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Abstract: The Cochrane Public Health Review Group (PHRG) became operational in April 2008. The scope of the Group overlaps somewhat with all three Campbell Coordinating Groups. The broad topic categories include: Employment & the work environment; Income distribution/financial interventions; Housing and the built environment; Food supply/access; Education; Transport; Public safety; Social networks/support; The natural environment, and; Health & related systems. Due to the nature of the complex interventions for review by this Group, we share similar methodological challenges to Campbell Groups. We seek to work with all Groups, including the Campbell Methods Group, to work through these issues in a collegial and productive way, including through joint editing of co-registered reviews of mutual interest, co-authoring articles and conference presentations, etc, to ensure better evidence is available to decision makers. This paper outlines the policies, processes, challenges and outcomes of the Group one year on from registration, and identifies examples of collaboration with Campbell entities and individuals. We will share experiences of authors and editors of reviews of complex interventions in-progress though the PHRG and highlight lessons learned. Options for involvement with the Cochrane PHRG will be outlined and time will be allotted for discussion with audience members on ways for moving forward with future collaborative opportunities.