Global Breastfeeding Movement

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The criticality of infant feeding practices is not just children are vulnerable, this time their brain develops very fast.

- 22% of all newborn deaths can be avoided if all mothers are able to begin breastfeeding within one hour; this number is estimated to be about 830,000.
- Breastfeeding is the best possible intervention for diarrhea and pneumonia control
- 1.4 million deaths attributed to sub-optimal breastfeeding in 2008
- 92 million babies under six months NOT practice exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months

First Year is Critical!

- 6.9 million children die during First by 5 yrs and 2/3rd are during 1st year and related to poor feeding.

Brain development

Millions Undernourished

Years of life
Why IBFAN and the global breastfeeding movement?

- 1979: First time global meeting on infant and young child feeding recognizes risks of formula feeding
- IBFAN slowly expands both on issues and geographically
- Now in 165 countries IBFAN is fighting to protect infant feeding from commercial interests
Areas of work include:

- Mother support groups
- Training of health workers, BFHI
- Maternity protection
- HIV
- Disasters
- Malnutrition, child survival
- Climate change
- NCDs
- Conflicts of interests
IBFAN Network Coordination

IBFAN's Coordinating Council (IBCoCo)

5 member GLOBAL COUNCIL

GIFA, BMA, ICDC

Africa

Afrique

Arab World

Asia

Europe

Latin America and the Caribbean

North America

Oceania
The Global Strategy for IYCF

“WHO and UNICEF jointly developed the global strategy for infant and young child feeding to revitalize world attention to the impact that feeding practices have on the nutritional status, growth and development, health, and thus the very survival of infants and young children…….”

Malnutrition has been responsible, directly or indirectly, for 60% of the 10.9 million deaths annually among children under five.
The World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative (WBTi) History and development

- WABA launched GLOPAR, global participatory action research that helped generate action
- 2002 Global Strategy for Infant and Young Child Feeding adopted at World Health Assembly
- 2003/4 WHO tools to assess national policy and programmes
- Combined the philosophy of GLOPAR and adapted the WHO tools to create WBTi
- WBTi is simple tool with reliable indicators to measure inputs and generate national action on it and track implementation of the Global Strategy.
WBTi in 82 Countries
475 Partners Involved in WBTi assessment process in 51 Countries includes:

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Unique features and utility

- Measures the degree to which conditions are present at country level to support women for breastfeeding and governments fulfill their HR obligations.
- Provides easy to interpret colour coded results to communicate clearly.
- It’s a first of its kind database of policy and programmes and has universal access.
- Predictable tool for improving breastfeeding practices.
15 Indicators

- **The indicators for the 10 areas of action include:**
  1. National Policy, Programme and Coordination
  2. Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative (Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding)
  3. Implementation of the International Code
  4. Maternity Protection
  5. Health and Nutrition Care Systems
  6. Mother Support and Community Outreach - Community-based Support for the Pregnant and Breastfeeding Mother
  7. Information Support
  8. Infant Feeding and HIV
  9. Infant Feeding During Emergencies
  10. Monitoring and Evaluation

- **The indicators for five optimal IYCF practices include**
  1. Initiation of Breastfeeding (within 1 hour)
  2. Exclusive Breastfeeding (for first 6 months)
  3. Median Duration of Breastfeeding
  4. Bottle-feeding (<6 months)
  5. Complementary feeding
# IBFAN Asia’s Guidelines for Scoring and Colour-Rating

## Part 1: IYCF Policies and Programmes

Here is the guideline for scoring/colour coding. Each indicator has a maximum score of 10.

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## Part 1: Total

Total score of infant and young child feeding policies and programmes are calculated out of 100.

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Action and movement gets stronger

The WBTi ABCDE

- **A** : Action
- **B** : Bringing People Together
- **C** : Consensus Building
- **D** : Demonstration of gaps
- **E** : Effectiveness
We know now it works!

- Analysis shows it is possible to increase breastfeeding rates if policy and programmes are put in place and WBTi has been found to a valid to predict success.

Brazil - Policy and programmes (Ind. 1-10)
2008
Total Score out of 100: 53
Thailand - Policy and programmes (Ind. 1-10) 2011
Total Score out of 100: 54.5

- National Policy, Programme and Coordination: 8.5
- Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative: 7
- Implementation of the International Code: 7
- Maternity Protection: 0.5
- Health and Nutrition Care Systems: 3.5
- Mother Support and Community Outreach: 7
- Information Support: 7
- Infant Feeding and HIV: 8
- Infant Feeding During Emergencies: 0
- Monitoring and Evaluation: 6
National Policy, Programme and Coordination

Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative

Implementation of the International Code

Maternity Protection

Health and Nutrition Care Systems

Mother Support and Community Outreach

Information Support

Infant Feeding and HIV

Infant Feeding During Emergencies

Monitoring and Evaluation

Mexico - Policy and programmes (Ind. 1-10) 2008

Total Score out of 100: 31
Sri Lanka - Policy and programmes  (Ind. 1-10 ) 2012
Total Score out of 100 : 85

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ARE OUR BABIES FALLING THROUGH THE GAPS?

The State of Policies and Programme Implementation of the Global Strategy for Infant and Young Child Feeding in 51 Countries
QuickTime™ and a decompressor are needed to see this picture.
Glaring Gaps in 10 Areas

- Implementation of the International Code: 7.22
- Information Support: 6.8
- National policy, programme and coordination: 6.58
- Health and nutrition care systems: 6.54
- Mechanisms of monitoring and evaluation system: 5.98
- Mother support and community outreach: 5.71
- Infant feeding and HIV: 5.42
- Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative: 5.11
- Maternity protection: 4.21
- Infant feeding during emergencies: 2.6
Policy and programmes (Ind. 1-10)
Score out of 100

- Sri Lanka: 85
- Maldives: 83
- Mongolia: 71
- Bangladesh: 70.5
- China: 65.5
- Pakistan: 64.5
- Vietnam: 64
- Afghanistan: 62
- Republic Of Korea: 55
- Thailand: 54.5
- Bhutan: 53
- Philippines: 51.5
- India: 43
- Nepal: 40.5
- Indonesia: 27.5
- Taiwan: 26.5
Global Packaged Food: Market Opportunities for Baby Food to 2013

September 2008
Global Baby Food Market Continues to Grow

- Baby food global retail value sales will surpass US$31 billion in 2008, a current value increase of 10.5% from the previous year at fixed US$ exchange rates.

Source: Euromonitor International
Indian Market Constrained by Regulatory Barriers

The huge disparity in the retail value of milk formula sales between China and India is mainly due to the significant differences between their official regulatory regimes.

Source: Euromonitor International
Thank you !!