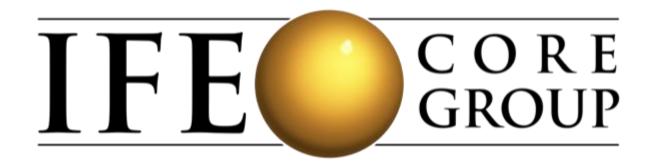


# Annual meeting 2021

November 15-16-18 2021





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Day 1 - November 15

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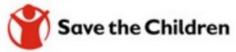




















































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Support of:











## Meeting objectives

Review IFE Core Group progress for 2021

❖ Identify priority areas and actions for a work plan to be delivered by the collective for 2022



# Setting the scene moments in IYCF-E for the year 2021



### Your reflections - IYCF-E moments

Have we missed any important events?

What contributions have we had during these moments?



### **Update** on

IFE Core Group Annual Work Plan

IFE Core Group achievements for 2021



# IFE CORE GROUP STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN



IFE Core Group Strategy 2020-2024



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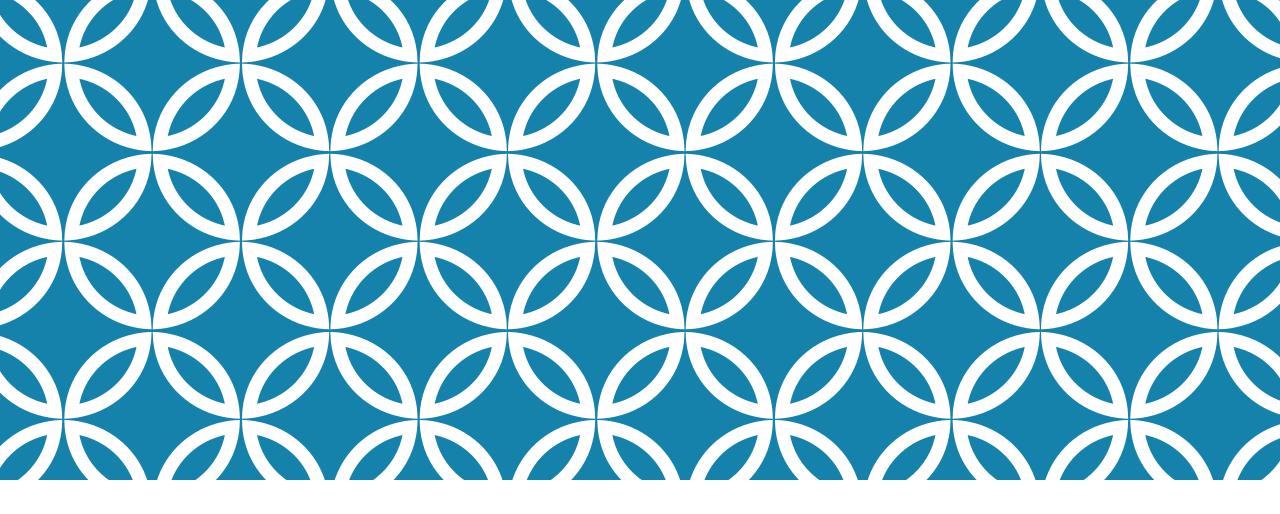


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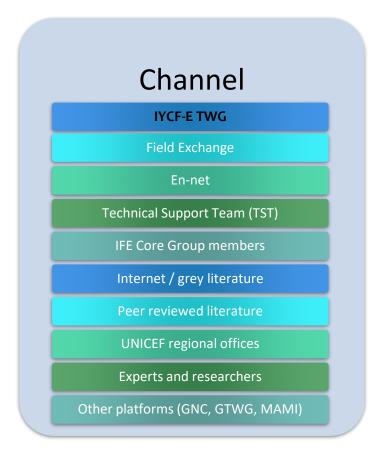
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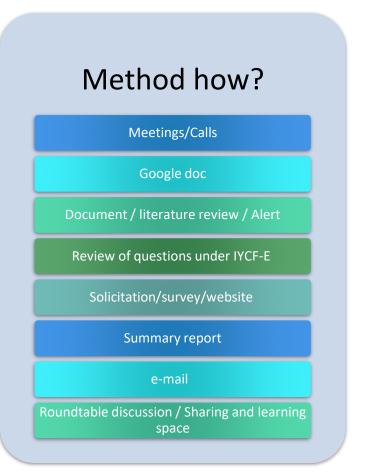
ROADMAP FOR IDENTIFYING GAPS AND CHALLENGES RELATED TO IYCF-E

IFE Core Group – Working group A1

# LISTING OF CHANNELS, FREQUENCY, AND METHOD







### ROADMAP – CHANNEL, WHEN, AND HOW

Channel	When	How? (method)					
		Report	Meeting/call	Round table discussion	Online review/Aler system	Google doc t /excel	
IYCF-E TWG	Monthly		x	x		x	
Field Exchange	Bi-yearly				X		
En-net	Monthly				X		
Technical Support Team (TST)	Monthly	x	x				
IFE Core Group members	Monthly		x			x	
Internet / grey literature	Monthly				х		
Peer reviewed literature	Monthly				х		
UNICEF regional offices	Quarterly		x	X		Other methods for	
Experts and researchers	Ad hoc		x	śΧ		<ul><li>particular issues on ad-hoc basis</li><li>- Email</li><li>- Survey / solicitat</li></ul>	
Other platforms (GNC, GTWG, MAMI)	Quarterly						

# Channel

# Who?

**IYCF-E TWG** 

Field exchange

En-net

Technical Support Team (TST)

IFE Core Group members

Internet / grey literature

Peer reviewed literature

**UNICEF** regional offices

Experts and researchers

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# Develop a report on implementation of IYCF-E policies and plans by countries and governments

- Implementation report re-initiated with support from Save the Children
- Sub-Committee A2 activated with representation from UNICEF, WHO, WFP, ACF, GOAL, an Independent, IFE CG and Save the Children
- Consultant (Diane Holland) recruited

#### • **Objectives** confirmed:

- 1. Review and document the progress governments have made in adopting and implementing the OG-IFE, including in policy, programmes, action plans and funding allocations.
- 2. Identify and present examples of how governments and organisations have translated the operational guidance into practice.
- 3. Make recommendations for governments on increased support for infant feeding in emergencies.



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#### Develop a report on the dissemination of the IYCF-OG

**Working Group A3** 

Dashboard for reporting on dissemination of the OpsG operational guidance





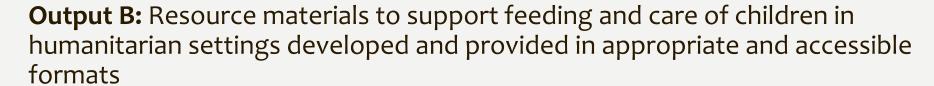
# ++ Lessons learned from Haiti response

### Summary of responses to request on lessons learned for the Haiti IYCF-E response August 24, 2021

Below is a summary of responses received as a result of a request to IFE Core Group members to share lessons learned related to IYCF-E in Haiti. Table 1 presents previous programme documents, guidance, joint statements etc. that were shared. Table 2 includes articles written documenting the experience in 2010 and lessons learned. What follows is also a list of individual observations and lessons learned from IFE Core Group members.

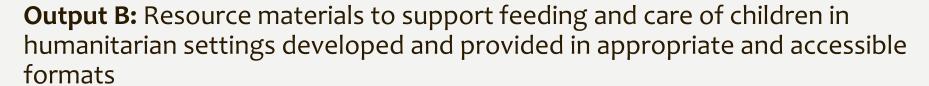
Table 1: Previous guidance and programme documents

Title of document	Nature of document	Description
Points de Conseil en Nutrition pour Bébé Directives Nationales	National guidelines	This document outlines the standards related to responding to the needs of infants and young children during emergencies including the establishment of baby tents and provision of artificial feeding support
National guidelines for infant nutrition		artificial feeding support
Terms of Reference for Save the Children's role in ready to use infant formula as a last resort in Haiti.	ToRs	The document outlines the roles and responsibilities of Save the Children in temporarily assisting UNICEF to control supply of RUIF and cups to the nutrition cluster partners requiring it for their emergency nutrition response, while UNICEF positions itself to take on this role.



