Infant and Young Child Feeding in Refugee Situations: A Multi-Sectoral Framework for Action

1. BACKGROUND

Pilots Locations to date (2018)

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A Multi-Sectoral Framework for Action

The purpose of the framework is to provide guidance to managers and technical staff across sectors on what needs to be considered to create an infant and young child friendly environment and facilitate optimal IYCF and child survival in refugee settings. The framework specifically encourages protection of pregnant and lactating women (PLW), infants and young children through multi-sectoral integration of IYCF-sensitive activities by taking advantage of all contact points with PLW, infants, young children and caregivers.

IYCF FRAMEWORK: Protecting the rights of children up to 2 years old as a multi-sectoral effort, where IYCF supports each sector and each sector supports IYCF

Each sector has its own chapter in the IYCF Framework. This outlines core responsibilities, common strategic objectives, key integrated activities, additional activities and resources.

2. FRAMEWORK GOAL, AIM AND KEY ACTIONS

Goal
To protect infants and young children in refugee situations and enhance their chances of survival, healthy growth and development.

Aim
To sensitize on and optimize conditions for infant and young child feeding related programming across sectors in refugee situations.

Key Actions
- 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

3. NEXT STEPS

- 2018 - Save the Children and UNHCR conduct desk review of IYCF Framework, roll out to date as well as in depth review of roll out in Uganda
- 2018 - Translation of all IYCF Framework materials into French
- 2019 - Roll out of IYCF Framework in francophone West and Central Africa

4. HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The Framework is a tool for UNHCR and partners and is designed for national and international staff working in refugee operations. High level managers, technical advisors and field staff will find guidance and examples to inspire their decision-making at all levels.

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Every day and in times of crisis

Save the Children Jordan breastfeeding Caravan, Za’Atari Camp. (Pilot location 2015)

The IYCF Framework and Introductory Video is now available on UNHCR’s website!


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