COVID-END COVID-19 Evidence Network to support Decision-making

Sustaining Working Group Notes from call on 12 May 2021

1. FOLLOW-UP ON ACTION ITEMS	5 min
a. Review notes and action items from previous meeting (see attachment 2)	
2. COVID-END BASELINE PROJECT	50 min
a. Discuss updates to data collection, thematic analysis and next steps	
Current coding consists of 1) high level codes; 2) root codes; and 3) child codes (line by line coding)	
 Working group reviewed the codes specific to COVID-END reflections, in which the following was asked of interviewees: 	
 How did the organization join COVID-END and with process and reasons to join? 	
 Main findings included: COVID-END was primarily found on previous academic networks and collaborations 	
 Process was mainly through invitations (i.e. connections between partners) 	
O What were the organization's expectations when initially joining?	
 Many organizations expressed the expectation for the potential to reduce duplication of work 	
 Concerns and skepticism expressed by interviewees that have prior experiences with similar networks. Some concerns included foreseeing coordination challenges, particularly at reducing duplication at a global level 	
 Some of the expectations can be interpreted as reasons for joining 	
What are the organization's experiences to date?	
 Are there any suggestions for improvements or future collaborative goals for COVID-END? 	
 Ideas for 2 pieces of work that might come out this: 1) why do people engage with COVID-END and their early experiences; and 2) what are the 	
experiences of organizations early on – ensure that those 2 separate pieces aren't lost	
Working group members provided feedback for the codes and generated graphs	
for Amena to take away for editing (e.g. separating out the data of different reasons to join COVID-END and processes of joining)	
Next steps for Amena and Tiago will include building a case for each	
organization by linking the website scan and social network through translating	
characteristics and descriptions into a matrix. This matrix can in turn be linked to the responses to the interviews	

- Update from Jean-Louis Denis' communities of practice study:
 - o Currently concluding the data collection process, and will continue observing a number of COVID-END working groups
 - o Analysis will require deciding on a structure of preliminary case narrative, to be produced for June
 - O Narrative will be built in dialogue with various organizations, and assessment of 'what are the organization's beliefs' and how to quantify the beliefs

3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5 min