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DEVELOPING A DOCUMENT OF COVID-RELATED GUIDELINES AND GUIDELINE DEVELOPMENT

Proposal of a framework in collaboration with G-I-N to organize guidance documents approved by members of this Working Group

- *Zac and Michael developed framework to organize resources for COVID-related guidelines, with the potential to coordinate with GIN's activities in this area*

ACTION ITEM: Michael, Zac, Iván and Anna to continue discussion about coordinating GIN content on COVID-END website

Discussion about the content on HTA guidance

- *Ivan returned to guidance resource document, exploring the possibility to have a combined HTA and guideline document (HTA-specific content highlighted in green)*
- *Mireille agreed on importance of developing an HTA component within guidance document, with particular attention to taxonomy of guidelines (what is done by HTA and what is done by guidelines), based on clinical data and but inclusive of many other types of data.*
- *Can support collaboration and learning by working across HTA and guideline sectors (e.g. highlighting how guideline developers could benefit from other types of analysis (economic, ethical analysis))*
- *Sandy emphasized importance of being transparent about when there isn't sufficient evidence to be fully evidence-based guideline, requiring expert consensus-based guidelines. Most*

guideline are evidence-informed and consensus-based (trustworthy based transparent process rather than fully evidence –informed). Important to make this distinction

ACTION ITEM: Working group members asked to include HTA-relevant information within document

ACTION ITEM: Iván will continue to refine navigation document and share with working group for feedback

Discussion around co-creation, while continuing to build resource document and inventory around small set of questions

- *Identifying where to focus and what would be required to support work around co-creation*
- *Jerry shared that ACTS project participated in productive call with Australia living guidelines group, identifying what we can do upstream, identifying areas for collaboration with other international collaborators, including COVID-END*
- *Mireille suggested a useful tool would be a guide to navigate guidelines for different interventions/decision-points to navigate when different guidelines might best apply*
 - *Jerry shared a living tool to support workflow with cited evidence and guidelines used to inform decision-making; the tool evolves as the evidence evolves (currently building a mechanism to update regularly)*
- *Jerry reminded the group that three of the working group's objectives are central to collaborating with ACTS project*
 - *#2. Identify and support the most useful repository for trustworthy COVID-19 guidance (the 'global guidance repository') that can be re-used, shared and adapted globally and is optimally linked to other repositories of evidence sources (e.g., systematic reviews, evidence tables, economic models) from trustworthy partners such as PAHO, WHO, G-I-N, and others)*
 - *#3. Identify and share standards, methods, processes and digital platforms for developing, disseminating, adapting and implementing trustworthy, actionable and living guidance (linked to evidence)*
 - *#8. Develop rapid guidance following trustworthy methods for rapid recommendations (e.g., BMJ rapid recommendations) for selected prioritized questions*
- *Sandy and David agreed to act as liaisons between ACTS coordination and COVID-END/working group*
- *Working group to discuss how best to collaborate and support ACTS project beyond the minimum of sharing ACTS resources (including linking out)*
- *Opportunities to support collaboration with COKA as they develop systems to tag information coming down pipeline*

Developing use cases similar to Synthesizing Working Group (to support collaboration with Digitizing WG)

- *David explained document describing use case around evidence synthesis*

- *Highlighted that may be more challenging to capture all evidence in guideline space as so much is produced but not always in public domain*
- *Opportunity to use inventory project to facilitate coordination across synthesizing, digitizing and recommending to create something that is valuable to the greater community*
- *Group to identify when best suited to develop stronger links with Synthesizing working group*

ACTION ITEM: David to share synthesizing use-cases when complete