Scoping Working Group Notes from call on 8 February 2021

1. FOLLOW-UP ON ACTION ITEMS	5 min
a. Review notes and action items from previous meeting (see attachment 2)	
2. GLOBAL EVIDENCE SYNTHESIS	45 min
 a. Global commission on evidence syntheses after the pandemic, including lessons learned and what do they tell us about the evidence synthesis community post-COVID (see attachment 3) • Background to the global commission: • Important to have more people from the demand side than the supply side, so this is not seen as the evidence synthesis community indicating the need for more resources, but rather having influential players from the demand side signalling that evidence synthsis is a core component of how we view the world in the future • The proposal includes convening a commission of key thought leaders globally and articulate in a document the important of evidence synthesis. Articulate the need from the demand and facilitation side, but what we can do on the supply side as well in terms of building on the existing institutions and strengthening them (e.g. broaden opportunities for strengthening of registration for PROSPERO) • Might be able to do something alongside the World Health Assembly next year (2022) • Should this be a commission within healthcare to see what comes out of that, and then building on it and expanding to other non-health sectors? 	
 To be identified in the background: Identify in the background the issue of fake news and misleading/misinformed information in the media Knowledge translation - how to implement the indications and the points that the evidence synthesis is highlighting. In most settings, it is difficult to implement knowledge translation and contextualize the evidence synthesis to the local settings The need for on-going infrastructure for research and facilitating links between well establishes research centres and institutions Global inequity Political instability, especially in low- and middle-income countries 	

- Include a statement about bringing policymakers and evidence synthesers together at an earlier time in order to ensure faster uptake of the evidence synthesis
- Positioning the need for this commission within the waste context (research context, but also waste due to policy and decision-making being made not with the best available research evidence)
- Signal the need to build capacity globally in conduct and use highlighting the equity arguments efficiently and stating them more clearly, and embedded in country systems globally
- O Evidence synthesis for knowledge support (organizations such as Cochrane) in which the evidence is summarized but no contextualization work is done. Evidence synthesis for decision support includes additional work regarding contextualization, understanding the local environment in relation to the evidence. The need to get across the idea that we need both of these functions
- Scope:
 - o How to involve different stakeholders outside the health sectors
 - Does evidence synthesis to support policy formulation stretch to implementation as well
- The approach moving forward is to have working papers from the supply side, rather than working groups
- List of topics included in the proposal is not complete and will continue to evolve
- **ACTION:** Working group to consider any potential global key players to be included in the commission and send names to Jeremy

3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10 min

- a. Shift in working group meetings schedule to 2nd week of the month
 - Next meeting is on 8 March 2021
- b. Recuitment of members to new working groups (Prioritizing, Profiling and Accessing)
 - Not discussed at this meeting