

IFE Case Study I: Establishing conditions to support breastfeeding



The Situation

Unexpected flooding has caused 80,000 people to be on the move. People left home in a hurry, with only what they could carry. Camps are being organised with food and shelter but there are queues for everything – food, water, plastic sheeting. Scuffles break out from time to time.

There is a river 30 minutes walk from the newly established camp. Water is also brought to the camp in tankers and some agencies are distributing bottles of water.

Several efforts to establish a system of registration have not worked. Eventually a system is in operation but it is time consuming. No one has any idea of the numbers of breastfed infants, but there are no obvious signs of artificial feeding in the camp.

The general ration has been set at 2100 kcal/day/person, but no one is receiving this much. The emphasis amongst the agencies is prevention of malnutrition and there is talk of feeding centres being set up for moderately and severely malnourished children, although numbers are not yet established.

Group Task

Referring to the Operational Guidance discuss the situation and outline the priority actions to support breastfeeding.

Include:

- reference to the 6 practical steps
- recognition of vulnerable groups
- shelter
- demands on time
- food and nutrient needs

IFE Case Study 2: Establishing conditions to minimize risk of artificial feeding



The Situation

Refugees have been in Asia for the past 3 months. Some mothers do not breastfeed and their infants are dependent on breastmilk substitutes. There is a need for some infant formula and people have little money to buy it from markets. But it is not clear who requires formula and who does not. Also formula would get a good price if it were to leak onto the local markets.

The refugees are living in very crowded conditions with local families, in school buildings or shelters. There is no assured access to safe water for anyone. People are worried about the general situation and the political turmoil and afraid of what might happen next.

Group Task

Referring to the Operational Guidance as necessary, discuss the situation and outline priority actions to take in planning and providing appropriate support to artificial feeding.

Include:

- reference to the 6 practical steps
- planning (include training of staff)
- procurement (including all equipment and resources needed)
- storage
- dispensing
- AFASS criteria (Affordable, Feasible, Acceptable, Safe, Sustainable)
- educating caregivers
- monitoring
- measures to prevent spillover

IFE Case Study 3: Unsolicited donations of formula and bottles



The Situation

Your agency is involved in BOTH of the above situations, providing health services and food distributions. For each of them, imagine that you get a call from the airport to come and collect a planeload of infant formula and bottles, which has been sent to your organization from a regional office.

You do not know who ordered it or cleared it. But if you do not collect it, it will be left on the runway.

Group Task

Referring to the Operational Guidance as necessary, discuss this dilemma for both Situation One and Situation Two. Outline the decisions and actions you would take regarding these supplies, and what strategy you would follow to ensure you do not find yourself with this dilemma again.

Include:

- reference to the 6 practical steps
- planning (including training of staff)
- disposing
- storage
- communicating
- dispensing
- monitoring