

Happy New Year! It has been just over a month since our last newsletter and we have some Evidence Aid news to share with you. This time we're alerting you to an exciting new blog by Andrew Pullin and Teri Knight from the Collaboration for Environmental Evidence which they wrote after attending the COP21 conference in Paris. The blog is titled 'Reducing the impact of extreme environmental events using Environmental Evidence'. We also are delighted to share details of our attendance at the UNISDR Science and Technology conference, and news about 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 – Reducing the impact of extreme environmental events using Environmental Evidence

Many would argue that a significant and positive outcome was achieved at the recent Paris summit (COP21) on climate change in December. We may have a real political mandate for action but the world is still in for some rough weather over the coming decades and good quality evidence will be needed to inform our actions where and when extreme events occur. Record breaking extremes of climate are being experienced in terms of high temperature, rainfall and strong winds. These events impact directly on human populations through the increased frequency and severity of heatwaves, drought, floods and storms. They also lead to secondary effects such as fires and coastal inundations. Further, indirect consequences include food and safe water insecurity, the spread of disease vectors, poor sanitation, increased air pollution and displacement of populations. In relation to health, these negative impacts affect both physical and mental well-being. To read more about the experience of the Collaboration for Environmental Evidence, click [here](#).

If you would like to connect with the Collaboration for Environmental Evidence, you can do so through their website [here](#).

Evidence Aid Training Event, Dublin 7-8 December 2016

Evidence Aid conducted a systematic review course on 7 and 8 December 2015 in Dublin, Ireland. We had 24 people signed up to the course from various geographical locations including, France, Italy and the US, as well as the UK and Ireland, and from many diverse humanitarian organisations and academic institutions. These include (but are not limited to) Plan International, Save the Children, ACF, Loughborough University, University of Galway, and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USA). The course feedback was excellent and you can read about Steve Waller's experience of attending [here](#).

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. We have worked with publishers to achieve open access to some pay per view reviews if you use the link on the Evidence Aid Resources page. Our aim this year is to reorganise the list of reviews and if you'd like to be a part of that project we'd welcome you on board! Search all of our resources [here](#).

Evidence Aid and the UNISDR Science and Technology conference, Geneva 27-29 January 2016

Evidence Aid will be involved in the UNISDR Science and Technology Conference where the Sendai Framework will be developed. Claire Allen, Jeroen Jansen and Dominic Mellon will be attending and side meetings have been organised with the World Health Organisation and The Geneva Centre for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action (CERAH) and Cochrane among others. If you are attending the conference and/or based in Geneva and would like to take the opportunity to meet with us, please do get in touch soon. Read about the conference [here](#).

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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

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