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Web Appendix 1: Results of study screening and selection process, 1980-2014

Stage 1: Peer reviewed literature: electronic database search (N=49376)

Stage 2a: Peer reviewed literature: title/abstract review (N=37500)

Stage 2b: Peer reviewed literature: full article review (N=384)

Excluded: duplicates (N=11876)

Excluded after full paper review (N=78)

Stage 3: Grey literature papers added (N=39)

Stage 4: Peer reviewed and grey literature (N=423)

Excluded: no outcome or output, not an intervention, not a humanitarian crisis, others (N=37116)

Stage 5: Final papers selected (N=345)
Web Appendix 2: Quality review criteria (adapted from STROBE and CONSORT)

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<th>STROBE Criteria for Observational Studies</th>
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<td><strong>Intervention:</strong></td>
<td>Eligibility</td>
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<td>1. Is the intervention clearly described?</td>
<td>1. Did study state # not meeting inclusion criteria?</td>
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<td><strong>Selection of participants:</strong></td>
<td>2. Did study state # declined to participate?</td>
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<td>2. Is the target population defined?</td>
<td><strong>Once Randomized:</strong></td>
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<td>3. Is there a comparison group (e.g. baseline, control)?</td>
<td>3. Did study state # receiving intervention?</td>
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<td>4. Are the inclusion and exclusion criteria defined?</td>
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<td><strong>Follow-Up:</strong></td>
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Web Appendix 3: List of studies included in the study, by health topic

Communicable disease control (by disease type)

Malaria


**Polio**


87. Arumugam, M., et al., Measles transmission following the tsunami in a population with a high one-dose vaccination coverage, Tamil Nadu, India 2004-2005. BMC Infectious Diseases, 2006. 6(143).


Water and sanitation

Nutrition


**Mental Health and Psychosocial Support**


**Non communicable diseases**


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