



# **Individual Self Reflection 2020 on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments and Initiatives - Evidence Aid**



## Stakeholder Information

**Organisation Name**

Evidence Aid

**Organisational Type**

Other

**City and Country where Headquartered**

Oxford, United Kingdom of Great Britain  
and Northern Ireland

**Focal Point Name**

Claire Allen

**Region**

Global

**Twitter ID**

@EvidenceAid



**4C Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides**

**Joint Commitments**

Commitment	Joint Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
<p>Commit to taking concrete steps to ensure that humanitarian action is based on high quality evidence. We will do this by investing in research and the collection, synthesis and analysis of data, by improving the quality and accessibility of this evidence, and by adopting better practices and systems to use and value evidence. We commit to developing this more evidence-based humanitarian sector through collaborations that are multi-national, multi-organisational and multi-sectoral.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <a href="#">Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance (ALNAP)</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">IMPACT Initiatives</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">World Vision International</a></li> <li>✗ Oxfam International</li> <li>✗ International Rescue Committee</li> <li>✗ Feinstein International Center, Tufts University</li> <li>✗ Sphere</li> <li>✗ United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland</li> <li>Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute (HCRI) - University of Manchester, Public Health in Humanitarian Crises Group - London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), Centre for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action (CERAH), International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), Wiley, Centre for Development and Emergency Practice (CENDEP), School of Architecture, Oxford Brookes University, Cochrane, Queen's University Belfast, REACH Initiatives, ELRHA, Georgetown University, The Assessment Capacities Project (ACAPS), Groupe URD, Center for Refugee and Disaster Response - Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health</li> </ul>	<p>Policy</p>	<p>Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need</p>

**1. Highlight the concrete actions taken between 1 January – 31 December 2017 to implement the commitments which contribute to achieving this transformation. Be as specific as possible and include any relevant data/figures.**

**Other-4C**

- Evidence Aid provided two training courses titled 'An introduction to systematic reviews in the humanitarian sector' that provided learning and practical experience in key aspects of reviewing, with examples relevant to the humanitarian sector being used to illustrate key areas. The outcome for participants was that they should feel comfortable about embarking upon systemic reviews and more confident using them for decision making.
- Evidence Aid led the Humanitarian Evidence Week (#HEW2017) (<http://www.evidenceaid.org/events-and-training/hew/>), and held an Evidence Lounge in Geneva in September 2017 which will lead to a practical guide on the use of evidence, and held a free workshop (a participatory workshop consisting of presentations and group discussions and exercises with examples of how an evidence-based approach has made a difference in the humanitarian and other sectors).
- We also worked with the sector to curate a new collection of evidence for nutrition in emergencies (<http://www.evidenceaid.org/prevention-and-treatment-of-acute-malnutrition-in-emergencies-and-humanitarian-crises/>).

**2. A. How are you measuring progress toward achieving your commitments? Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.**

- Through existing, internal systems or frameworks for monitoring, reporting and/or evaluation.



**B. How are you assessing whether progress on your commitments is leading toward change in the direction of the transformation?**

Through discussions with the sector.

**3. A. Please select no more than 3 key challenges faced in implementing the commitments related to this transformation. Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.**

- Buy-in
- Funding amounts
- Human resources/capacity

**B. How are these challenges impacting achievement of this transformation?**

We need to address the challenge that the humanitarian sector faces about the use of robust (high quality) systematic reviews, and generating high quality data that can be analysed. Evidence Aid is investigating the possibility of providing a course on trials and evaluations in challenging circumstances as part of Humanitarian Evidence Week 2018.

**4. Highlight actions planned for 2018 to advance implementation of your commitments in order to achieve this transformation.**

New training course on trials and evaluations in challenging circumstances; Humanitarian Evidence Week 2018; publication of 'A practical guide to the use of evidence in the humanitarian sector'; revisiting and revising our business plan to respond to the needs of the sector in the provision of evidence; and making summaries of our our resources available in a third language.

**5. What steps or actions are needed to make collective progress to achieve this transformation?**

Funding should be made available to ensure that humanitarian actors not only understand the value of high quality evidence, but can generate data that can then be systematically reviewed in order to provide evidence on which to make the best decisions they can.

**6. List any good practice or examples of innovation undertaken individually or in cooperation with others to advance this transformation.**

Humanitarian Evidence Week 2017 (<http://www.evidenceaid.org/events-and-training/hew/>); curation of the collection of evidence for nutrition in emergencies (<http://www.evidenceaid.org/prevention-and-treatment-of-acute-malnutrition-in-emergencies-and-humanitarian-crises/>); and Geneva Evidence Lounge (25 organisations from UK and Switzerland moving toward publication of a practical guide in the use of evidence in the humanitarian sector).

**Keywords**

Innovation