



Tech RRT* Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies (IYCF-E) Advisor

Technical Rapid Response Team



The Tech RRT* provides tailored support to individual organisations for Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies

Does your organization need help building capacity in Infant and Young Child Feeding or want to increase program scope and coverage? Need help doing it?

Feel free to get in touch with the **Tech RRT** – we provide technical support to individual agencies (as well as to the collective, if needed). National or International organizations as well as health ministries can request our support. *Opportunities for financial support are available if necessary, thanks to USAID/OFDA, Irish Aid and SIDA!*

Examples of the kind of activities that the Tech RRT IYCF-E advisor can support are:

❖ **Provide input for policies and guidance**

Ensuring that there is an enabling environment to take action and respond appropriately with key policy guidance available to all relevant responders across sectors, including media groups, private sector, donors, military and volunteer groups.

❖ **Train staff**

Sensitise relevant personnel across sectors to support IFE, including those dealing directly with affected women and children; those in decision-making positions; those whose operations affect IYCF; those handling any donations; and those mobilising resources for the response.

❖ **Coordinate operations**

Capacity to coordinate IFE should be established in the coordination mechanism for every emergency response.

❖ **Assess & Monitor**

Needs assessment, capacity assessment and critical analysis should determine a context specific IFE response. Coaching programme managers to provide truly supportive supervision that makes a difference.

❖ **Protect, promote and support optimal IYCF with integrated multi-sector interventions**

Immediate action to protect recommended infant and young child feeding (IYCF) practices and minimise risks is necessary in the early stages of an emergency, with targeted support to higher risk infants and children.

❖ **Minimise the risks of artificial feeding**

There should be no donations of BMS. In emergencies, the use of breastmilk substitutes (BMS) requires a context-specific, coordinated package of care and skilled support.

If your organization needs support for IYCF-E programs
or you want to find out more about the Tech RRT, please contact:

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