

## COVID-END global partners meeting

Notes from 3 February 2022

Link to join meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/6163788736>

### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. No new participants

### 2. REVIEW OF COVID-END ACTION ITEMS

- a. Jeremy pointed partners to the notes from 20 January (see attachment 2)

### 3. COVID-END NETWORK UPDATES

- a. John noted that the executive summary of the Evidence Commission's report is available in the following languages:

[عربي \(Arabic\)](#)

[中文 \(Chinese\)](#)

[Français \(French\)](#)

[English](#)

[Português \(Portuguese\)](#)

[Русский \(Russian\)](#) - coming soon

[Castellano \(Spanish\)](#)

He also noted that full-text online and print versions are available in English and French, with the former being available through the Evidence Commission website and the latter being available at cost through national Amazon platforms

- b. John provided a brief of the Evidence Commission's report launch on 27 January
  - i. Recordings of launch webinar are now available: <https://www.mcmasterforum.org/networks/evidence-commission/events>
- c. He also provided an update on pathways to influence activities, and invited partners to add to the sign-up sheet '[ways you can help](#)' (e.g., pitching a story or op-ed for national news media, commentary in academic journals, and leading work on pathways of influence for recommendations)
- d. Partners offered a number of comments about how to improve the signal-to-noise ratio (e.g., address duplication and lack of coordination) in ongoing responses to COVID-19 and future responses to other societal challenges:
  - i. move beyond volunteerism, and create opportunities only accessible to collaborative, transnational efforts with clear rules of engagement
  - ii. learn from both successes and failures, including the facilitators (e.g., incentives, including local branding, and trust) and barriers
  - iii. tell success stories over and over again (e.g., JBI and SPOR Evidence Alliance collaborated to increase the reach and impact of a series of rapid reviews and bring them to clinical settings: <https://jbi.global/covid-19#emerging-research>)
- e. Partners also emphasized the importance of:
  - i. Working with country-level leaders in regions like South Asia where UN system entities may or may not play a key role in supporting evidence use

- ii. Working with motivated and capable leaders in UN system entities to pursue next steps (e.g., UNICEF leveraging its mapping of evidence supports across UNICEF's 190 offices and linking with the Transforming Evidence Funders Forum, an informal alliance of 30+ foundations who are interested in the ideas of improving evidence-sharing incentives etc.)
- iii. Working with a range of evidence intermediaries, especially very capable and well-positioned groups like the Africa Evidence Network to build capacity in using evidence to address societal challenges

#### **4. NEWS AND INITIATIVES OF INTEREST TO PARTNERS**

- a. Claire shared the following updates from Evidence Aid
  - i. Fundraising appeal to continue Evidence Aid's work through 2022 and beyond. You can donate [here](#) or contact [callen@evidenceaid.org](mailto:callen@evidenceaid.org) to find out more about working with Evidence Aid
  - ii. Webinar linked to the [WHO guidance on research methods for health emergency and disaster risk management](#) is being planned for February. Date and further details on free registration for the webinar will be released in the coming weeks (and available on Evidence Aid's social media)
  - iii. To receive Evidence Aid's newsletters directly, contact [info@evidenceaid.org](mailto:info@evidenceaid.org)

#### **5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. No other business