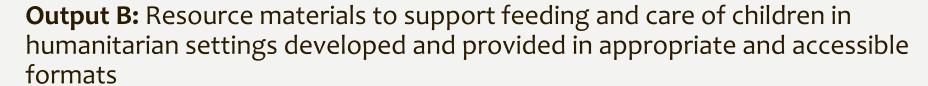


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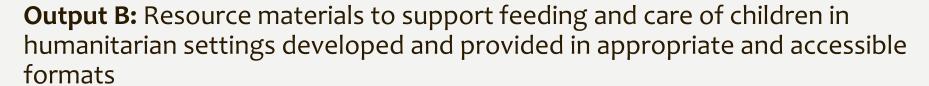
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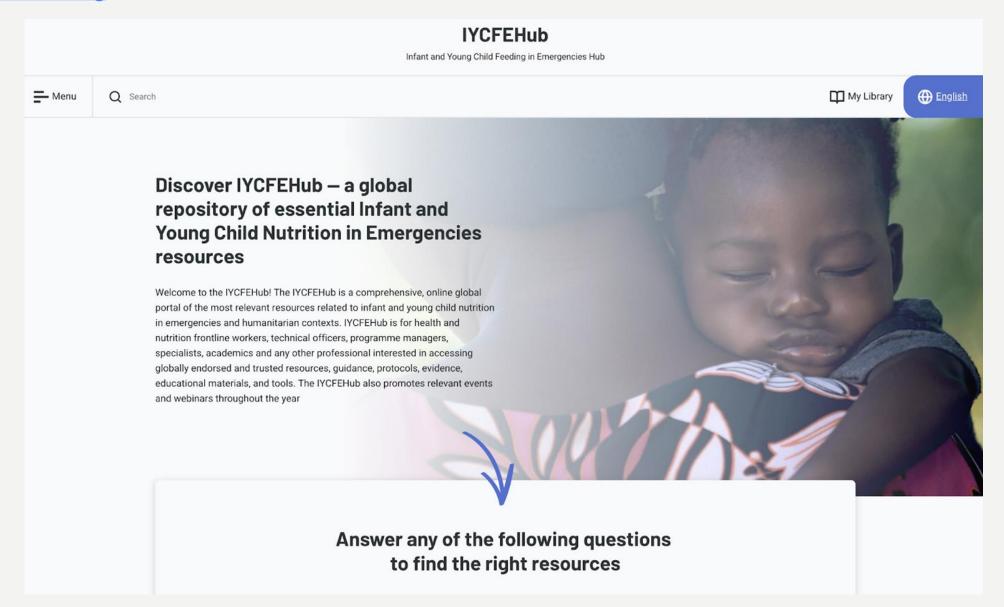




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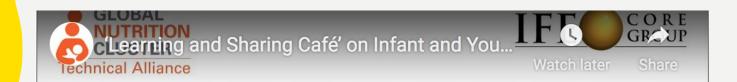
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A Learning and Sharing Café: Preventing and managing inappropriate donations - breastmilk substitutes products

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'Learning and Sharing Café' on Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies

titled:

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"WHO/UNICEF IYCF Indicators: challenges and opportunities in humanitarian contexts"

24th of November 2021 at 14:00-15:30 (GMT+1, CET, Geneva time).

Shared Responsibilities for Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies - Experiences implementing the IYCF Multi-sector Framework for Action

11 August 2021

2PM CET



















# Infant and young child feeding in emergencies programming in the context of COVID-19: learnings from a webinar series

By Alessandro Lellamo and Linda Shaker Berbari

Alessandro Lellamo is Global Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies (IYCF-E) Adviser for Save the Chidlren. He has almost 20 years of experience in the area of maternal, infant and young child nutrition with the past eight years having been spent providing technical assistance and guidance to agencies working in emergencies.

Linda Shaker Berbari is the Infant Feeding in Emergencies (IFE) Core Group facilitator and consultant for ENN. She has over 18 years of experience in the area of community and public health nutrition with a focus on IYCF-E, community-nutrition programmes, policy, strategy and guidance development and research.



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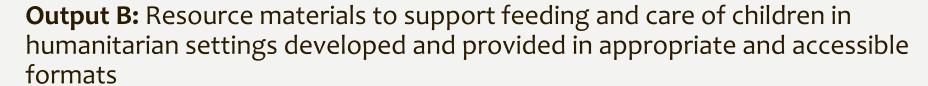
# Complementary Feeding in Emergencies

- To document through a case study approach two CFE programmes in emergency contexts using guidance from the UNICEF programming guidance as a tool for documenting the case studies.
  - Key output: Two Case Studies documenting CFE interventions in two countries.

#### Update:

- Document review conducted
- Review of programming guidance
- Selection of 2 countries (Sudan and Nigeria)
  - Key informant interviews conducted (14 in total)
  - Online survey
  - Document review







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https://www.globalbreastfeedingcollective.org/reports/implementationguidance-counselling-improvebreastfeeding-practices



https://www.ennonline.net/breastfeedingcounselling inemergencies

#### ++ Develop needed guidance materials on IYCF-E







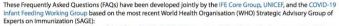






breastfeeding based on WHO SAGE interim recommendations





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The FAOs are intended to provide answers to health care providers and the public including mothers who are breastfeeding or expressing milk on breastfeeding and the following COVID-19 vaccines

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- Moderna mRNA-1273
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- Janssen Ad26.COV2.S

#### COVID-19 and breastfeeding

Breastfeeding is safe for infants and young children even when mothers are suspected or known to have COVID-19. The numerous benefits of breastfeeding substantially outweigh the potential risks of illness associated with the virus. Breastfed children have not been shown to be at risk of transmission of SARS-CoV-2 through breastmilk. Consequently, WHO and other organizations such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), UNICEF and the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists recommend that mothers continue to breastfeed their infants if suspected or known to have COVID-19. Refer to FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: Breastfeeding and COVID-19 for health care workers



Vaccine	Ok for breastfeeding mothers?	
Pfizer-BioNTech BNT162b2 vaccine	Yes, if in high priority group	18
Moderna	Yes, if in high priority group	18'
AstraZeneca AZD1222	Yes, if in high priority group	18'
Janssen Ad26. COV2.S	Yes, if in high priority group	18'

#### 1. Should women currently breastfeeding or providing expressed milk receive the vaccines?

Yes. WHO SAGE recommends that if a lactating woman is part of a 'high risk group' e.g. health worker or part of a group recommended for vaccination, vaccination CAN be offered. Therefore, healthy individuals currently breastfeeding or expressing milk CAN receive the vaccines.

Breastfeeding is vital to the health of infants and their mothers. Research on COVID-19 vaccines did not include breastfeeding women or consider the effects of mRNA vaccines or non-replicating vaccines on them or on the breastfed child. However, the absence of data does not mean that the vaccine is not safe for lactating women or their children. Therefore, the WHO SAGE guidance recommends that mothers who are vaccinated continue breastfeeding after vaccination.



