

COVID-END partners meeting agenda
Notes from 4 June 2020
<https://zoom.us/j/6163788736>

1. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Jeremy noted that there are no new collaborators joining today's call (see attachment 2)*

2. FOLLOW UP ON ACTION ITEMS

- a. Jeremy drew partners' attention to the review notes from 28 May (see attachment 3)*
b. Jeremy also drew attention to the follow-up on action items (see attachment 4)

3. COVID-END COMMUNICATIONS AND NETWORK UPDATES

- a. Heather walked partners through the revised logic model (attachment 5) and noted that the revisions were based on the feedback that has been shared to date*
- b. Partners were generally comfortable with this version and offered the following edits that could be considered in the fine-tuning stage that we are now entering*
- i. Reduce duplication and ordering differences*
 - 1. Under supply challenges, the first and last points seem to cover the same ground*
 - 2. Under 'outputs,' we have 'tools and resources to support researchers,' but researchers are listed as a secondary target group under 'Target groups'*
 - ii. Address the fact that if one reads left to right it isn't really a pathway, which could be confusing (and the simplest way of addressing this may be to provide a complementary evidence ecosystem model with the stages that we are attempting to 'influence')*
 - iii. Clarify whether multiple languages are considered under mechanisms, products, etc.*
 - iv. Add HTA agencies as a target group*
 - v. Make explicit the need to maximize internal validity (quality) and external validity (responding to demand and integrating evidence within demand-side constraints)*
 - vi. Mention better alignment of the demand and supply sides where we talk about increased collaboration among partners*
 - vii. Include as outputs tools and resources for other target groups, and not just decision-makers and researchers*
 - viii. Add an equity, diversity and inclusion dimension to the outcomes/goals and/or on the demand side*
- c. Declan offered to provide staff support to 'spruce up' the final version if needed*

4. UPDATES FROM WORKING GROUPS

- a. Jeremy pointed partners to the co-chairs meeting notes from 1 June (attachment 7)*
- b. Working group co-chairs provided the following updates*
- i. Scoping – Working group is discussing LMIC-specific considerations in both the demand and supply sides; Moses Ocan from the African Center of Systematic Reviews and Knowledge Translation asked to be considered for membership on the Scoping working group*

- ii. *Engaging – Working group is starting outreach this week, is moving towards a final decision about whether to work with HIFA or start our own listserv, and will be continuing a conversation with Heather about the proposed ‘horizon scanning’ project*
- iii. *Digitizing – Working group is reviewing a request from another working group and is currently prioritizing an ‘Improve my RIS file’ project (as a first step towards a federated search) and looking into how to capture ‘added value’ evidence documents (like many rapid reviews and guidelines) that aren’t already captured in bibliographic databases*
- iv. *Synthesizing – Working group welcomed two new members (Cristian Mansilla, who recently completed five years running the rapid-evidence service in the Chilean ministry of health, and Stephanie Chang, who leads the Evidence-based Practice Centers program at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality), is close to finalizing a document for researchers considering or conducting an evidence synthesis, has continued discussions about transparency and burn-out, and received a helpful presentation about work by the Digitizing working group from Gabriel Rada*
- v. *Recommending – Working group will soon have a new co-chair, has welcomed new members from the HTA community (and they have formed a sub-group), is mapping guideline repositories, and hopes to be able to promote key one(s) and to encourage or support them to include quality assessments*
- vi. *Packaging – Working group has finalized the principles for evidence packaging and will soon finalize the resource list to support evidence packaging, both of which will then be posted on the COVID-END website*
- vii. *Sustaining – Working group will be welcoming two new members (Jean-Lous Denis from the University of Montreal and Tanja Kuchenmuller from the WHO European Regional Office) and is developing protocols for baseline and longitudinal studies of COVID-END*

5. UPDATES ON CROSS-PARTNER INITIATIVES AND INITIATIVES OF INTEREST TO PARTNERS

- a. *Jerry Osheroff described how ACTS is focusing on a few high-stakes COVID-19 patient care questions (patient triage and anti-coagulation) that they will examine the whole way through to patient outcomes*
- b. **ACTION:** Partners (and the Digitizing and Recommending working groups and the Secretariat) to review the documentation about the questions and contact Jerry if you identify potential synergies with your work:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wdQHZESQ6k1MjkSz-0KRT1sfAfAza36Y0ctaL5jOAF4/edit#heading=h.uv0d6fc5k06d>
- c. *Lesley Stewart noted that PROSPERO is moving towards finalizing an agreement with NIH that will allow it to keep up with demand, conduct a pilot test of COVID-19 protocols that have non-health outcomes, and explore with the Secretariat a COVID-END database of evidence documents that can be filtered using the decisions taxonomy*

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business