

INFANT AND YOUNG CHILD FEEDING IN EMERGENCIES (IYCF-E) TRAINING

Maiduguri, Nigeria
February 6th-10th, 2017

BACKGROUND: Supporting and protecting Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies (IYCF-E) is critical for child survival. Exclusive breastfeeding is the single most effective intervention for saving lives. Paired with optimal complementary feeding, up to 26% of child deaths can be averted¹. In emergencies, children under two years of age face significant risks. For example, total infant mortality rate for infants under 1 year has been found to be 12-53% higher in emergencies than non-emergency periods². In these contexts, optimal IYCF could save even more lives.

Although breastfeeding is a common practice in Nigeria, the 2013 NDHS found that just 17% of children less than 6 months were exclusively breastfed, early initiation of breastfeeding and continued breastfeeding at 2 years are also low at 33% and 35% respectively and only 10% of children (6-24 months) received the minimum acceptable diet³. In North East Nigeria, practices have likely worsened during the emergency as evidenced by the high rates of malnutrition, particularly in children less than 2 years old. Recognizing this, IYCF-E has been defined as a core part of the minimum nutrition package for the emergency response - partners will be expected to implement quality IYCF-E responses to save lives.

OBJECTIVES: This training serves to equip participants with the relevant skills to implement IYCF-E responses, plan for scale-up of support and introduce new tools developed by Save the Children.



ATTENDEES: Program Managers and Nutrition Advisors who design and implement IYCF-E programs and services including NGO, UN and government partners including the Ministry of Health.

OVERALL AGENDA:

(Detailed agenda to be sent nearer the training date)

- What is IYCF-E? Technical session on theory and practice.
- How to plan and implement IYCF-E responses.
- Introduction to and use of operational tools
- Planning for preparedness and scale up

LOGISTICS: Save the Children will provide the full training, lunch and snacks each day, but participants are responsible for funding their own participation - travel to and from Maiduguri, all other meals, accommodation and transport. No funding is available from Save the Children to support these costs.

HOW TO APPLY: Please return the attached application form fully completed by the participant and their Supervisor by **Wednesday, 14th December 2016** to Save the Children at SCIYCFETraining@savechildren.org.



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¹ The Lancet, Maternal and Child Nutrition Series, 2013

² World Breastfeeding Week, Breastfeeding – a vital emergency response. Are you ready? 2009

³ UNICEF, State of the World's Children, 2015