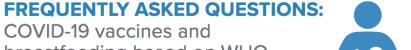
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(12 August 2021)



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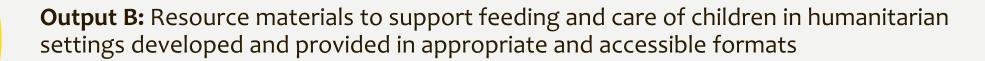
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MARCH 2021













**IYCF-E Programming in** The Context Of COVID-19: Considerations for Adaptations



**IYCF-E** individual capacity assessment tool

05:12



IYCF-E policy and INFANT & YOUNG CHILD FEEDING programme review template









PRACTICAL GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCTING INFANT AND YOUNG CHILD FEEDING (IYCF)

E-COUNSELLING WITH CONSIDERATIONS FOR PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION

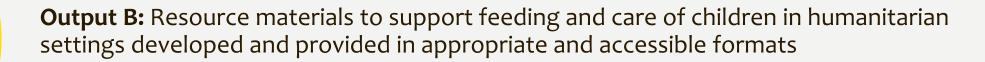














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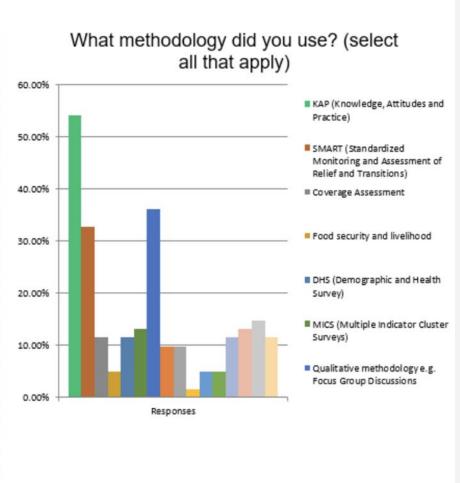


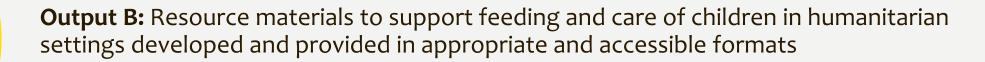
# Collaboration with NIS working group

#### Mapping of IYCF-E assessment methodologies

#### Q14.What methodology did you use?

Answer Choices	Responses			
KAP (Knowledge, Attitudes and Practice)	54.10%	33		
SMART (Standardized Monitoring and				
Assessment of Relief and Transitions)	32.79%	20		
Coverage Assessment	11.48%	7		
Food security and livelihood	4.92%	3		
DHS (Demographic and Health Survey)	11.48%	7		
MICS (Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys)	13.11%	8		
Qualitative methodology e.g. Focus Group				
Discussions	36.07%	22		
Rapid assessments e.g. Transect walks	9.84%	6		
Multi sectoral assessments e.g. MIRA	9.84%	6		
Valid approach	1.64%	1		
Service mapping	4.92%	3		
SENS (Standardized expanded nutrition survey)	4.92%	3		
Barrier Analysis	11.48%	7		
Nutrition causal analysis	13.11%	8		
Integrated survey e.g. Food security and				
nutrition assessments	14.75%	9		
Other (please specify)	11.48%	7		
	Answered	61		
	Skipped	85		

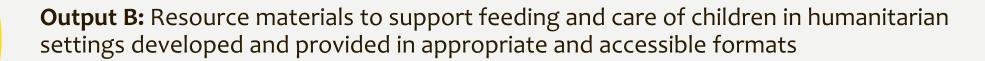






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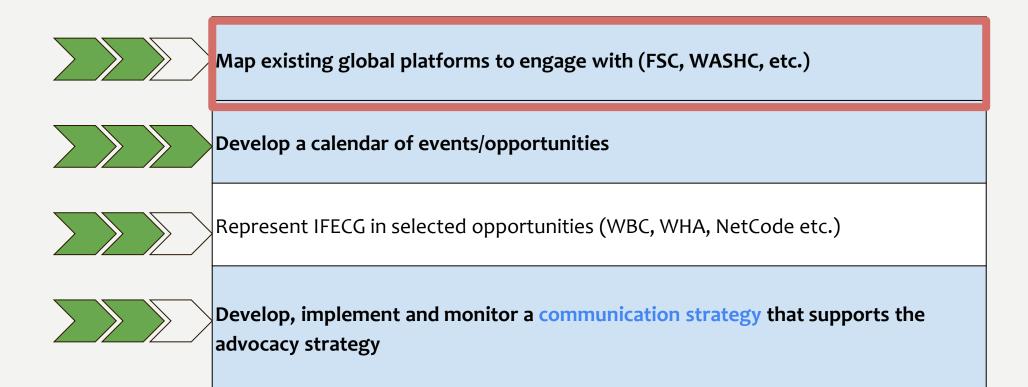
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IFE Core Group - Relevant Calendar of Events (Global/Regional)															
	Date														
Event	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	IFE Core Group members engaged	d? (E) Prioritised? (P)			
2021											Consensus	Fatmata	Karleen	Deborah	Linda
World Breastfeeding Week						1 to 7					Yes-discuss at next monthly meetin	Yes		(P) (E)	Yes - pr
World Health Assembly			24	1							Annual event -consider for 2022	<u>In 2022</u>			N/A
Scaling Up Nutrition Lead Group				TBC	:						? 2020 -Find out more	In 2022			Not for
The Global Summit on the Consumer Goods Forum				25-2	26						No	I agree wit	h Linda's	comment h	Not for
Nutrition for Growth Summit										ТВС	Yes concurrently	Yes, let's pr	rioritise. \	(P) (E)	Yes - ho
Code anniversay			21								during 2021 -as a year of events	Yes, i agree with Linda on priort Com		Comple	
Food Systems pre-summit					26-	28					Yes concurrently	Yes, let prioritise bu (P) (E)		Yes - pr	
Food Systems Summit							13				Yes concurrently	Yes, let prioritise bu (P) (E) Ye		Yes - pr	
SOFI Report Launch					ТВО	C					? Post-launch based on findings	Perhaps more clarit (P)?post ev No		Not for	
UNDDR?											? Find out more	Perhaps more clarity on the eve Not f		Not for	
International Refugee Day				20							2022	I agree with Linda here Not		Not for	
World Humanitarian Day						19					?Find out more	Yes		(P) (E)	Possibl
Global midwifery conference?											? Find out more	More details on dates and levels of eng			
Global nutrition conference?											? Find out more	More details on dates and levels of en		ls of eng	
Public Health Conference											No				
G7 summit?											No				
International Conference on Nutrition and Growth						26-28					No			(P) (E)	-

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# IFE Core Group participating in:



#### U.S.G. Global Nutrition Coordination Plan

Infections and Infant Feeding Practices: Lessons Learned from Response to Recent Crises- HIV, Ebola and COVID-19

December 4! (6:00 PM JST) N4G Side Event

On behalf of the U.S. Government Global Nutrition Coordination Plan and the COVID-19 Infant Feeding Research Interest Group, thank you for registering for the webinar on September 16th. The event recording and presentation slides are now available.

#### Presentation slides:

Ebola (Mija Ververs)

HIV (Nigel Rollins)

COVID-19 (Linda Shaker Berbari)

#### NetCode

Network for Global Monitoring and Support for Implementation of the International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes and Subsequent relevant World Health Assembly Resolutions (NetCode)

Western Sydney University Infant and Young Child Feeding Collaborative invites you to the second in a series of webinars.

#### Feeding our Children for the Future

TUESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 3:30-5PM





Global Health Practitioner Institute

Responding and recovering effectively and equitably from COVID-19

Session Title: Adapting in-person WASH and nutrition services during COVID-19: What did we learn, what new practices are here to stay, and how do we sustain improved adaptations?









#### IFE Core Group Communications Strategy

DRAFT 2 - SEPTEMBER 2021

#### 2. Communications Strategy Process

2021

#### 1. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The IFE Core Group identified in our organisational strategy to develop our communications processes, webpage on the <a href="Emergency Nutrition Network webs">Emergency Nutrition Network webs</a> websites. We have developed a limited range of mat flagship guidance — the Infant and Young Children Fe mainly in presentation and PDF formats. The purposite Core Group deliver on our organisational strategy enable the IYCF-E community to learn, as well as find





#### **IFE Core Group Key Messages**

#### Part 2: Overall key messages

#### Who are we?

#### Key message:

The IFE Core Group is a global collaboration of agencies and individuals committed to the protection, promotion and support of appropriate infant and young child feeding in emergencies (IYCF-E)// nutrition of children from 0-2 years of age in emergencies.

