# “A new tool: the nutrition in emergencies IYCF-E checklist” Webinar

31 March 2020, 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM, Skype for Business Meeting

# Meeting minutes

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## Agenda

1. **Welcome and introductions**
2. **IYCF-E and COVID19** – presentation of the IYCF programming in COVID19 technical brief
3. **IYCF-E checklist** 
   1. Background to creating the IYCF-E checklist
   2. Objectives of the checklist
   3. Presentation of the checklist
   4. Present different ways to use it
   5. Discuss interest in piloting its use in country
4. **Discussion**

1. **Addition of an agenda item**

An agenda item was added in relation to IYCF programming in the context of COVID19 in light of the current crises and the release of the technical brief

1. **Minutes**

1. **Welcome and introductions**

2. **IYCF-E and COVID19** – presentation of the IYCF programming in COVID19 technical brief

An [IYCF programming in the context of COVID19 technical brief](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hfG8u3pPyzrXVMUl81QvB3eBcduQ3FYg/view) IYCF programming in the context of COVID19 technical brief has just been released by UNICEF, the Global Technical Assistance Mechanism (GTAM) and the Global Nutrition Cluster (GNC) collective. A summary of the key recommendations in the brief was outlined in the presentation. This brief is meant to be updated every 10 days. Kindly note that it is better to check WHO and UNICEF website rather than CDC when seeking for guidance as CDC website is primarily geared towards the US context and audience.

A [Template for Joint Statement on Infant and Young Child Feeding in the Context of COVID-19 Pandemic](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uVe5wVYcojKIAqB_UaCyKZO4qpBmhVz0/view)

was issued by the IFE Core Group following a request from the GNC-Coordination Team in order to facilitate the task for those countries who need to issue a joint statement as they see fit.

As mentioned during the call, the Technical Rapid Response Team (TechRRT) are organizing a webinar on the 6th of April on “protecting, promoting and supporting IYCF during the COVID19 pandemic- reflections and recommendations”. You can register on [this link](http://techrrt.org/2020/03/27/webinar-on-6th-april-2020-protecting-promoting-and-supporting-iycf-during-the-covid-19-pandemic-reflections-and-recommendations/) to join the call.

3. [The IYCF-E checklist](http://nutritioncluster.net/resources/iycf-e-checklist/)- details on the below sections can be found in the Power Point presentation of this webinar.

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4. **Discussion**

Questions raised by Isaack and Main with regards to the need for guidance on feeding in the context of COVID19 for *an orphan infant less than 6 months old, also for an infant whose mother has a medically valid reason not to breastfeed.*

There is also need *for guidance in the context were mothers refuse to breastfeed for fear of transmitting the virus or because of the lack of masks available.*

Najwa has suggested that their team can translate the brief to Arabic and share with Yara for dissemination.

*Pakistan and Yemen are interested in piloting the IYCF-E checklist this year.*

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| *Action points* | *Focal point/agency* | *Timeline* |
| *Share and read the IYCF programming in COVID19 technical Brief and flag additional questions not covered by the brief to Yara* | *All* | *Wednesday 8th and ongoing* |
| *Discuss in country the need for the nutrition cluster to issue a joint statement for IYCF in COVID19 context* | *Cluster coordinators* | *Ongoing* |
| *Discuss in country the willingness to pilot the IYCF-E checklist with the GNC-CT support and let Yara know if you are interested to do so* | *Cluster Coordinators and cochairs of IYCF-E TWG* | *End of April* |
| *Yara to schedule a call with Yemen and Pakistan team to support in piloting the checklist* | *Yara* | *Before the 15th of April* |

If you were not able to attend or if you want to share with other team members who might benefit or if you want to listen again to the webinar, kindly find [here](https://1drv.ms/v/s!Asi7mF9xJ-r5hhFA1lz3NAFMOsgN?e=Iri5vS) the link to the call recording.

**Participants**

45 participants joined the call, the names of the participants were not recorded.