

**COVID-END global partners meeting**  
Notes from 9 June 2022

**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

- a. Jeremy introduced visitors who will be speaking to item 3b: Julian Little (University of Ottawa), Lori Linkins (McMaster University), and Simon Bacon and Nana Wu (Concordia University)

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

- a. Jeremy pointed partners to the notes from 7 April (see attachment 2)

**3. COVID-END NETWORK UPDATES**

- a. John provided updates from the Evidence Commission secretariat
- i. Report is now available in all seven languages
  - ii. Launches have taken place in four languages (English, French, Spanish and Portuguese) and another launched is planned for Chinese tomorrow
  - iii. Event co-hosted with Cochrane and EVIPNet for a World Health Assembly side-event (and Kerry noted that she presented alongside the WHO Chief Scientist at the annual conference of the International Communications Association)
  - iv. Select additional presentations included Cochrane Colombia event, National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine event, and librarians' event; **Addendum – select more recent presentations include:**
    - Evidence Forum (The Pew Charitable Trusts and The White House, U.S.A)
    - Nordic Conference on Mental Health and the Early Years (Iceland)
    - Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development
    - Sax Institute (Australia)
    - Transforming Evidence Network (primarily UK)
    - WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office
  - v. Procedures are being updated for the rapid-jurisdictional assessments focused on domestic evidence-support systems
  - vi. Gearing up for greater engagement of UN system entities (and Kerry noted that UN General Assembly presidents' focus on sustainability, science and solidarity), global evidence producers, and funders
- b. Leads from the three teams presented the suite of living evidence syntheses on vaccine effectiveness, which led to many observations and comments
- i. Ruth Stewart noted that she'd used a COVID-END-identified living evidence synthesis about mental health to provide advice to the South African Ministerial Advisory Committee on COVID, which was incorporated in the advisory submitted to the minister and in the press

- ii. Kerry Albright noted that UNICEF is undertaking a rapid evidence assessment/evidence synthesis of the effectiveness of use of behavioural insights/behavioural sciences to enhance vaccine uptake (not just COVID) across Eastern Europe and Central Asia (with BIT UK), as well as undertaking a separate piece to document the use of human-centred design approaches to enhancing immunization rates across sub-Saharan Africa and southeast Asia
  - 1. Jeremy Grimshaw and Maureen Smith noted complementary work led by Justin Presseau
  - 2. Kerry noted for Simon Bacon that he should contact Shivit Bakrania ([sbakrania@unicef.org](mailto:sbakrania@unicef.org)) and Ben Hickler ([bhickler@unicef.org](mailto:bhickler@unicef.org)) to be looped into this work
  - 3. Vivian noted that a Campbell team is leading a suite of reviews on psychosocial determinants of COVID health-related behaviours, including an evidence map: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/cl2.1219> (with results expected by end of September)
- iii. Jeremy Grimshaw noted that he would be happy to interview leads and members of the different teams to tease out the key issues that could inform a paper
- iv. Maureen Smith noted that she and others are working on a piece about the citizen engagement of COVID-END last summer

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

- a. What Works Global Summit will be held October 18-20, with abstract deadline likely to be extended beyond 12 June: <https://wwgs2022.mailchimpsites.com/>
- b. Evidence Synthesis Ireland and Cochrane Ireland webinar – Success of living systematic reviews for rapid evidence synthesis and surveillance
  - i. 16 June 2022 at 1pm Dublin (8am EST)
  - ii. Register [here](#)
- c. Epistemonikos’ recent publication on the COVID-19 L·OVE repository
  - i. More details and access to the paper can be found [here](#)

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