

Dear all,

Welcome to the January 2014 edition of the Evidence Aid news bulletin. Please share it with your friends and colleagues and ask them to let us know, should they like to receive it directly.

1. New projects

Evidence Aid is pleased to be working with 3ie/GDN on a scoping study for research in humanitarian assistance. The aims of the project are to:

- Help an international consortium of donors, including DFID and USAID, to identify priority areas and evaluation questions for impact evaluations in the humanitarian sector.
- Help inform the design of a thematic call for proposals to conduct impact evaluations of humanitarian assistance responses to crises arising from sudden-onset disasters and protracted emergencies.

If you have not done so already, we would be grateful if you could complete the online survey which can be accessed at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VLP8JB2>.

2. Unorthodox Prize funding

For those of you who were not on our distribution list in August 2013, Evidence Aid was awarded the 2013 Unorthodox Prize. We were one of 250 submissions from around the world. Alongside the prize of \$10,000, the family foundation has recently agreed to provide additional follow-on funding and non-financial support to help Evidence Aid to reach its full potential. You can read more at the Unorthodox Prize website (<http://www.unorthodoxprize.org/index.html>).

3. Conference participation

In December, Claire attended the 40th ICMM World Congress on Military Medicine in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, to give an invited presentation about Evidence Aid at the General Assembly. Evidence Aid also featured in presentations to politicians in the Northern Ireland Assembly, by members of the Centre of Public Health (where Mike and Dominic are based, in Queen's University Belfast).

Upcoming conferences for 2014 include the ALNAP conference in March, Humanitarian Technology conference in May, Campbell Colloquium in June, and Cochrane Colloquium in September. If there are relevant conferences where you think it would be pertinent for Evidence Aid to be represented, we would be grateful if you could let us know.

4. Evidence Aid evaluation

Dominic has been undertaking a review of the literature over the last 12 weeks to provide a foundation for the research project. This has focussed on research methods for evaluating complex interventions, specifically Knowledge Transfer (KT) programmes from an implementation science perspective.

5. Annual Report

We have started work on our 2013 Annual Report, and will provide more details in the next news bulletin.

6. 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).

Dominic and Claire have worked to secure a donation-in-kind from the Huddle Foundation, which offers charities and non-profit organisations donated licenses for the online project management software Huddle. This platform has great potential to enhance the way that the Evidence Aid network collaborates on projects and we hope to be able to let you know more about this soon.

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,