1. **INTRODUCTIONS**
 	
    a. Welcoming new working group members
       i. Lucy Shantel Nakibuuka, Memorial University, Canada
	2 min

2. **FOLLOW-UP ON ACTION ITEMS** *Not applicable*	min

3. **DISCUSSION AROUND COVID-END AND LMICS**
 	
    a. Challenges faced by low-and middle-income countries (see attachment 2)
• *Attachment 2 was presented and discussed:*
• *COVID-19 is magnifying some of the challenges that existed before*
• *In some areas of the world (e.g. Africa) a lot of the decsions being made are due to economic reasons rather than health - COVID-19 related health risks in workplaces will likely increase overtime*
• *There is currently much less research and synthesis activity outside of health domains in COVID-19*
• *Challenges differ from country-to-country and within countries*
• *Are there any practical suggestions that could be offered to mitigate the challenges?*
• *Can the practical challenges be mitigated with funding?*
    ○ *Funding could help to a degree*
    ○ *Some data-heavy activities that require a lot of bandwidth (e.g. downloading search files) could use some help from other COVID-END partners*
    ○ *Some of the solutions being proposed by other groups in COVID-END that are focused on avoiding waste may help (e.g. not having to search separate data bases, common screening processes)*
    ○ *Would something like Cochrane passive exchange(?) be helpful in the short-term?*
    ○ *Can there be some support on the synthesis of international literature so countries could focus on tailoring to their context?*
• *Birte mentioned the survey they are conducting. Key issues that are coming out in survey are often socio-economic and not health, such as food security, social protection, employment and others + are of a different magnitude in LMIC context - key questions and challenges are unique. How can this be addressed in the activities of COVID-END?*
	30 min

So far in COVID-END there has been limited discussion of policy questions, would be useful to reflect on how much the COVID-END activities reflect these issues *What are the priorities for COVID-19 in the short, medium and long term? Seems to start at the personal level (e.g. mask wearing) but how to we expand out to organizational and system level concerns?* *HB mentioned horizon scanning activity as a potential way to surface some of the emergent priorities and invited suggestions of what* *Charles and colleagues are working on a scan of what groups are working on who are advising decision makers at the regional level* *How can COVID-END make these issues more visible? Could we (COVID-END community) pitch the idea of commentary or blog to raise visibility; (e.g. if donors want to help, provide IT resources for people to do this work from home)* *WG members expressed broad receptivity to this idea* *COVID-END could bring some weight and visibility to issues* *Need to ensure we engage COVID-END partners from Asian countries* *Connections to survey the at Birte's group is doing* *Need to recognize the great strides that have been made in the past 20 years in evidence synthesis and translation communities, need to maintain and build from that* **ACTIONS:** **This group to continue to crowd-source the key points** **Ensure we consult with COVID-END partners from other regions and they have the opportunity to add points (who are not on this group)** **Work with Secretariat (Lucy and Jeremy) to turn this into a first draft commentary** **Discuss draft with full COVID-END partners**	

4. REVIEW WHO SLIDES
   a. See attachment 3
     Not discussed
	5 min

5. DISCUSSION OF FUNDING MODEL *Not discussed*	**10 min**

6. REVIEW LOGIC MODEL
   a. See attachment 4
     Not discussed
	10 min

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS *a. Work that can be done by student support*	**3 min**