

Where there is not as yet an active BFHI programme, gather current baseline information.

Suggested approach: Interview 25 key informants, selected from among knowledgeable individuals in both public and private health sectors, non-governmental infant and young child feeding support, or other persons familiar with hospital activities, and request copies of any standards of practice, curricula, lists, laws or contacts mentioned.

1. Have any studies been carried out on feeding practices of infants and young children, whether by nutrition, health, reproductive health or other interest groups?
2. Have any surveys or other data collection instruments been used to assess:
 - immediate postpartum breastfeeding rates,
 - six months exclusive breastfeeding rates,
 - and/or
 - continued breastfeeding with complementary feeding?
 - are there any trend data for any of these patterns?
3. Are there government policies or laws that pertain to infant and young child feeding?
 - for hospitals/maternalities?
 - for the commercial sector? Is there a national law implementing the International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes and subsequent WHA resolutions?
 - for the workplace?
 - for emergencies?
 - for HIV/AIDS?
4. What training courses or curricula exist to train:
 - health workers in the “Breastfeeding Promotion and Support in a BFHI hospital” (20-hour course)?
 - trainers for facilitating the 20-hour course?
 - specialists in lactation support to act as referral/resource people?
 - assessors or credentialing boards?
 - health workers trained in “Infant and Young Child Feeding Counselling: an integrated course”?
 - other? Specify.
5. Do you know of any Academic Centres involved in supporting Infant and Young Child Feeding? (list all with contacts).
Please explain whether this is training, research, and/or support of staff to breastfeed.
6. What Professional Societies are active in the area of Infant and Young Child Feeding and who are the contacts? Do they have standards of practice for their specialty?
7. What group certifies hospitals and maternalities?
8. Do you know of any NGOs involved in supporting Infant and Young Child Feeding? (list all with contacts)