Evidence Aid newsletter – August 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 new blog in our series, ‘Human rights preparedness’ authored by Thérèse Murphy; we also share the details of a new one-day course that we are running on 30 November in Oxford – ‘An introduction to systematic reviews in the humanitarian sector’ and give you an update of our activities at Evidence Live (22-24 June).

Please share this newsletter with your friends and colleagues and ask them to let Jane Higgins (jhiggins@evidenceaid.org) know if they would like to receive it directly in the future, so that we can add them to the distribution list.

New blogs
Human rights preparedness
Do you agree that the protection of persons must be of prime concern in disaster contexts?

And do you agree that international human rights law, which is replete with explicit rights for the protection of persons and corresponding state obligations, must also be of prime concern in such contexts?

Thérèse Murphy expects that most, if not all, readers will agree in full with the first claim. But how many will agree with the second? The answer, she suspects, is not many at all. Read more of this blog here.

Thérèse Murphy is Professor of Law and Director of the Health and Human Rights Unit at Queen's University Belfast. Her books include Health and Human Rights, and you can follow her on Twitter @healthhru.

New one-day course – An introduction to systematic reviews in the humanitarian sector
Building on his successful and popular courses on systematic reviews in a wide variety of settings, Professor Mike Clarke will run this one-day Evidence Aid course on Wednesday 30 November 2016, in Oxford, UK. The course will place systematic reviews in the context of disasters and the provision of humanitarian aid. The course will provide learning and practical experience in a small group setting for many aspects of systematic reviewing. These include question formulation and eligibility criteria, searching for eligible material, data extraction, analysis, and reporting. Examples relevant to the humanitarian sector will be used to illustrate key points and participants should leave the course feeling more comfortable about embarking on their own systematic review and when using reviews for decision making. To read more about the course and apply for a place, click here.

Evidence Live, 22-24 June 2016
Evidence Aid, alongside its partner, the Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine (CEBM) and hosts of Evidence Live, hosted a ‘discussion drop in point’ over the duration of Evidence Live, 22-24 June 2016. The drop in point was jointly hosted by Claire Allen, Deborah Dixon, Jane Higgins, and Jeroen Jansen and we were situated right next to, Caroline Fiennes, from Giving Evidence, who has been closely associated with Evidence Aid for a number of years. This was the fourth time that Evidence Aid was represented at this prestigious conference and we are planning to be involved more fully in
the 2017 conference, after discussions with our partner and the host organisation, CEBM. We met with a number of people who expressed specific interest in Evidence Aid and welcome them as recipients of this newsletter. Jeroen Jansen was interviewed and a video of this interview (which took place during Evidence Live) will be posted on our website soon, and featured in our next newsletter.

**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 so that we can add them to our resource of more than 250 systematic reviews related to the humanitarian sector.

**Upcoming conferences**

Claire has accepted an invitation to present jointly with Deborah Pentesco-Gilbert (Wiley) at a meeting organised by INASP, titled ‘Publishers for Development’ in September. In October, Jeroen will be attending the Humanitarian Congress in Berlin. 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*!

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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

The Evidence Aid team

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