#### Sub messages:

- The IFE Core Group was established in 1995 by a group of dedicated IYCF-E professionals who saw an urgent need to respond to concerns and gaps related to infant feeding during emergencies.
- We are a community of IYCF-E policymakers, nutrition advisors, experts, academics and others striving together to achieve more effective IYCF-E support through learning, sharing and supporting each other.
- We are made up of 26 member organisations and 10 individuals across over 20 countries.
- Our vision is that young children and infants in emergencies receive safe, adequate and appropriate feeding to enable them to survive and thrive. Our mission is to improve infant and young child feeding support in emergencies with expert policy guidance and capacity-buildingtraining resources.
- IFE Core Group collective is jointly facilitated by Emergency Nutrition Network and UNICEF. and in priority-setting and achieving those priorities.
- We are driven by the principles outlined in the IYCF-E Operational Guidance, a document developed by the IFE Core Group in \*\*\* and recently revised in \*\*\*.



# **Output D:** Networked IFE Core Group 'community of practice' is active and further enhanced

Keep IFE CG membership data base up-to-date and respond to new membership
Map the group's current composition, identify gaps, and strategize
Implement a plan for increasing engagement with local/national
Conduct regular monthly meetings
Conduct Annual meetings
Update information on the ENN website
Conduct regular meetings with GNC-TA and participate in other fora (CIF-WG, etc.)
Facilitate peer-to-peer support via online communication and regular meetings



# Clarifying questions?

Gaps, challenges and issues identified; experiences and lessons learned documented and brought to the IFE Core Group and other stakeholders for action and support

Resource materials to support feeding and care of children in humanitarian settings developed and provided in appropriate and accessible formats

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Gaps, challenges, enablers and priorities in IYCF-E



# Channel for identifying gaps, challenges, enablers and priorities

**IYCF-E TWG** 

Field Exchange

En-net

Technical Support Team (TST)

IFE Core Group members

Internet / grey literature

Peer reviewed literature

**UNICEF** regional offices

Experts and researchers

Other platforms (GNC, GTWG, MAMI)

# IYCF-E technical working groups



- Three call with IYCF-E national technical working groups (Feb, Apr, Sept) average 35 participants per meeting
- Aim to provide space for exchange between GNC-TA, IFE CG, and IYCF-E TWGs

#### Challenges and needs reported:

- 1. BMS donation monitoring system assistance to set or improve existing systems
- 2. In-country Capacity building on IYCF-E for front-line and field personnel
- 3. Global guidance on IYCF-E indicators
- 4. Assessment of IYCF counselling quality
- 5. Usefulness of capacity assessment tools but need for additional guidance on how to adopt them.
- 6. Challenges in addressing / managing BMS donations

# Field exchange



COVID<sub>19</sub>

**Field Article** 



Infant and young child feeding in emergencies: **Programming adaptation** in the context of **COVID-19** in Lebanon

Adapting infant and young child feeding interventions in the context of COVID-19 in Somalia

Use of educational videos to improve maternal breastfeeding knowledge and practices in Ethiopia

Sustainability evaluation of a national infant and young child feeding programme in Bangladesh and Vietnam Research Snapshot<sup>1</sup>

A risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) response to support maternal, infant and young child nutrition in the context of COVID-19 in Rwanda

Use of programmatic adaptation tools and guidance.

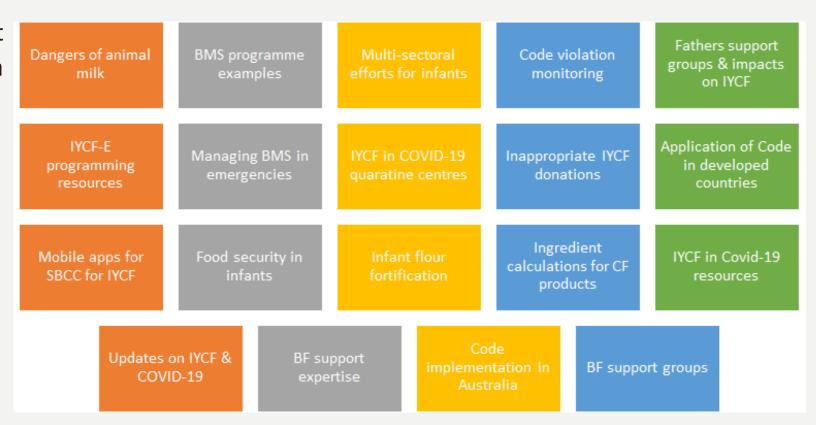
Challenges with securing funding for IYCF-E programmes including budget reallocations for COVID-19 programmatic adaptations.

 Challenges with dealing with BMS donations in the context of economic crisis and COVID-19.



### En-net

- 32 questions posed on en-net since the beginning of 2021 in the IYCF thematic area
- Question with the highest number of views (1221): 'Calculating amount of ingredients needed to formulate a complementary food product'
- Lots of engagement from members of the IFE Core Group





## En-net

Overall analysis to update the baseline review that was undertaken by the TechRRT

Thematic area	Number (%) of total post	Number (%) of total questions	Number (%) of posts that were announcement and requests*	Number (%) of total views	Number (%) of total replies**	Number (%) of questions adequately answered***
Infant and Young Child Feeding Interventions	67 (20.4)	25 (9.7)	42 (62.7)	80,555 (16.7)	143 (17.9)	19 (76)

- The question that received the most views (3,441 views) was whether to use boiled water for the preparation of infant formula, with different countries having different guidelines. There was also a debate on whether bottled water is appropriate to use in the preparation of infant formula.
- Other relevant questions included: use of antibiotics in infants with growth faltering; alignment of national guidelines on the preparation of infant formula with global guidance



#### Helpdesk requests

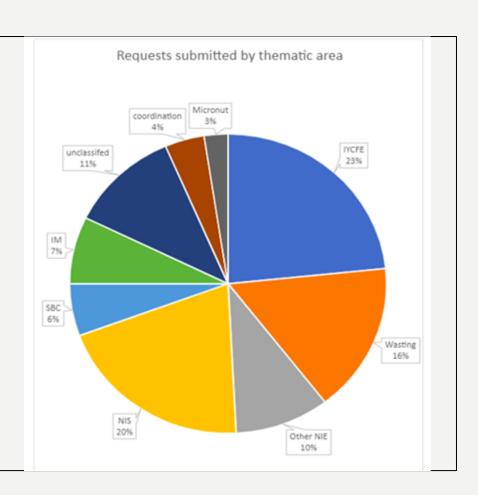
#### 124 queries for support submitted:

- 59 quick remote technical support
- 46 in-depth technical support
- 10 coordination support requests
- 9 unclassified support

IYCF-E and NIS most requested areas

#### Focus on building capacity to provide support for:

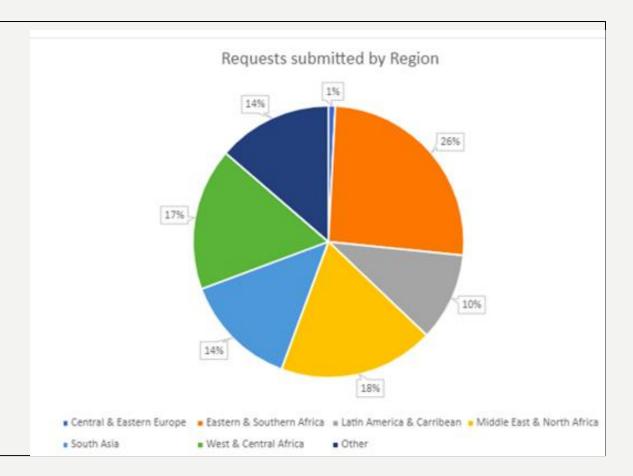
Localisation and Gender/GBV Risk Mitigation and NiE





