1. COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS REPOSITORY

- e-COVID, led by Holger Scheunemann in collaboration with NIPH (Norway), map of recommendations related to COVID-19; launched in December 2020
- Aligns with a core interest of COVID-END recommending working group, opportunity to amplify and build upon repository while also harmonizing across different groups
- Several members of COVID-END involved in supporting and/or contributing to e-COVID initiative
- e-COVID is linked with both GIN and COVID-END, though does not currently include all guidelines (e.g. doesn’t include WHO living guidelines and Australian living guidelines, WHO guidelines are not most recent)
- Rebecca suggested that gap in comprehensiveness may be more due to capacity in completing timely assessments, and may be a way for some in COVID-END to consider supporting
- Suggested that those who have guidelines included in e-COVID to review whether all are included, how their guidelines are reflected, if they had opportunity to provide feedback, what is missing and raise any suggestions for improvements
  - Important that this be done by members of the recommending working group without any conflicts of interest and is seen as a robust and transparent assessment

**ACTION:** Ivan and David offered to receive and compile feedback from those with guidelines in e-COVID


- Some concerns raised by group members included:
  - how repositories can effectively interact with organizations that produce guidelines
  - few opportunities to provide feedback, missing granularity in interpretations
  - helpful to have collaborative spirit in assessments, use interpretation of recommendations rather than originals; helpful to have transparency about how that is developed

**ACTION:** David and Sara offered to review methodological documents and provide feedback

**Summary of methodology:**

- COVID-END inventory could also include observational trials as important resource to decision-makers; David agreed to follow-up with inventory group
• Group agreed would be helpful to reach out to members of e-COVID (in two weeks and ask members to send comments by Jan 29th)

2. RECONFIGURATION OF WORKING GROUPS

a. Review updates to new and existing working and task groups (see attachment 3)
b. Review Recommending working group’s terms of reference (see appendix in attachment 3)
c. Review Recommending working group and COVID-END’s meetings schedule (see attachment 4)

• Recommending working group to continue meeting monthly; group strongly supported continuing to meet as brings people in leadership positions together to share best practice, ideas and ways forward

• Highlighted suggestion that Alric, Sara, Ivan join Profiling working group

• All groups members to send a note to Safa if would like to join any new working groups

• The group raised some questions about the new structure, including
  o Potential overlap between some groups (e.g. Scoping vs Profiling)
  o Extent that groups will be addressing post-COVID concerns; this is address at COVID-END level by the Sustaining working group, but may also be relevant for each of the working groups to consider
  o Helpful to have discussion of global vision and shift in approach with focus on lessons learned and how to move that forward; helpful to have someone to speak to this from the secretariat

• For recommending group, focus on continuing to build up support and integration for HTA, continue to build on living evidence and living guidance; how we interact with other working groups