

What is this repository on Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies?

This repository seeks to bring together new evidence-based developments on **Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies** (IYCF-E) by compiling and summarizing recently published scientific literature.

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How are the publications selected?

Five electronic databases (PubMed (including MedLine), SCOPUS, CINAHL, Global Health, and Embase) are searched once per month for peer-reviewed articles in the English language. The search terms comprise keywords for infant or young child feeding and one or more of the following dimensions: natural disasters, emergencies, humanitarian contexts, forced displacement, conflict, famines, and infectious diseases. We identify keywords based on relevant literature and subject headings for each database. Additionally, hand-searching of articles and a snowball search strategy are used as supplementary methods to capture articles missed during the systematic search process. Articles from all databases are reviewed for relevancy and checked for duplicates before adding to the repository.

For more details regarding the specific search terms and strategy, please email mververs@jhu.edu.

Are the summaries from the original publication?

The summaries have been written based on the original publication in order to highlight key findings, themes and details of interest related to infant and young child feeding in emergencies. There is a wide range of writing quality among rapidly released publications, so we have interpreted texts to the best of our ability.

What is the column on “specific observations” about?

We note significant contributions of new publications to the existing body of literature on aforementioned topics, as well as highlights of the papers.

Can the information from these overviews be used by me?

Absolutely. If you want to use the publications that are described, you will need to refer to the authors and journals directly. If you use our full overviews, then it would be correct to reference this initiative and refer to the website with the following citation:

The Emergency Nutrition Network. Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies (IYCF-E) Repository. Updated [date of most recent update]. <https://www.enonline.net/ife/iycferepository>

Why do I not see certain publications in your list?

If certain important publications are missing, that might be an unintentional oversight on our part. If you notice any errors or think that we should include a specific publication, please send your suggestions to mververs@jhu.edu (subject line: REPOSITORY IYCF-E).

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