

This is the first of an Evidence Aid bi-monthly news bulletin. We will keep the news items short and our aim for the bulletin is to keep you informed of progress, plans, and achievements, and also pass on relevant information from others, where appropriate. Please feel free to pass this news bulletin to your friends/colleagues.

1. Evidence Aid 2012 Annual Report

We are writing the Evidence Aid 2012 Annual Report and hope to publish by the end of April. Our plans for 2013 have been sent to our Advisory Board, and we will include these in the report alongside reports of the 2nd Evidence Aid Conference, reflections on the 19th Cochrane Colloquium, the results of the needs assessment, the training that was provided to humanitarian aid workers, and the development of our database. If you know someone who you think we should send the report to, please let us know.

2. Contextual summaries

We are talking to a handful of our colleagues around the world about the development of contextual summaries for the Cochrane Reviews, currently included in our four Special Collections (available from www.evidenceaid.org and www.thecochranelibrary.com) relating to Earthquakes; Burns; Post Traumatic Stress Disorder; and Flooding and Poor Water Sanitation. If you have ideas about how we should develop these contextual summaries (i.e. 'how would you use this intervention in a particular setting') in terms of length, structure, what should be included etc., please do get in touch.

3. Conference representation over the coming months

The Evidence Aid team will be represented at the following conferences: (a) ALNAP, 5-6 March, Washington (Claire and Bonnix); (b) UK Cochrane Contributors' Meeting, 20-21 March, Oxford (Claire); (c) Evidence Live, 25-26 March, Oxford (Mike, Bonnix and Claire); and (d) WADEM, 28-31 May, Manchester (Mike and Claire). If you are going to be at any of these events, please do let us know so that we can arrange to meet up with you.

4. 2nd Evidence Aid Conference

All the photos, presentations, posters and reports from the 2nd Evidence Aid conference (held in Brussels in October 2012) are available from our website (www.evidenceaid.org).

5. Communications

Finally, you can follow us on Twitter (@EvidenceAid), on our Facebook page (Evidence Aid), via our website (www.evidenceaid.org) and you can also contact me via LinkedIn (Claire Allen).

We hope you've enjoyed this first news bulletin – if you'd rather not receive any further bulletins, please let me know.

With best wishes,

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