#### Where are the requests coming from?

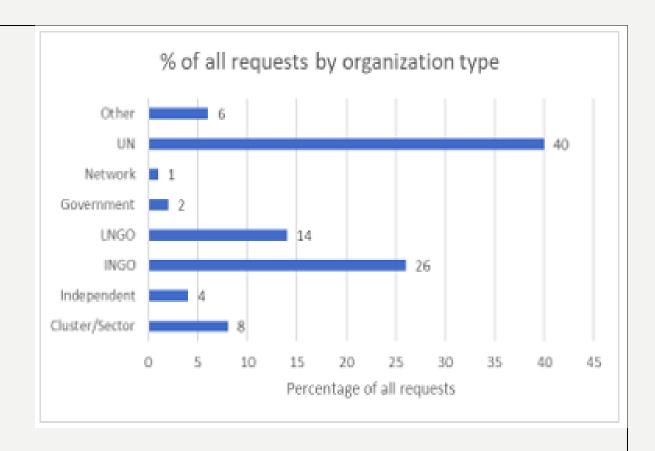
- 26% East and Southern Africa
- 18% Middle East and North Africa
- 17% West and Central Africa
- 14% South Asia
- 10% Latin America and Caribbean
- 1% Europe





#### Who requests support?

- 40 % UN
- 26 % INGO
- 14 % LNGO
- 8 % Cluster/ sector
- Only 2 requests from Government





#### **IYCF-E** rapid remote support

Main Countries: Haiti, Nigeria, Sudan, South Sudan, Nicaragua, Myanmar, Ethiopia, Lebanon

#### **Main Themes:**

- Programming for non-breastfed infants
  - Protocols, RUIF calculations, procurement, constraints
- IYCF-E TWG
  - Set up, reactivating, ToRs, tools to assess the capacity
- COVID-19
  - Latest updates, breastfeeding and PLW vaccination



#### **IYCF-E longer term In-Country Support**

Main Countries: Burkina Faso, Haiti, Nigeria, Sudan, Nicaragua, Honduras, Myanmar, Plaestine

#### **Main Themes:**

- Regional and national Operational Guidance development
- Individuation and organisational Capacity assessment
- BMS guidance including monitoring and reporting
- Non-breastfed infant guidance and training
- IYCF-E TWG development
- Emergency response/priority actions
- Breastfeeding counselling capacity building,



# Questions from webinars

#### **Learning and Sharing Webinars**

- Shared Responsibilities in IYCF-E
- Preventing and Managing Inappropriate Donations
- WHO/UNICEF IYCF Indicators: challenges and opportunities in humanitarian contexts (upcoming 24 November)

#### **Question Themes**

- Harmonisation: How do you harmonize IYCF and IYCF-E in Refugee settings?
- BMS Monitoring and Reporting: What is the best way to report?
- Relactation: How can we involve fathers and other family members?
- Assessment: What is the most appropriate IYCF assessment during the pandemic?
- Counselling: How effective is remote counselling?

#### Other platforms - GNC satellite event + IFE Core Members IFE



What are two key priority challenges that you have encountered or are currently facing in IYCF-E?



#### Other platforms - GNC satellite event + IFE Core Members



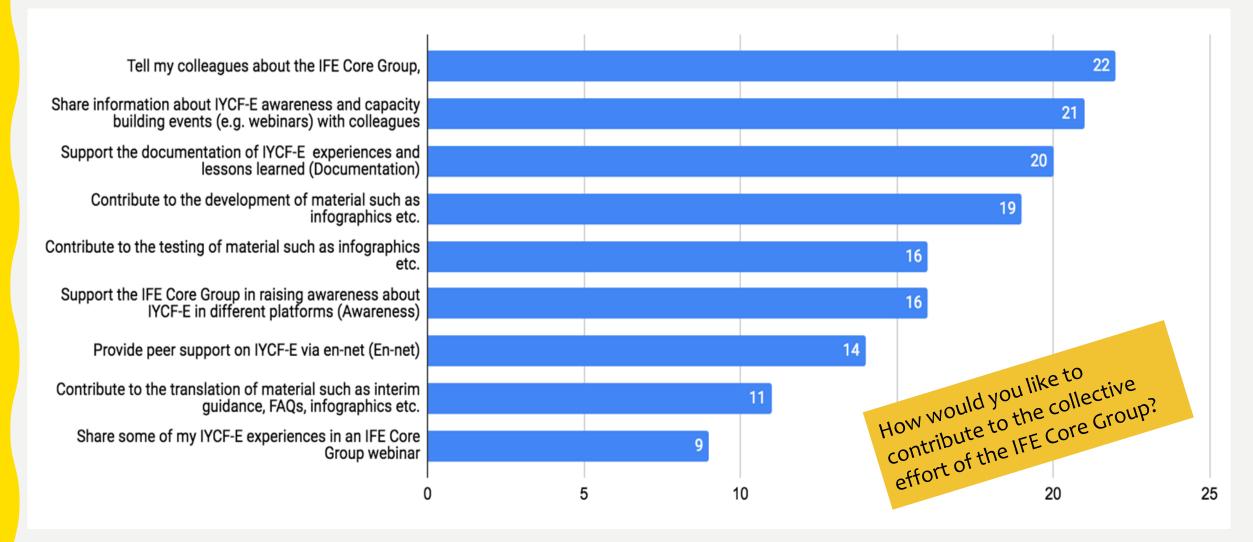
Please tell us what you think the IFE Core Group can do to address challenges in IYCF-E

#### **Opportunities:**

- Advocacy at the global and national level / advocacy guidance
  - Build evidence related to importance of IYCF-E as a life saving intervention
- Guidelines on operationalisation of IYCF-E guidance
- IYCF/IYCF-E link
- Documenting learnings (e.g. Jordan)
- Access to IYCF-E guidance in different languages media guides

#### Technical issues / gaps

- Wetnursing (guidance)
- BMS Code addressing violations (professional organsiations, health facilities etc.) one-pager on the Code in emergencies awareness in high income countries.
- IYCF indicators in emergencies
- Supporting non-breastfed infants and those dependent on infant formula.
- Community based IYCF-E counselling
- Language around IYCF and IYCF-E



Wetnursing research and guidance
Support with research / literature review / technical support

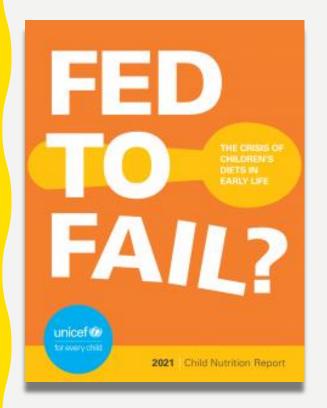
Fundraising

Youth awareness

Advocacy

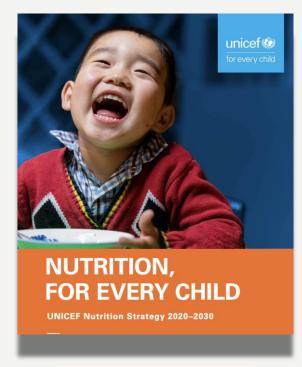


# Grey literature





WHO/UNICEF statement on the 40th anniversary of the international code of marketing breastmilk substitutes





## Peer reviewed literature



- Total of 52 articles on IYCF-E identified
- **Countries:** Australia, Azerbaijan, Croatia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Indonesia, India, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Mexico, Myanmar, Nigeria, OTP, Puerto Rico, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Turkey/Syrian refugees, Uganda, USA, Yemen
- 17 articles: Global/regional/Reviews

'We make a mistake with shoes [that's no problem] but... not with baby milk': Facilitators of good and poor practice in distribution of infant formula in the 2014–2016 refugee crisis

in Europe

Karleen D. Gribble | Aunchalee E. L. Palmquist 0

**REVIEW** 

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Barriers and challenges of infant feeding in disasters in middle- and high-income countries

Cindy H. Hwang<sup>1</sup>, Alessandro Iellamo<sup>2</sup> and Mija Ververs<sup>3\*</sup>

RESEARCH IN PRACTICE

Open A

Breastfeeding knowledge of mothers in protracted crises: the Gaza Strip example

Alessandro lellamo<sup>1\*</sup>, Emily Monaghan<sup>1</sup>, Samar A. L. Moghany<sup>2</sup>, Jonathan Latham<sup>1</sup> and Nihal Nassereddin<sup>3</sup>

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

| WILEY | WILEY

Predictors of complementary feeding practices among children aged 6–23 months in five countries in the Middle East and North Africa region

Linda Shaker-Berbari<sup>1</sup> | Vilma Qahoush Tyler<sup>1</sup> | Chaza Akik<sup>2</sup> | Zeina Jamaluddine<sup>2,3</sup> | Hala Ghattas<sup>2</sup>



- → Governments, humanitarian organisations, and donors should ensure that IYCF-E preparedness and programmes are adequately **resourced**.
- $\rightarrow$  Emergency responders should be appropriately trained with **training** including infant feeding experience debriefing.
- → Health and emergency organisations should provide **maternity protections** enabling employees to breastfeed as recommended (Gribble and Palmquist)

- → Lack of IFE preparedness and response capacity in middle and high-income countries
- → Need for governments and aid organisations to **adapt guidelines** and **establish policies and programs** to support infant feeding in emergencies (Hwang et al.)



