IYCF Framework: A Multi-Sectoral Framework For Action

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IYCF Framework Video

IYCF Framework Video:
https://www.youtube.com/embed/1QXaphU3R38
The framework provides guidance to managers and technical staff across sectors on what needs to be considered to create an IYCF friendly environment and facilitate optimal IYCF and child survival.
IYCF Framework: A Multi-sectoral Framework for Action

- **Action 1**: Advocate for relevant stakeholders to consider IYCF
- **Action 2**: Mobilize resources for IYCF
- **Action 3**: Endorse key policies and adhere to operational standards
- **Action 4**: Select appropriate IYCF activities
- **Action 5**: Integrate IYCF with other sectors
- **Action 6**: Coordinate IYCF-sensitive activities
- **Action 7**: Implement monitoring, evaluation, accountability and learning
The different Sectors and the Framework

- Camp Management
- Nutrition
- Child Protection
- Public Health
- Education
- Settlement & Shelter
- Food Security & Livelihoods
- Water, Sanitation & Hygiene
Sector-specific chapters that consist of the following:

- Common strategic objectives
- Key integrated activities
- Overarching opportunities for collaboration
- Resources
How can We Do It?

• Integrate and mainstream with ALL sectors.
• Create ‘infant and young child friendly’ environment.
• Encourage multi-sectoral integration of IYCF-sensitive activities.
• Bring IYCF higher up on the agenda in humanitarian responses.
• Can be used in ALL refugee operations, adaptable for settings outside of camps.
Ops guidance on IFE

- Protect, promote and support optimal infant and young child feeding with integrated multi-sector interventions

Sphere standards

- Food Security and Nutrition standard 2: Multi-sectoral support to IYCF-E
IYCF Framework:
How and where is it applied?

- Piloted in 2015:
  - Kenya (Dadaab), Bangladesh (Cox Bazaar) and Jordan (Za’atari)
- East Africa Regional Roll Out in 2017/8:
  - Kenya (Kakuma), Ethiopia (Gambella), Sudan (Kasala) and Uganda (Yumbe, Adjumani)*
- First phase emergency roll out 2017:
  - Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh
- Global rollout thereafter

* If you are working in one of these settings and want to collaborate, please reach out to SC (Sarah Butler, Nicki Connell, Paul Wasike)
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Experiences from the pilots

Za’Atari Camp, Jordan - Propelled endorsement of key IYCF policies
• Camp Management Committee (CMC) leading partner endorsement of Breastfeeding Breaks
• Nutrition Working Group disseminated IYCF Standard Operating Procedures across sectors
• Breastfeeding champion nominated for camp policy department > greater adherence to SOP for Handling BMS > Removal of BMS from Camp shops (in content of an alternative guaranteed supply with associated support)
• Stronger referral with Child Protection and WASH and Joint promotion sessions with Education and WASH

Cox Bazaar, Bangladesh - Integration of activities in nutrition, health and Food Security & Livelihoods (FSL) sectors
• Integration of IYCF key messages during ration distribution and counselling through voucher programs
• Referral of caregivers to mental health unit during household screening
• Referral of households to WASH team when hygienic conditions of household are deemed compromised

Dadaab Refugee Camp, Kenya – Integration of activities with health, nutrition, FSL
• IYCF-sensitive selection criteria for livelihood projects
• Strengthened referral pathways for abandoned / separated / orphaned infants in need of IYCF and registration of 0-6 month infants
• Referral of all caregivers of all newborns to mother-to-mother support groups
• Functional multi-sectoral BFHI committee including maternity / hospital staff, agriculture nutrition cluster coordinators, RH coordinators, etc

More Information: http://www.ennonline.net/fex/51/iycfpilotjordanbangkenya
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http://www.unhcr.org/uk/nutrition-and-food-security.html

Until then….
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