

Evidence Aid newsletter: May 2016

We are delighted to share exciting news with you about a number of activities that Evidence Aid has recently undertaken with particular foci on the Evidence Lounge, an activity related to the World Humanitarian Summit, and the newest blog in our series, 'Household Air Pollution and other Environmental Determinants of Health in the context of the World Humanitarian Summit' authored by Niall Roche.

Our blog author this month, Niall Roche is a WaSH/Environmental Health Consultant and Adjunct Assistant Professor at the Centre for Global Health in Trinity College Dublin. He has worked in responding to and evaluating humanitarian action, primarily with NGOs for nearly 25 years across sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia and South East Asia. While at home, he teaches or trains on global health and humanitarian action at a number of academic and training institutions across Ireland, the UK and Denmark.

As mentioned, we also are delighted to share an update of our activities around the Evidence Lounge, and our activities at the World Humanitarian Summit which will take place very soon (22-24 May) in Istanbul and we will also provide you with news of additions to our resources page on the website.

Please share this newsletter with your friends and colleagues and ask them to let us know if they would like to receive it directly in the future, so that we can add them to the distribution list.

New blog – Household Air Pollution and other Environmental Determinants of Health

Niall Roche, as someone who, in the lead up to the World Humanitarian Summit, participated in the Irish Humanitarian Consultative process and workshops on the topic of Protection (child protection and the protection of civilians), fears a glaring gap as we look to shape the future of humanitarian action. The focus of his fear is with respect to household air pollution and other environmental factors that contribute to the burden of disease in crisis situations. Niall, discusses his fears and the evidence that could support the gaps and proposes building a stronger evidence base. To read more of the blog, click [here](#).

Evidence Aid and the World Humanitarian Summit, May 2016

It is now very close to the start of the World Humanitarian Summit (WHS), taking place in Istanbul, starting on 22 May. As mentioned in our last newsletter, we are leading an initiative around the WHS titled the 'Evidence Lounge', in support of an evidence-based approach to humanitarian action. The Evidence Lounge started as an online initiative to build momentum toward the WHS where we will have a stand at the Exhibition Fair and collaborate with one of the DFID side events at the WHS.

The Evidence Lounge [website](#) has been launched and since our last newsletter two additional blogs have been published, the first authored by Ellie Ott of Oxfam ("[Who told you that? Inclusion, Bias and Humanitarian Evidence Synthesis](#)"), and the second by staff at the International Rescue Committee ("[Framing Organisational Effectiveness: The IRCs approach to Outcomes and Evidence](#)"). You can follow the Evidence Lounge on Twitter; @evidencelounge and on the website you can join our Slack online community. Just click [here](#) or send us an e-mail on evidencelounge@evidenceaid.org and provide us with your full name and affiliation. We will send you an invitation to join Slack.

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. Our most recent addition to our resource of systematic reviews, thanks to Cochrane Work, is 'Personal protective equipment for preventing highly infectious diseases due to exposure to contaminated body fluids in healthcare staff', which is particularly relevant to the Ebola outbreak. To read this review, or search all of our resources click [here](#).

New staff

We are delighted to introduce you to Evidence Aid's new Office Administrator, Jane Higgins (jhiggins@evidenceaid.org). Jane has a wealth of administration experience having worked as a PA, and run her own training business. Jane will be the first point of contact for many of our activities, so please join us in welcoming her.

Upcoming conferences

Both Claire Allen and Jeroen Jansen will be attending the World Humanitarian Summit (see above) in May 2016, and Dominic Mellon will be attending the World Health Assembly as part of the Cochrane delegation the same week. Dominic will accompany Claire and Jeroen to host a discussion booth at Evidence Live in June which is organised by the Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine (University of Oxford). Claire has just accepted an invitation to present jointly with Deborah Pentesco-Gilbert (Wiley) at a meeting organised by INASP, titled '[Publishers for Development](#)'. Evidence Aid is also working with Georgetown University the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and the Pan American Health Organization, to organise a training day (16 November) followed by a two-day conference (17-18 November) which will further explore the issues that have been raised through a Policy Delphi Study – more information to come about this later, but for now *Save the date*!

Communications

You can follow us on Twitter (@EvidenceAid), on our Facebook page (Evidence Aid), via the website [<http://www.evidenceaid.org>], and on LinkedIn (Evidence Aid). If you would like to contact us by e-mail, please write to info@evidenceaid.org.

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

The Evidence Aid team

(Claire Allen, Mike Clarke, Jane Higgins, Jeroen Jansen and Dominic Mellon)