Recognizing the dignity, self-worth, and inherent right of mothers to exercise autonomy in decision making and to actively participate in the design of policies governing them, this article calls for a more emancipatory feminist approach to breastfeeding practice in fragile humanitarian settings (Marcus)

In this article, International Human Rights Law is analysed, within the framework of the principle of the best interests of the child, to determine if the choice to breastfeed should be protected as a human right and how the indiscriminate supply of formula milk interacts with this choice in refugee camps (Ebrahimi)

- → Promote support materials translated into other languages for care actions in nursing and in the clinical management of breastfeeding as well as to improve the bond between refugee women and local health services.
- → Essential that health professionals are sensitive and aligned with educational health work, mediating safe, up-to-date information respecting different cultures, ideologies and traditions (Guerra et al.)



# Gaps, challenges, priorities, enablers

Gaps, challenges and issues identified; experiences and lessons learned documented and brought to the IFE Core Group and other stakeholders for action and support

#### **Discussion**

- Have we missed any critical issue? or activity?

- What are future opportunities/priorities?



# IFE CORE GROUP STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN



IFE Core Group Strategy 2020-2024

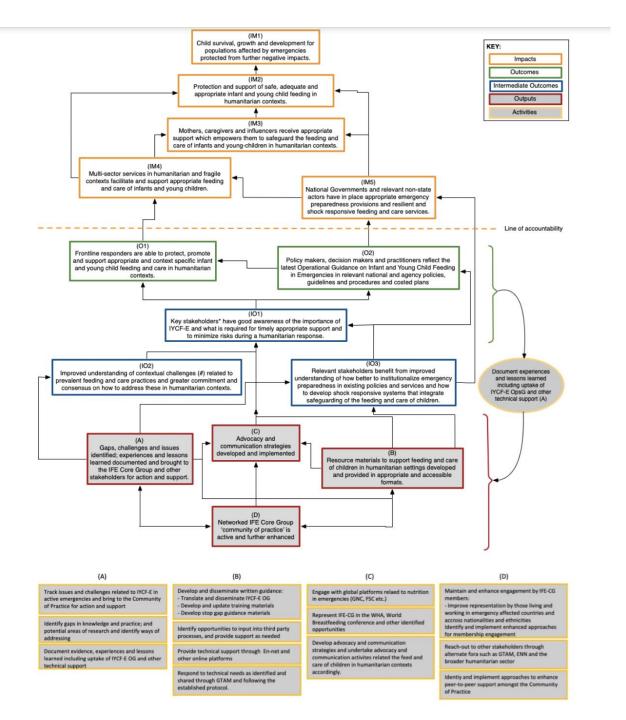
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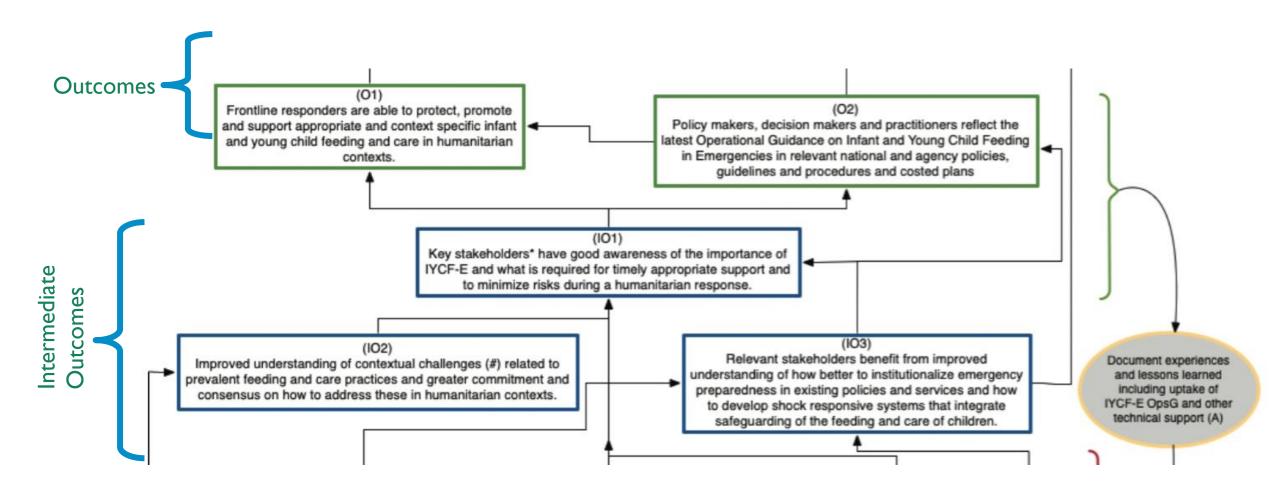
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**Activities** 







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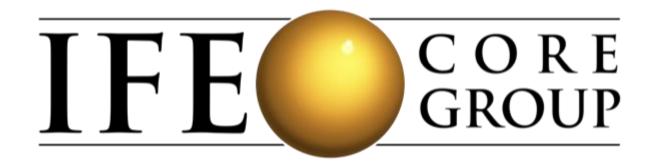
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### Wrap up and closing of Day 1

**Evaluation of Day 1** 





# Annual meeting 2021

Day 2 - November 16



#### Welcome and recap of day 1

#### Day 1:

- Setting the scenes for 2021
- Updates from members
- Update on IFE Core Group achievements for 2021
- Presenting gaps, challenges, enablers and priorities using a list of identified channels  $\rightarrow$  identification of themes



## Agenda for today

- Recap of day 1
- Member updates
- Themes on gaps, challenges, enablers from day 1 (AM and PM)
- Instructions and objective of working groups
- Update from AM session
- Working groups (1hr 30 minutes)
- Member updates
- Plenary discussion
- Wrap up and closing

### Working groups - 1hr 30 minutes



**Objective** is to identify priority **activities** for 2022 to be delivered under the IFE Core Group action plan  $\rightarrow$  prepare a slide or two on the list of suggested activities to present on Thursday

#### **Suggested process:**

- Review suggested activities from 2021-2023 action plan (pasted on Jamboard and found <a href="here">here</a>)
- Review themes / priorities / gaps from two sources: <u>Jamboard</u> and <u>slides</u>
- Discuss suggested activities:
  - Keep?
  - Modify?
  - Suggest new ones?
- PM session: review AM session and complete process

#### Considerations while making a decision on activities

- Priority/urgency
- Alignment with IFE Core Group strategy
- Feasibility
- Resources needed / capacity available based on 2021 experience



#### Working groups/breakout rooms:

Room 1 → Discussion of activities under Output 1 Gaps, challenge, issues, enablers identified; experiences and lessons learned documented and brought to the IFE Core Group and other stakeholders for action and support

Room 2 → Discussion of activities under Output 2 Resource materials to support feeding and care of children in humanitarian settings developed and provided in appropriate and accessible formats

Room 3 → Discussion of activities under Output 3 Advocacy and communication strategies developed and implemented

Room 4 → Discussion of activities under Output 4 Networked IFE Core Group 'community of practice' is active and further enhanced



