Research meeting June 13, 2013

Staff discussed recent conversations with experts on policy advocacy and meta-research (conversation notes forthcoming).

Salesforce (Natalie)

Natalie described the tools that we are transitioning to for our donation processing and keeping track of donor information.

Vitamin A (Tim)

We are looking into Vitamin A supplementation, which past meta-analyses have shown to have a significant reduction on childhood mortality. DEVTA, a very large, more recent study, did not find a statistically significant effect of vitamin A supplementation on child mortality.

There is a question of whether DEVTA should be considered separately or in combination with previous studies, because previous studies were mainly clinical trials, and DEVTA was testing the effect of VAS in practice.

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