

Welcome to the fourth Evidence Aid bi-monthly news bulletin. Please pass this news bulletin to your friends and colleagues.

1. STOP PRESS! New Evidence Aid website (www.evidenceaid.org)

The new Evidence Aid website has been launched. It uses our existing address (www.evidenceaid.org) and has a new and different look and feel. We welcome feedback to evaluate its use and usefulness, particularly related to the 'Resources' which can be searched from anywhere on the site and provide free access to more than 100 Cochrane Reviews, with short evidence summaries. We'd like to thank Doreen Tushabe (an experienced systematic reviewer) who drafts many of these for us, and we are also exploring how we might work with a group at Harvard University in the USA on this. If you would like to help with the website, please let us know – Jen Connolly, one of our volunteers, has already offered to do some web editing for us – thanks Jen!

2. Evidence Aid Cochrane Reviews arising from the Priority Setting Meeting

Our enthusiastic volunteers have started work on three of the questions that were identified during the priority setting meeting in June, and are in contact with the following Cochrane Review Groups about providing the editorial oversight for these:

- Public Health (Question: What is the most effective way to identify the needs of the population affected by a disaster?);
- Effective Practice and Organisation of Care (Question: What is the most effective way of ensuring continuum of care between the response and recovery phases after a disaster or in other humanitarian emergencies?); and
- Pregnancy and Childbirth (Question: What are the effects of breastfeeding promotion interventions, including integrated breastfeeding, on breastfeeding rates and duration after a disaster or in other humanitarian emergencies?).

If you would like details of the other 27 prioritised questions or are interested in putting a team together to do a review, please don't hesitate to contact us. An article about the priority setting exercise has been submitted to PLOS Currents: Disasters and we will let you know when this is published.

3. Conference participation

In September, Claire and Bonnix will represent Evidence Aid at the Cochrane Colloquium in Québec, Canada with two posters (prioritisation and Evidence Aid's 10-year vision), a 'Meet the Entities' session, and an oral presentation (for more details, see: <http://capsmg.cochrane.org/blog/special-session-developing-evidence-responsive-approach>). Claire will also attend the 40th ICMM World Congress on Military Medicine in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia in December, where she will give an invited presentation about Evidence Aid.

4. Partnerships

In 2012, Evidence Aid signed a letter of understanding with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the USA. We are now developing strong links with Georgetown University and are working with Irene Jillson on a letter of understanding, and will also develop a partnership agreement with The Cochrane Collaboration. If you, on behalf of your organisation, are interested in working on a similar agreement, please don't hesitate to contact us.

5. Communications

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

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

With best wishes,

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