# In blue those included for 2021 Output A

- A.1.1. Establish protocol for tracking, monitoring, and reporting on issues and challenges
- A.1.2. Regularly track issues and challenges based on established protocol and document / report on them
- A.2.1. Design an inclusive method to identify research questions that need answers based on review of Prudhon 2016
- A.3.1. Develop a report on implementation of IYCF-E policies and plans by govts
- A.3.2. Develop a report on the dissemination of the IYCF-OG



#### **Output B**

- B.1.1. Translate Version 3 of the IYCF-E OG to needed language
- B.1.2. Develop new material that help operationalise the IYCF-E OG (infographics and other tools)
- B.1.3. Develop and update training materials based on the IYCF-E OG
- B.1.4. Maintain the availability of an up-to-date IYCF-E resources and material database
- B.1.5. Organise a series of internal and external webinars that respond to gaps and challenges
- B.1.6. Develop needed guidance materials on IYCF-E
- B.2.1. Review tools/guidance produced by IFE Core Group members
- B.2.2. Contribute to the update of IYCF-E Indicators from the NiE Registry
- B.3.1. Members to provide support on en-net and other online platforms
- B.4.1. Contribute to defining a process for receiving requests for technical support
- B.4.2. Regularly engage and respond to GNC-TA as the Global Thematic Working Group on IYCF-E



#### **Output C**

- C.1.1. Map existing global platforms to engage with
- c.2.1. Develop a calendar of events/opportunities
- C.2.2. Represent IFECG in selected opportunities (WBC, WHA, etc.)
- C.3.1. Develop, implement and monitor a targeted advocacy strategy
- C.3.2. Develop, implement and monitor a communication strategy that supports the advocacy strategy



#### **Output D**

- D.1.1. Keep IFE CG membership data base up-to-date and respond to new membership
- D.1.2. Map the group's current composition, identify gaps, and strategize
- D.1.3. Increase engagement with local/national / Increase localization and national engagements
- D.1.4. Conduct regular monthly meetings
- D.1.5. Conduct Annual meetings
- D.1.6. Update information on the ENN website and en-net for new membership
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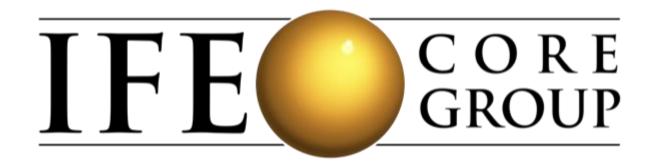
Room 4 → Discussion of activities under Output 4 Networked IFE Core Group 'community of practice' is active and further enhanced



### Working Group Discussion Plenary

5 minutes reflection from each group and plenary





# Annual meeting 2021

Day 3 - November 18



### Agenda for today

- Recap of day 2
- Member updates
- Working group presentations
  - Group 1
  - Group 2
- Break
  - Group 3
  - Group 4
- Plenary discussion
- Wrap up and closing!

### Announcement





#### Infant Feeding in Emergencies

Learning from other countries' experiences 他国の経験から学ぶ災害時の乳児栄養支援





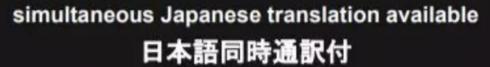
#### December 4, 18:00pm JST

Global experts will present experiences and evidence-based information on infant feeding in emergencies: how to protect infants' health in emergencies (for both breastfed and non-breastfed infants)



#### Register at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSfZNTuull99nCb1g5N6OtWKtHLS 2ICM4DmP8Z1NKxUpOAZg9A/viewform

















#### **Working Group Presentations**

Output 1 Gaps, challenge, issues, enablers identified; experiences and lessons learned documented and brought to the IFE Core Group and other stakeholders for action and support

Output 2 Resource materials to support feeding and care of children in humanitarian settings developed and provided in appropriate and accessible formats

Output 3 Advocacy and communication strategies developed and implemented

Output 4 Networked IFE Core Group 'community of practice' is active and further enhanced



### Questions to ponder on...

Extent to which activities are:

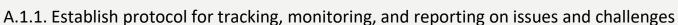
- Relevant to the IFE Core Group and needs and priorities
- Feasible given the existing capacity
- Urgent
- Other?

Objective is to reach consensus with both AM and PM groups, finalise the workplan for 2022 and update the broader workplan through to 2023.



#### Group A: Gaps, challenge, issues, enablers identified; experiences and lessons learned documented and brought to the IFE Core Group and other stakeholders for action and support

#### Sub-activities





- A.1.2. Regularly track issues and challenges based on established protocol and document / report on them-(limited progress)
- A.1.2. Activate and maintain protocol to track issues and challenges based on established protocol and document / report on them
- A.2.1. Design an inclusive method to identify research questions that need answers based on review of Prudhon 2016 (not undertaken)
- A.2.1.A: Conduct a "Stock Taking" including (1) What's been done: Lit Review and Interviews (to address publication bias) to identify what progress has been made against CHNRI (Prudhon). (2) What are the research results? (3) Have tools been developed? (4) What's been the uptake? (5) What are the priority questions now? (Funding?)
- A.2.1.B: Disseminate information about research gaps to organisations and individuals undertaking research (A lot of data on IYCF-E is being collected and held by organisations delivering IYCF-E. Does the IFE Core Group in supporting organisations collecting data to publish to fill gaps?) (added by Karleen)
- A.2.1.C Build a system to track new research / findings (something like: thinner version of JHU COVID repository) (Key questions: Is there a need? Who is the audience -IFE CG or beyond? What are the key questions / topics? Resource Needs: Search engine review (weekly) & writers. How to disseminate? Question of grey literature?
- A.3.1. Develop a report on implementation of IYCF-E policies and plans by govts (Report in development to be published July 2022)
- A.3.1.B Develop communications plan and derivative products for A.3.1 Report to support advocacy efforts (linked with Group C)
- A.3.2. Develop a report on the dissemination of the IYCF-OG (Dashboard is operational)



A.3.2 Maintain mapping of IFE OG dissemination on IFE CG website



# Output B Resource materials to support feeding and care of children in humanitarian settings developed and provided in appropriate and accessible formats

B.1.1. Translate Version 3 of the IYCF-E OG to needed language Remove: However, create a package so that countries can translate easily on their own

B.1.2. Develop new material that help operationalize the IYCF-E OG (infographics and other tools)

**Continue**— several suggestions for tools to support the operationalization of the IYCF-E OG as follows;

- Continue developing the infographics- 2 finalized, 2 currently under development and at 1 more identified then suggest outreach to users and partners to identify a further 2-4 that are needed
- Develop new guidance or update existing guidance based on current gaps identified: Artificial feeding in emergency context; Wet nursing and re-lactation in emergencies; Context specific support for complementary feeding in Emergencies etc
- Develop draft template of a good practice operational guidance that can then be set to develop national guidelines –
   consider translation into Fr Sp and Arabic given those countries are mostly likely in need

#### B.1.3. Develop and update training materials based on the IYCF-E OG

**Continue** - Update the update the newly released <u>IYCF Counseling: an integrated course</u> with additional modules that could be used in emergency contexts – Note possibility for support from USAID AN here Identify opportunities to integrate MAMI Care Pathway into OG related tools and training materials



# Output B Resource materials to support feeding and care of children in humanitarian settings developed and provided in appropriate and accessible formats

- B.1.4. Maintain the availability of an up-to-date IYCF-E resources and material database (IYCF-E hub)

  Continue ensure link with USAID AN complementary feeding repository tool and UNICEF IYCF global database
- B.1.5. Organise a series of internal and external webinars that respond to gaps and challenges

  Continue aim for 3-4 max- key topics
- B.1.6. Develop needed guidance materials on IYCF-E

**Continue** - Ref 1.2 above

- Develop glossary to standardize core terminology such as breastfeeding/lactation; IYCF/ MIYCN, more inclusive language
- Additional needs assessment tools may be worth considering



# Output B Resource materials to support feeding and care of children in humanitarian settings developed and provided in appropriate and accessible formats

B.2.1. Review tools/guidance produced by IFE Core Group members

**Continue** 

B.2.2. Contribute to the update of IYCF-E Indicators from the NiE Registry

**Continue -** support reviews/ updating of IYCF indicators and assessment tools as appropriate and encourage quality assessments integrating IYCF indicators where possible

