the page we did for Nepal. It has now been moved to our archive, but you can still read it [here](#).

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We hope you've found this bulletin to be informative and helpful. If you would prefer not receive further bulletins, please let us know.

With best wishes

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