



COVID-END partners coordination call

Notes from 8 October 2020

<https://zoom.us/j/6163788736>

1. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. *Jeremy welcomed participants to the call and introduced a new partner: Sara Loree and Stacy Brody, U.S. Library Reserve Corps*

2. REVIEW OF COVID-END ACTION ITEMS

- a. *Review partner notes from 1 October (see attachment 2)*

3. COVID-END NETWORK UPDATES

- a. *Francois-Pierre Gauvin gave an overview of the draft citizen-engagement strategy (see attachment 3), Maureen Smith provided an update on recruitment to the horizon-scanning panel and noted the four LMIC candidates are all physicians (or in one case may be another type of health professional), a number of partners suggested working with national civil society groups (e.g., Edward Kayongo for Uganda and Tamara Lofti for Lebanon), public involvement groups (e.g., Sandy Oliver noted [https://www.citizensuk.org/what we do](https://www.citizensuk.org/what_we_do)), and partner-affiliated citizen partners (e.g., Stefano Negrini with Cochrane Rehab)*
- b. **ACTION:** Edward Kayongo, Tamara Lofti and Stefano Negrini to share names with the secretariat and the secretariat to consider approaching public involvement groups as well as individual nominees
- c. *John Lavis gave an update on horizon scanning update (see attachments 4, 5 and 6), noted that we are in a transition month as we introduce not just issues but also priority topics for living evidence syntheses and as we begin to design an approach that could allow panelists to 'up vote' or 'down vote' topics within each of the four elements of the taxonomy, and proposed that the secretariat bring back to the partners a proposed approach for this 'next generation' approach to prioritizing topics for living evidence syntheses (and encouraged feedback in the meantime and then when we share the proposed approach)*
- d. **ACTION:** Secretariat to share a proposed approach to the prioritization of topics for living evidence syntheses
- e. *Amena El-Harakeh provided an update on the baseline study update, particularly the social network analysis, and encouraged those partners who haven't yet responded to the survey to do so as soon as possible (ASAP)*
- f. **ACTION:** Partners who haven't responded to the survey to respond ASAP

4. NEWS AND INITIATIVES OF INTEREST TO PARTNERS

- a. *Jeremy noted an upcoming IMI EHDEN online roadshow: a series of 3 webinars focused on 'the role of health data in the era of COVID-19'*
 - i. *This webinar series, organised by Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) project EHDEN in partnership with Vital Transformation, will present an opportunity to explore utilisation of Real World Data/Real World Evidence in Spain and Spanish-speaking countries, as well as to compare and analyse wider European and Spanish RWD/RWE initiatives in the spirit of creating collaborations and strengthening relationships*
 - ii. *First webinar is on 9 October, 14.30-15.30 CET*
Link to register [here](#)

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. *Jeremy noted the following 'time off' weeks with no scheduled COVID-END meetings:*
 - i. *Week of October 12*
 - ii. *Week of November 16*
 - iii. *Week of December 21*
 - iv. *Week of Decembr 28*

ACTION: Safa to re-send the invites/cancellations to ensure partners' calendars are correct