

The BAP Alumni from Kiribati shared her experience since returning from the 2011 BAP Course:

- “ 1. I have conducted a training on skin-to-skin within the first hour of birth in the obstetric ward and during Cesarean section in the operating theatre, and Kangaroo Mother Care in the intensive neonatal unit, and also in obstetrics ward to born-flat babies;
2. Re-enforcement of the practices: senior nurses in each ward were tasked to develop their own way of recording that the nurses are doing such practices efficiently and effectively;
3. Together with our Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) program manager and our national nutritionist, we have conducted an Infant Feeding and Breastfeeding Promotion or Awareness Training for the Island counselors, representatives from NGOs and also to the community members (apart from healthcare professionals) in Abemama (UNICEF CONVERGENCE ISLAND). ”

– Tekaboi Teikake Teriano, Principal Nursing Officer, Kiribati

Alum members of the 2012 and 2013 BAP Course provided updates on their activities, for example:

Indonesia: Modifications to include substantial breastfeeding and IYCF topics in the midwifery syllabus

Thailand: Completed development of Breastfeeding Curriculum and audio-visual materials for nurses (RNs); cooperated with the Nursing Council and Faculty of Nursing in four regions to train nurses dealing with mothers in hospitals and the community (supported by UNICEF).

DPR Korea: Involved in finalisation of national nutrition strategy and 2014-18 action policy document, and IYCF guidelines (endorsed by MOPH in mid-2015) to advocate and promote optimum IYCF practices

The first WABA-ILCA Fellow, Sue Saunders trained the first batch of peer counsellors in Penang.



WABA-ILCA Fellowship: Training on Breastfeeding Support

Another avenue for training both healthcare practitioners and mother-to-mother support groups at WABA has come from several of the ILCA Fellows volunteering at the Secretariat. The WABA-ILCA Fellowship was formally launched in 2007. The first Fellow was Sue Saunders from the UK who participated in the WABA Global Breastfeeding Partners Meeting (GBPM) and subsequently commenced her term at the WABA Secretariat. This programme continues successfully till today, and six more WABA-ILCA Fellows namely Johanna Bergerman (Canada), Denise Fisher (Australia), Nancy Forrest (USA), Eileen Shea (Canada), and Geraldine Cahill and Genevieve Becker both from Ireland have shared their expertise and knowledge.