

THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

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**REPORT ON THE SITUATION OF
INFANT AND YOUNG CHILD FEEDING
IN [COUNTRY]**



IBFAN

defending breastfeeding

[Submission date]

Data sourced from:

Please list your sources here

Prepared by:

Name of your group, section, regional office...

SUMMARY

*The following **obstacles/problems** have been identified:*

Please summarise here the gaps and issues that come out of the information given in the following sections of the report. Please use bullet points.

***Our recommendations** include:*

Please recommend some actions to be taken by national authorities or other actors in order to solve the problems identified in the report. Put the most important recommendations on top. Please be short and concrete. Please use bullet points.

Please adapt this questionnaire to the specific situation of your country, adding wherever necessary, and eliminating what is irrelevant. Helpful questions and guidance is provided by the text in red.

Please let us know if you want this report to be confidential, or if you authorize its publication on the website of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, and on IBFAN's website.

Please return this questionnaire to **Alessia Bigi** (alessia.biggi@gifa.org).

Many thanks for your help.

1) General points concerning reporting to the CRC

In 2018, the CRC Committee will review [COUNTRY]'s combined xxx periodic report.

At the last review in xxx (session xxx), the CRC Committee referred specifically to [COUNTRY] in its Concluding Observations: “xxx xxx”

2) General situation concerning breastfeeding in xxx

If possible, please compare recent data with data of the previous alternative report.

Is information related to breastfeeding part of the national data collection survey or is breastfeeding data piecemeal?

General data

Ideally, one must refer to the following years; however, if not available, one must refer to the most recent data (the years on the table are therefore indicative and can be modified if necessary).

Is possible, please refer to national statistics or demographic surveys. When they are not available, more information can be found on the pages <http://data.unicef.org/> and <http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry>

IBFAN – International Baby Food Action Network

	2015	2016	2017
Annual number of birth, crude (thousands)			
Neonatal mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)			
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)			
Infant – under 5 – mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)			
Maternal mortality ratio (per 100,000 live births)			
<i>Delivery care coverage (%):</i>			
Skilled attendant at birth			
Institutional delivery			
C-section			
Stunting (under 5 years)			
Wasting (under 5 years)			

Breastfeeding data

You can add more data related to breastfeeding, if available.

Ideally, you should refer to the years indicated in the table; however, if this is not possible, please use the most recent available data (the years on the table are therefore indicative and can be modified if necessary).

	2015	2016	2017
Early initiation of breastfeeding (within one hour from birth) WBTI INDICATOR 11			
Exclusive breastfeeding under 6 months WBTI INDICATOR 12			
Introduction of solid, semi-solid or soft foods (6-8 months) WBTI INDICATOR 15			
Bottle-feeding WBTI INDICATOR 14			
Continued breastfeeding at 2 years			
Median duration of breastfeeding WBTI INDICATOR 13			

Analysis of the situation:

How can you analyze the situation of breastfeeding that emerges from the data? Does the data point to any problems: e.g. low rate of exclusive breastfeeding? Is there any trend in breastfeeding rates? Please add any information or comments about the above, for example: regional differences, urban-rural differences, etc.

Please, organise the information according to the following structure.

- Early initiation of breastfeeding
- Exclusive breastfeeding under 6 months
- Continued breastfeeding at 2 years
- Main causes of death among infants and children

If you have no information with regard to a specific category you can either omit it or highlight the lack of data. You can also add other categories, if relevant.

4) Government efforts to encourage breastfeeding

National policies **WBTi INDICATOR 1**

Has any comprehensive nutritional programme or policy been put in place? If yes, has it led to any progress concerning infant and young child feeding issues?

Has your government implemented any concrete measures to protect, promote and support breastfeeding (exclusive breastfeeding until 6 months, continued breastfeeding until 2 years)?

Has it developed any programme to reduce neonatal, infant and maternal mortality? Has it allocated specific resources to address the regional and social disparities in the access to health services, especially in the field of reproductive health and breastfeeding?

