

Research meeting  
July 11, 2013

### **Update on GiveWell's plans for its top charities rankings at the end of 2013**

Last year we had a goal of publishing new recommendations by November 1<sup>st</sup>, but missed our deadline. This year, we are hoping to hit the November 1st deadline.

One agenda item for getting an earlier start on GiveWell's top charity recommendations is to gather enough information about promising organizations that we can decide whether to pursue them as potential top charities. We will aim to make decisions about these organizations by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

The organizations we have spoken with at length this year are Deworm the World and UNICEF's Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus program. This year, the primary goal for the part of GiveWell focused on top charities was to hire and train staff in order to build research capacity but not to grow our research coverage, so we may not have new top charities in 2013.

Another part of our annual update pre-giving season is reviewing any new information on the programs our top charities run. That is, looking for and incorporating any new information that could have bearing on the programs run by AMF, GiveDirectly, and SCI as well as potentially Deworm the World and UNICEF MNT.

An additional element of the annual update is reading through the website to make sure that the content is in line with our current goals and research.

All research meeting notes available at <http://www.givewell.org/research-meetings>