

## 1. REVIEW POTENTIAL CHANGE TO ONE PRINCIPLE

- a. *Current: Package only high-quality and timely evidence syntheses, HTAs and guidelines (with primary attention given to COVID-focused evidence and secondary attention to broader COVID-relevant evidence)*
- b. *Possible revised version: Package only high-quality and timely evidence syntheses, HTAs and guidelines (with primary attention given to COVID-focused evidence and secondary attention to broader COVID-relevant evidence) and/or provide a quality rating and an exact date for the evidence search (or at least the exact date the document was finalized)*

**ACTION:** John to keep the current wording in the version to be posted on the COVID-END website (given the complexity of distinguishing the quality of the review from the quality of the evidence contained in the review, etc.)

## 2. REVIEW UPDATED RESOURCE LISTING (*attachment 3*)

- a. *Working group agreed with the six 'buckets' of resources and with the examples given*

**ACTION:** Craig to share any JBI resources that can be highlighted in the resource listing and then John to circulate the penultimate version for final review before posting on the COVID-END webpage and to share the link with the Engaging working group for use in their communications with groups supporting decision-makers

- b. *Working group discussed additional issues including:*
  - i. *Whether and how COVID-END should also be addressing how to support the use of research evidence by consumers, providers and policymakers*
  - ii. *How to approach evaluation beyond reach and usage*
  - iii. *How different regions and countries are finding different topics to be relevant at different times*

**ACTION:** John to flag the above issues for the Secretariat (including the link between 2bi and the interest of some other partners in a potential Implementing working group)

## 3. TARGETED COMMUNICATION

- a. *Working group discussed the potential of targeting a communication to the donor community (e.g., stop 'spam funding' initiatives that increase the noise-to-signal ratio, unlock global partnership funds to help support initiatives that decrease the noise-to-signal ratio), both likely strong allies (e.g., NIHR and Wellcome Trust) and those who will be less familiar with the evidence ecosystem*
  - i. *Whether this is any different from other topical issues*
  - ii. *Whether the problem is a combination of new entrants to the research-funding field as well as existing research funders that are responding differently to COVID-19 than to past priorities*
  - iii. *How examples like Cochrane's continually re-prioritized list of questions can be better promoted*
  - iv. *How the emerging importance of living evidence documents can be better promoted*

**ACTION:** John to flag the above issues for the Secretariat to consider for an upcoming partners call

**4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

*a. Working group also discussed whether there's an emergent need for a group operating between the producers of very complex reviews and the plain-language communicators that can help frame the decision-relevant information in ways that are most immediately usable by decision-makers (and then can be put into even simpler language)*

**ACTION:** Jo to share an example of a particularly complex review to see if working group members have feedback on how to frame the decision-relevant information in the most helpful way

**b. ACTION:** John to organize a call with Ben and the Secretariat to discuss next steps for this working group