

1.5 Connection to COVID-END

The COVID-19 Evidence Network to support Decision-making (COVID-END) first identified the need for the Evidence Commission and helped shape the report contents, and it is committed to pursuing pathways to influence for the Evidence Commission's recommendations.

COVID-END's 55 partners are drawn from diverse evidence-synthesis, technology-assessment and guideline-development communities, as well as key 'intermediary organizations.' (For a listing of partners, see bit.ly/3wGw012.) The partners have long track records of supporting decision-makers locally, nationally, internationally and across sectors. They are among the most respected organizations in their respective fields. They came together to provide a more coordinated evidence response to the once-in-a-generation global challenge of COVID-19. Their evidence-related activities have spanned the full spectrum of the pandemic response, from public-health measures and clinical management to health-system arrangements and economic and social responses. Their activities also covered the full spectrum of contexts where the pandemic response has been playing out, including low-, middle- and high-income countries. As the world begins to return to addressing both slow-burn societal challenges and encounters new crises, COVID-END's partners want to see us build on what went well with the evidence response to COVID-19 and ensure that we address what could have gone better.



COVID-END acts as 'umbrella' for these partners in the time-limited evidence response to COVID-19, and many of them in turn act as an umbrella for many other partners in addressing a broad range of societal challenges. Examples of these umbrella organizations include:

Africa Centre for Evidence, which supports the Africa Evidence Network in bringing together more than 3,000 people from across Africa to support evidence-informed decision-making

Campbell Collaboration, which supports teams around the world to prepare and support the use of evidence syntheses in areas like business and management, climate solutions, crime and justice, disability, education, international development, and social welfare

Cochrane, which includes review groups around the world that prepare evidence syntheses, and geographic groups in 45 countries and thematic networks in 13 domains that support evidence-informed decision-making on health-related topics

Evidence Synthesis International, which supports evidence-synthesis organizations around the world that produce, support, and use evidence syntheses

Guidelines International Network, which supports 130 organizations around the world that develop and implement evidence-based guidelines.

The Evidence Commission welcomes expressions of interest from other umbrella organizations that can commit to pursuing pathways to influence for the Evidence Commission's recommendations.