

Table 1 Summary of learning and sharing café sessions

Webinar	Date	Topics and presenters
Launch	6 April 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Infant feeding and COVID-19: Current evidence and recommendations (John Hopkins University) - IYCF-E in the context of COVID-19 (UNICEF) - Communication on protecting, promoting and supporting breastfeeding during COVID-19 (Safely Fed Canada) - How we can continue to protect, promote and support infant and young child feeding (IYCF) in the context of COVID-19 (Save the Children)
Café # 1	30 July 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IYCF programmatic adaptations in the context of COVID-19: resources and tools (IFE Core Group), - Remote IYCF-E support in Colombia (Save the Children Colombia) - IYCF-E in Somalia (Save the Children Somalia)
Café #2	10 August 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to communicate: infant and young child feeding recommendations in the context of COVID-19 – IYCF-E (USAID/UNICEF) - Adaptations experience in the context of COVID-19 in Somalia (Concern Worldwide Somalia) - IYCF-E adaptations in the mother baby areas of Uganda (Save the Children Uganda)
Café #3	22 October 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IYCF-E to strengthen IYCF practices during COVID-19 in Nepal (Helen Keller International) - Adaptations to routine IYCF activities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Jordan (International Medical Corps Jordan) - Kyrgyz Republic adaptation of nutrition programming for COVID-19 (JSI/USAID Advancing Nutrition, Kyrgyz Republic)
Café #4	27th October 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IYCF-E response in Syria during COVID-19 (UNICEF Syria) - IYCF programming during COVID-19 in Sierra Leone (Action Against Hunger and Community Action for the Welfare of Children) - IYCF-E interventions in Lebanon (International Orthodox Christian Charities Lebanon)
Café #5	30 November 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IYCF-E response in South Sudan during COVID-19 (Action Against Hunger South Sudan) - Infant feeding with refugees in Greece (CHEERING) - IYCF-E and COVID-19 in Yemen (International Medical Corps Yemen)

The challenges to programming identified in the experiences shared include a lack of suitable infrastructure needed to allow social distancing and other hygiene practices, insufficient quantities of PPE including face masks, funding gaps and gaps in human resources to support additional activities. Two detailed case studies are presented in articles within this edition of *Field Exchange* from Somalia³ and Lebanon.⁴

Feedback from the cafés

A total of 1,555 individuals registered for the webinars representing countries from all over the world and 665 (43%) attended the events. The majority of the participants were female (73%). A post-webinar evaluation revealed a high level of participant satisfaction. Results of a rapid survey revealed that 88% were aware of the WHO Breastfeeding and COVID-19 FAQ⁵ and 49% made some adaptations to this document for their own use. A total of 71% of respondents knew the USAID/UNICEF IYCF in the context of COVID-19⁶ counselling package and 48% made some adaptations to this package for their use. This demonstrates a need to continue

updating programmers around existing guidance and the ways that this can be translated into context-specific programme adaptations/guidance.

Several recommendations for webinars in 2021 were made including technical themes such as complementary feeding in emergencies, community-based management of acute malnutrition (CMAM) and IYCF-E, maternal mental health, conducting IYCF-E assessments, developing IYCF-E indicators and adolescent and maternal nutrition linkages with IYCF-E. The webinar committee of the IFE Core Group is planning new webinars in response to these recommendations to share new country case studies and newly emerging guid-

ance and themes to support the continuation of quality IYCF programming in the light of COVID-19.

The webinars can be found at the following link: https://www.nutritioncluster.net/IYCF-E_learningandsharingcafeseries_presentations

For more information, please contact the IFE Core Group at ife@enonline.net

³ See article in this edition of *Field Exchange* entitled "Adapting infant and young child feeding interventions in the context of COVID-19 in Somalia"

⁴ See article in this edition of *Field Exchange* entitled, "Infant and young child feeding in emergencies: Programming adaptation in the context of COVID-19 in Lebanon"

⁵ WHO Breastfeeding and COVID-19 FAQ

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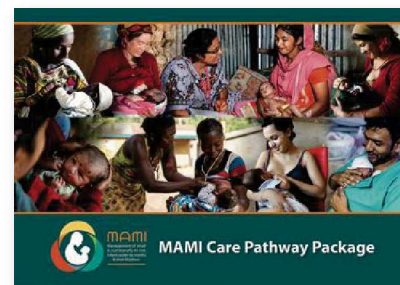
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Launch of the MAMI Care Pathway

The MAMI Global Network, co-chaired by the Emergency Nutrition Network (ENN) and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), has released the MAMI Care Pathway Package, v3.0 (formerly the C-MAMI Tool) - an implementation guidance with resources to support the management of small and nutritionally at risk infants under six months and their mothers (MAMI). Developed in consultation with experts

and practitioners, this integrated pathway of care leverages existing systems and services across health and nutrition, and supports implementation of World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines on wasting management and Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI). The MAMI Care Pathway requires adaptation for different contexts; implementation experiences will inform future updates.



Access the package at <https://www.enonline.net/mamicarepathway> including a short orientation video.

To join the MAMI Global Network, contact: mami@enonline.net and for more information, visit: www.enonline.net/ourwork/research/mami