B.3.1. Members to provide support on en-net and other online platforms

**Continue** – and review website analytics to understand where are users come from and their needs to help target KM and product development

B.4.1. Contribute to defining a process for receiving requests for technical support

**Remove** – process now defined

B.4.2. Regularly engage and respond to GNC-TA as the Global Thematic Working Group on IYCF-E

**Continue** 



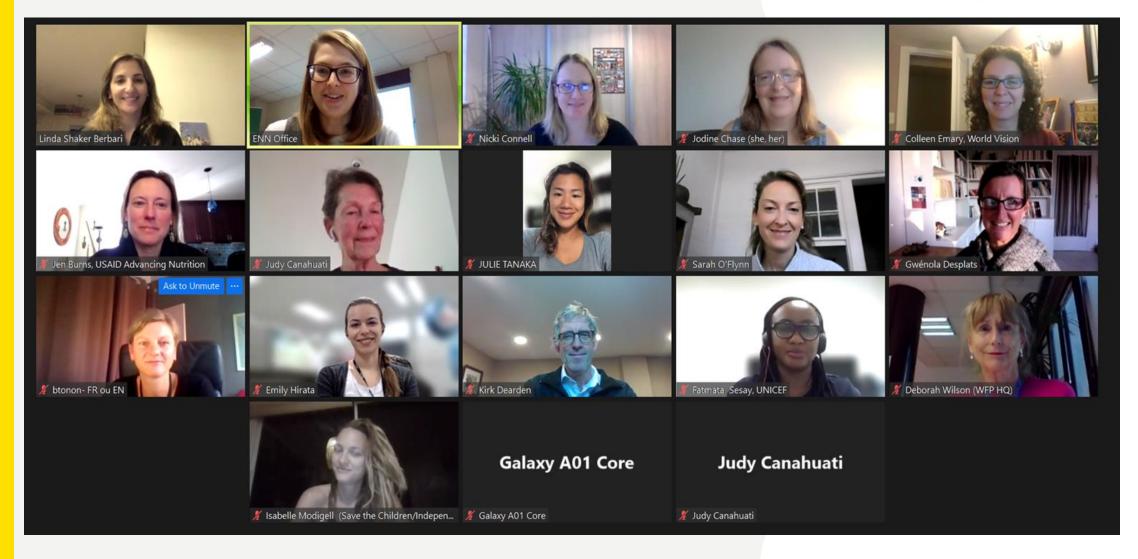
### What's that saying?

Go to Jamboard:

Write an old saying and let us guess what it means (bonus if it is in another language!)

#### Picture time!

### **Break**





# Output C Advocacy and communication strategies developed and implemented

#### Original activities from 2021-2023 plan

- C.1.1. Map existing global platforms to engage with
- c.2.1. Develop a calendar of events/opportunities
- C.2.2. Represent IFECG in selected opportunities (WBC, WHA, etc.)
- C.3.1. Develop, implement and monitor a targeted advocacy strategy
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### **Output C: Progress for 2021**





### Output C: Considerations

#### Audiences:

- --need to define our audiences for communications
- --stronger advocacy toward food industry
- --opportunity to strengthen national networks in own backyard--preparedness

Topics to Advocate on:
--advocacy on the Code and
preventing and managing
donations

#### Comms Products:

--routine newsletter with roundup on research and gray literature on IFE topics --Contextualize products/tools to countries--person centered design process --Brief on importance of integrating IYCF-E activities into a workplan/mission/ program

NOTE: We need to strengthen the visibility of the CG (as a global network of practitioners/academi cs etc.) as a point of global reference / source of credible evidence.

### **Output C: Suggested revised activities**



- 1. Finalise and endorse a communications strategy (in all its components)
- 2. Develop a costed/resourced workplan to implement the communications strategy.
- 3. Incorporate a comms tool within the workplan for workstreams to do their own Comms work
- 1. Define advocacy purpose based on priority issues, as identified through Output group A.
- 2. Develop an approach to strategically support the advocacy of key issues (as identified above) Who will we target, how, through what fora.
- 3. Elaborate a system for responding to ad hoc national and global advocacy needs.



#### Summary of Progress and Relevant Themes Considered

FE CORE

How to track peer-reviewed and grey literature to ensure the IFE Core Group is responding to fill gaps and address priorities I think a routine newsletter with a roundup of scientific and grey literature and other items of note with a specific IYCF-E focus would be very helpful for all of us engaged in this work (and to engage others.)

How to better engage and learn from local/national WLOs to ensure, voices are heard in the global conversation, sustainability in technical support provided, and handover occurs.

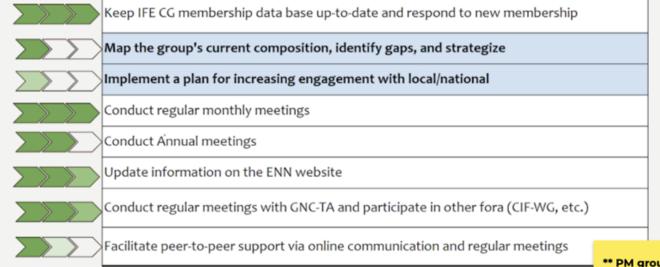
How can we increase our focus on the intermediaries, such as midwives, nurses, et al and inform them more on good/weak practice. Not every health practitioner is aware of the best practice.

How to engage local NGOs and governments so that they regularly consult TA from various sources.

linking more with national NGO / civil societies and local government

The opportunity to strengthen national networks (including in our own back yards!)

### **Output D:** Networked IFE Core Group 'community of practice' is active and further enhanced



Feedback from Plenary

multi agency
Netcode work at
regional level so
countries have
resources to draw
from

Increased focus on

\*\* Consider better engagement with own countries where relevant, and consider how we best connect and inform?

\*\*Role of GNC-TA as link to the countries and practionners? \*\* Could be worth
exploring a
"regional/national
chapter systems"
supported by
regional/national focal
points with clear ToR
supporting the global
strategy and
mentorship/skill
building programme

\*\* PM group can more easily engage with IFE core group



Sub-activities

D.1.1. Keep IFE CG membership database up-to-date and respond to new membership

D.1.2. Map the group's current composition, identify gaps, and strategize

D.1.3. Increase engagement with local/national / Increase localization and national engagements (mentoring youth etc.)

D.1.4. Conduct regular monthly meetings

D.1.5. Conduct Annual meetings

D.1.6. Update information on the ENN website and en-net for new membership

D.2.1 Conduct regular meetings with GNC-TA and participate in other fora (CIF-WG, etc.)

D.3.1. Facilitate peer-to-peer support via online communication and regular meetings

Keep

Keep - discussed how

Keep - but reword, discussed how

Keep

Keep

Keep - ENN website updates due early 2022

Keep - Continuous by Linda, other fora to consider?

Keep - but reword, discussed how

### D.1.2. Map the group's current composition, identify gaps, and strategize HOW?

- Gap in national membership
- Higher visibility in regional fora e.g. East Africa FANUS through listserves/conferences
- Explore national chapter idea (focus on 1-2 countries to start with?
- D.1.3. Increase engagement with local/national organisations/ Increase national engagement (mentoring and relevant resource sharing with young professionals etc.) Remove localization as that is an agenda in itself, and change 'youth' to 'young professionals' HOW?
- Facilitate south-to-south consultations on IFE to facilitate lessons learned (E.g. mentoring Midwives-to-midwives example)
- Journal club summarising key articles and operational work from LMICs in particular (quarterly/biannually?) to highlight key challenges/lessons learned and discuss
- Mapping of others' efforts on this e.g. CORE group to see what IFE core group can institutionalise
- D.3.1. Facilitate member support via online communication and regular meetings (remove peer-to-peer, can imply one-on-one) HOW?
- Monthly newsletter with programmatic/research implications highlighted. Easier to share with others. Combine with MAMI GN newsletter?





## Plenary discussion

Next steps?