

EVIDENCE AID NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2016

We are delighted to share exciting news with you about a number of events and activities that Evidence Aid has recently undertaken. Our volunteer, Shona Lang has been busy for a few months co-ordinating a Zika Collection (published this week), we have a really interesting new blog from Marie McGrath and Jeremy Shoham from ENN, and are busy working towards four events – the launch of our partnership with the Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine, two training days (UK and USA) and the fourth Evidence Aid conference to be held in Washington D.C. in the USA.

Please share this newsletter with your friends and colleagues and ask them to let Jane Higgins (jhiggins@evidenceaid.org) know if they would like to receive it directly in the future, so that we can add them to the distribution list.

Zika Collection

Evidence Aid is delighted to share with you our new collection of systematic reviews relating to the Zika virus. We have worked with our volunteer co-ordinator of the collection, Shona Lang, and we have an interesting introduction, written by Laura Rodrigues (Professor of Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Population Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine). This collection will continue to be updated as we assess and write summaries for identified systematic reviews, but if you know of systematic reviews that you think should be included, please contact us. View the collection [here](#).

New blog: Evidence in humanitarian emergencies: What does it look like?

Over 20 years, ENN has published Field Exchange to help achieve its purpose of strengthening the evidence and know-how for effective nutrition interventions in countries prone to crisis and high levels of malnutrition. ENN provides the experiences of those implementing nutrition programmes in acute and protracted emergencies. Most of these experiences and lessons learnt would not have been captured or disseminated without this type of non-peer reviewed publication. Yet, for many, Field Exchange, and equivalent publications are the 'grey' literature, often seen as a source of findings that are 'plausible' but not evidenced. Hence the question, what is evidence and what does it look like – especially in humanitarian contexts? Read more of this blog [here](#).

Launch of the partnership between Evidence Aid and the Centre for Evidence Based Medicine

Evidence Aid and the Centre for Evidence Based Medicine (CEBM) at the University of Oxford, are formally launching their partnership at Rewley House, Oxford, on Thursday 27th October from 5.00pm. Professor Mukesh Kapila CBE, Professor of Global Health and Humanitarian Affairs at the University of Manchester will be the keynote speaker. He recently drew international attention at the World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul, when he declared that "effectiveness is a moral issue and a duty" this summer. He will be addressing the moral dimension to evidence-based humanitarianism. Other speakers include Professor Mike Clarke, Mr Jeroen Jansen, and the evening will be chaired by Evidence Aid Trustee, Lady Deborah Dixon. All are welcome, but you must register to attend because numbers are limited. More information [here](#).

New one-day training courses in the USA and UK – An introduction to systematic reviews in the humanitarian sector

Building on his successful and popular courses on systematic reviews in a wide variety of settings, Professor Mike Clarke will run two separate one-day Evidence Aid courses on 16 November, in Washington, USA, and one on 30 November 2016, in Oxford, UK. The courses will each place systematic reviews in the context of disasters and the provision of humanitarian aid and provides learning and practical experience in a small group setting for many aspects of systematic reviewing. To read more about the course in Oxford and apply for a place, click [here](#). There are no spaces

currently left on the training in Washington D.C., but we are holding a wait list. If you'd like your name to be added, please contact Claire Allen (callen@evidenceaid.org).

Fourth Evidence Aid conference, Washington D.C., USA

Continuing the successful tradition of Evidence Aid's international conferences, the 4th Evidence Aid conference is inspired by the findings of a Policy Delphi Study that has been carried out in conjunction with the conference (survey now open [here](#); deadline for completion, 15 October 2016). The conference presentations and interactive discussion will address the access and uptake of robust evidence and how to facilitate appropriate use so that decisions on the ground use the best knowledge when responding to or preparing for disasters and other humanitarian emergencies. To find out how to participate, click [here](#).

Evidence Aid resources

Do you know of systematic reviews related to the humanitarian sector that are relevant to health? If so, please let us know about them so that we can add them to our resource of more than 250 systematic reviews related to the humanitarian sector. During the month of September we added a number of systematic reviews including (but not limited to): 'Secondary Stressors and Extreme Events and Disasters: A Systematic Review of Primary Research from 2010-2011', 'Nurses' experiences of ethical preparedness for public health emergencies and healthcare disasters: a systematic review of qualitative evidence' and 'Onsite midwife-led birth units (OMBUs) for care around the time of childbirth: a systematic review'. We have also added a large number of Spanish translations. View all our resources [here](#).

In addition, we have also updated systematic reviews in the collection: '[The Health of Refugees and Asylum Seekers](#)'.

Communications

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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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