

Evidence Aid – November 2016 Newsletter

We are delighted to share our news about a number of events and activities that Evidence Aid has recently undertaken. We have recently published two new blogs – one focussing on our partnership with the Centre for Evidence Based Medicine from Carl Heneghan and one all about nutrition in emergencies from Claudine Prudhon, Jacqueline Frize and Prisca Benelli from Save the Children, and are busy working towards our next three events – two training days (UK and USA) and the fourth Evidence Aid conference to be held in Washington D.C. in the USA. We have also added a number of new reviews to our Resources – and some examples are listed below.

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.

Fourth Evidence Aid conference, Washington D.C., USA – 17 & 18 November 2016

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. 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 register click [here](#). Note that there is a heavily discounted registration rate for students and interns.

This will be preceded by a one day training course to be held at the Pan American Health Organization in Washington, but this training course is now full. Read more about it [here](#).

New blogs:

Prioritising the generation of evidence on infant and young child feeding interventions in emergencies

Claudine, Jacqueline and Prisca assert that the need for evidence-based humanitarian interventions is gaining momentum, and was discussed in a recent blog by Jeremy Shoham and Marie McGrath. Unfortunately, as noted by the two Field Exchange founders, "the few reviews of evidence in humanitarian nutrition programming show that there is very little 'probabilistic' evidence out there." Knowledge gets passed on from one emergency to the next by the humanitarian workers, missing the opportunity to influence standards and encourage best practice more systematically. Time will be needed before the gaps are filled. In the meantime, humanitarian actors need to respond to emergencies according to current best practices and standards, but they also need to generate evidence to improve these practices where necessary. Read more of this blog [here](#).

Why we need evidence for aid and why CEBM is partnering with Evidence Aid

Professor Carl Heneghan stated in his blog just before the official launch of the formal partnership between Evidence Aid and the Centre for Evidence Based Medicine (CEBM), that in humanitarian disasters you need people with acute trauma care skills to find and rescue those who are able to be saved. In these initial stages providing clean water, food and temporary shelter are priorities, followed by emergency health services. However, once the cameras have gone, the fundraising has stopped and attention has focussed towards the next disaster there are still huge infrastructure and healthcare issues that need sorting. 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, launched their formal partnership at Rewley House, Oxford, on 27 October. Professor Mukesh Kapila CBE, Professor of Global Health and Humanitarian Affairs at the University of Manchester was

the keynote speaker, addressing the moral dimension to evidence-based humanitarianism. Other speakers included Professor Mike Clarke, Mr Jeroen Jansen, and Dr Kamal Mahtani and the evening was chaired by Evidence Aid Trustee, Lady Deborah Dixon. We hope to have the presentations on our website soon, and will let you know where you can access these in our next newsletter.

Evidence Aid resources

A number of systematic reviews have recently been added to our Resources including (but not limited to): 'Barriers and enablers to guideline implementation strategies to improve obstetric care practice in low- and middle-income countries'; 'A systematic review of the international disaster case management literature in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina'; 'The Impact of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Interventions to Control Cholera: A Systematic Review'; and 'Sexual and gender-based violence in areas of armed conflict: a systematic review of mental health and psychosocial support interventions. We have also added a large number of Spanish translations. View all our resources [here](#).

In addition, we have also added systematic reviews in the [Zika collection](#).

If you know of systematic reviews related to the humanitarian sector that are relevant to health, please let us know about them so that we can add them to our resource.

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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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