COVID-END partners coordination call
Notes from call on 4 November 2021

1. INTRODUCTIONS
   a. Jeremy welcomed partners to the call

2. REVIEW OF COVID-END ACTION ITEMS
   a. Jeremy pointed partners to the notes from 9 September (see attachment 2)

3. COVID-END NETWORK UPDATES
   a. Jeremy provided an update on COVID-END’s funding status, noting that we have been invited to submit a request for a one-year extension of funding (and will find out whether we’re successful on or around 29 November)
      i. Kerry noted that we’re silent on a role for COVID-END in terms of long-term health and socio-economic consequences of COVID-19 and that at UNICEF they see a COVID-19 focus shifting from a standalone one, to being integrated as a lens within ongoing programmes, but the long-term focus is still explicitly there
      ii. Jeremy noted that one task for the next 12 months is to develop a ‘succession plan’ for COVID-END – how can we develop COVID-END like support across sectors and the world (we anticipate many COVID-END partners will (should) be involved.

   b. John provided an update on the exhibits from the Global Commission on Evidence to Address Societal Challenges, invited feedback on the exhibits (evidencecommission@mcmaster.ca), and noted the following past and upcoming events
      • Cochrane Convenes (14 October) – recordings available here
      • Engaging Evidence 2021 (9 November, 5 pm EST) – register here
      • Bat-Sheba de Rothschild Webinar (9 November, 11 am EST) – register here
      • Global Evidence to Policy Summit (15-17 November) – register here
      • Evidence for Policymakers 2021 (1-2 December) – register here
      • International Society for Evidence-based Health Care (2 December) – registration details will be available here
      i. Note that the exhibits shown in the slide deck are drafts, and the full version can be found on the Commission website: https://www.mcmasterforum.org/networks/evidence-commission/ways-you-can-help/comment-on-draft-exhibits
      ii. Shiv asked whether we have found anything on combining modelling/predictive analytics with synthesis for feeding into recommendations, and John noted that we have a draft recommendation about the importance of addressing this going forward
      iii. Elie asked whether we address the politicization of decision making, particularly policy making, and John noted that we both describing the political factors influence
decision-making and how many political actors trafficked in mis- and dis-information during the pandemic

**ACTION:** Secretariat to share the slides, and partners are encouraged to submit feedback on exhibits to evidencecommission@mcmaster.ca as soon as possible

### 4. COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE STUDY

a. Jeremy noted that Jean-Louis Denis will be presenting his team’s study of communities of practice, utilizing COVID-END as one of the case studies, at a future meeting instead of today

b. **ACTION:** Safa to share the details for the December meeting with Jean-Louis Denis and add this presentation to the agenda for the next meeting

### 5. NEWS AND INITIATIVES OF INTEREST TO PARTNERS

a. Nikita Burke provided updates and results from Evidence Synthesis Ireland's Priority III study (see their top 10 here: [http://www.evidencesynthesisireland.ie/priority-iii](http://www.evidencesynthesisireland.ie/priority-iii))

b. Jeremy noted the upcoming Global WHO Evidence-to-Policy (E2P) Summit, 15 - 17 November 2021
   i. Click [here](http://www.evidencesynthesisireland.ie/priority-iii) for more details and registration

### 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a. No other business