Promotion campaigns **WBTi INDICATORS 6 and 7**

Has the government launched relevant national campaigns on breastfeeding promotion and support? Does it have community outreach activities related to IYCF?

Does your government celebrate officially the World Breastfeeding Week (WBW)? Are there other bodies/institutions organizing campaigns to promote/support breastfeeding or celebrating the WBW?

The International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes **WBTi INDICATOR 3**

Is the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes enforced in your country? How is it implemented (partially/totally implemented)?

Is there a monitoring and sanctioning mechanism for the violators of the Code? If yes, is this mechanism efficient and sufficiently funded?

If possible, send any examples of Code violations occurred in your country as a separate Annex.

Please verify that all information sent (description of the violation, date, place, etc..) correspond to the SIM form that you can download at the following link:

<http://ibfan.org/code-watch-form>

Monitoring of national policies and legislation **WBTi INDICATOR 10**

Is there a coordinating body/program specifically in charge of monitoring the national policies and programmes focused on breastfeeding and infant and child nutrition?

Is the government actively involved in this body/program? If yes, what is its role?

Are there NGOs or IBFAN groups regularly monitoring the policies/programmes related to breastfeeding?

Courses / Training of Health Professionals **WBTi INDICATOR 5**

Are there any courses on breastfeeding intended for health professionals?

If yes, how many people have been trained so far? Who is organizing such courses? Is the training of health professionals on breastfeeding adequate?

Are there any specific courses on infant and young child feeding in the context of HIV?

You can add other sections, if relevant and if you have information, such as Health Care System, Breastfeeding Support, Counselling on Breastfeeding, etc...

5) Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative (BFHI) **WBTi INDICATOR 2**

Is the BFHI implemented in your country?

If yes, how many hospitals were certified as "baby friendly" in comparison with the total number of hospitals/maternalities in the country? Is there a difference between private and public health facilities?

Please add further comments and observations concerning difficulties in implementing the BFHI, monitoring (sufficient/insufficient), maintaining high standards, funding, etc.

6) Maternity protection for working women **WBTi INDICATOR 4**

Numbers/proportions of working women in your country.

Maternity leave

Scope: who is included/excluded and conditions for eligibility. Are women working in the informal sector included?

Duration: how many weeks before and after giving birth.

Benefits: Benefits amounting to what % of salary? Who pays the benefits?

Paternity leave (if applicable)

Scope: who is included/excluded and conditions for eligibility. Are men working in the informal sector included?

Duration: how many weeks before and after the child's birth

Benefits: Benefits amounting to what % of salary? Who pays the benefits?

Breastfeeding breaks

Does the law provide for any breastfeeding breaks? How long are they? Are they paid and, if yes, by whom?

Please, add any other information concerning maternity leave: benefits, new laws, ratification of the ILO Convention 183 (2000). If possible, please state name of law and relevant articles, etc...

7) HIV and infant feeding **WBTi INDICATOR 8**

What is the prevalence of HIV/AIDS in your country?

Please state any specific information concerning HIV and breastfeeding: are there specific policies or guidelines on infant feeding and HIV/AIDS or, if your country has a Policy on infant feeding, does it include a special section on HIV/AIDS?

Are there any specialized courses/targeted information campaigns in which HIV and infant feeding is discussed? This is very important if HIV/AIDS is a serious problem in your country.

8) Infant feeding in emergencies (IFE) **WBTi INDICATOR 9**

Has your country gone through emergency situations in the last years (natural disasters or conflicts leading to displacement of people)?

Are there any specific programmes/policies/measures to protect and support breastfeeding in such emergency situations?

Have you any concerns regarding the distribution or use of breastmilk substitutes and feeding equipment in such cases of emergency (e.g. violations of the International Code in emergencies)?

9) Implementation of the Extraterritorial Obligations

Are there any baby food companies based in your country selling their products abroad?

If yes, which companies? Have you monitored their activities under the Code? Have you noted any violations of the Code?

Is there any national legislation to hold corporations established in your country accountable for their human rights violations abroad?

ANNEX

You can add other information here, such as Examples of violations of the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (with relevant pictures)