

**Project Title:** The effects of Evidence Aid on decision making in public health disaster situations

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**Background:** The Evidence Aid project was established by the Cochrane Collaboration, following the 2004 Tsunami in the Indian Ocean. The project aims to highlight current evidence on the effectiveness of public health and healthcare interventions applicable in post-disaster scenarios. This research will evaluate the effectiveness of the Evidence Aid project in achieving its aims, improving decision making and ultimately improving the health outcomes for populations affected by disasters and emergencies.

**Method:** This research will use mixed research methods to evaluate the Evidence Aid project, including a review of the current literature, operational research methods for process evaluation and disaster epidemiology to examine differences in health outcomes.

**Results:** Not applicable.

**Conclusion:** Not applicable.

**Dissemination:** The principle target audience for the findings from this research include: the Evidence Aid programme management team; the Evidence Aid International Advisory Team; funders and supporters of Evidence Aid; Evidence Aid systematic review groups; users and beneficiaries of Evidence Aid outputs, including governments and non-governmental disaster response organisations; academic researchers in disaster management and emergency response.

**Keywords:** Evidence Aid; impact; effect; decision making; disaster; public health.