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Location: Kabul, Ministry of Public Health, conference room**Agenda of the meeting:**

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1.	Process of the WBTi in Afghanistan and situation of the country in past 3 WBTi assessments
2.	Presenting WBTi report of Afghanistan
3.	Presenting declaration of world Breastfeeding conference 2012
4.	Action plan for recommended budget for IYCF

Summary:

National Advocacy Meeting for Strengthening IYCF Capacity in Afghanistan conducted 4th April 2013 in Kabul, in ministry of public health, the meeting supported by IBFAN ASIA/BPNI and MoPH Afghanistan in.

The meeting organized by Dr.M.Hamayoun Ludin, IYCF national consultant and public Nutrition Department.

The participants were Government, donor, UN agencies, BPHS implementing NGOs and health related associations' leadership and management staff.

The of the meeting resulted on strong commitment of government and donors, supporting IYCF programs by donors(World bank) and UN agencies and Nutrition partners.

Background:

Advocacy meeting chaired by Deputy Minister of Public Health of Afghanistan, Dr.Ahmad Jan Naeem, welcome all participants,

Deputy minister emphasis on importance of IYCF activities, but shared some concerns regarding funding support to these vital programs, request all participants to have their active and sustainable contribution when the presentation and discussions recommended.

Dr Bashir Ahmad Him, Director of Public Nutrition Department summarized all Nutrition programs of MoPH to the participants and thanks for their input in regards to IYCF. He mentioned 1000 days of first life windows of opportunity can be secured only by strong IYCF Programs, Breastfeeding promote, support and

protect is an integrated and joint effort to be achieved nationally, only Public Nutrition department of MoPH is not able to do all for IYCF, therefore coordinated activities based on IYCF national policy and strategy can lead and direct the program to success.

Then Deputy Minister invited Dr Ludin to present WBTi assessment process and report.

Dr.Ludin start presentation on different stages of assessing WBTi in Afghanistan, the active participation of IYCF taskforce members caused finalizing the assessment on time with good quality.

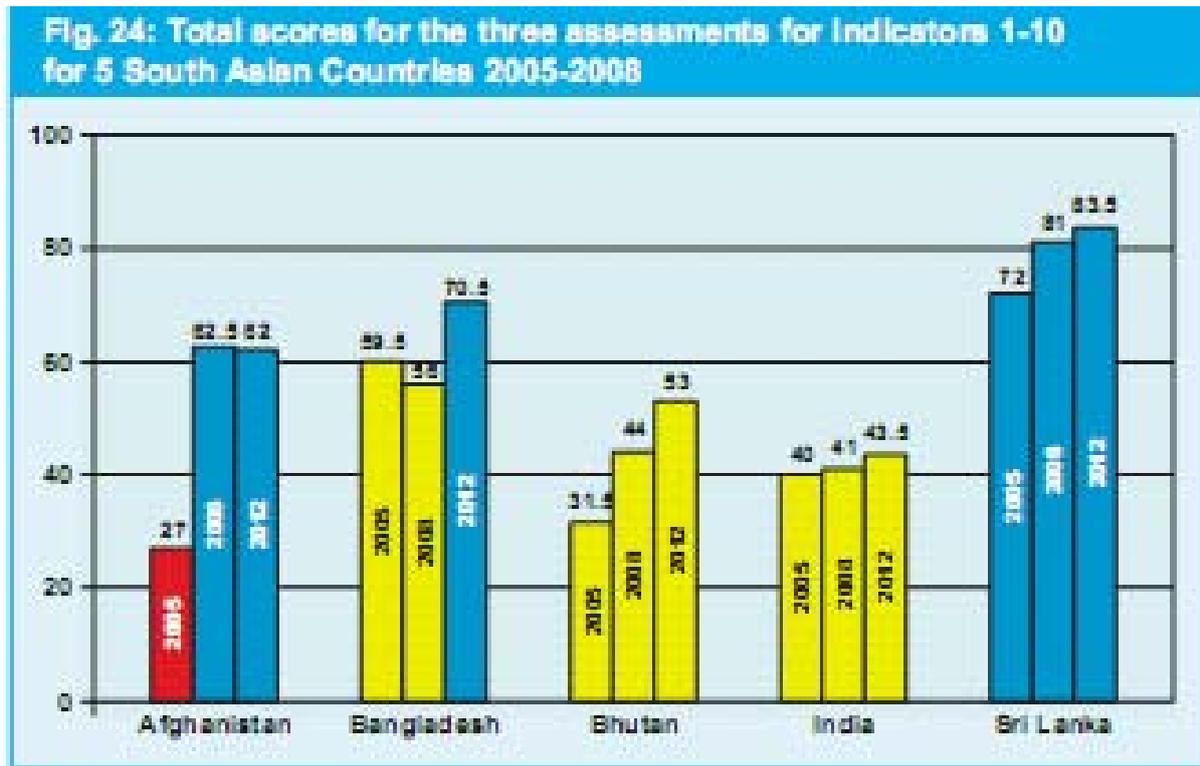
Process of the WBTi assessment:

All members of Infant and Young Child feeding task force meeting invited by Dr Ludin (coordinator of WBTi Afghanistan) and briefed them on new assessment, then the tools shared with all IYCF members and they worked on all formats of WBTi and entered data from new MICS(multiple indicator Cluster Survey) 2011, each member worked on specific WBTi indicator and shared with IYCF taskforce members, then the gaps and recommendations reviewed by all members and Director of Public Nutrition Department of MoPH, for more improvement the WBTi report shared with IBFAN/BPNI colleagues, Dr Arun Gupta commented some points and shared with WBTi coordinator, again shared the BPNI comments with IYCF taskforce meeting members and finalized the report.

These processes took four months in 5 workshops and 4 individual meetings. 6 call conference meetings and one media orientation workshop.

Result of the WBTi report 2012:

Trend of all WBTi assessment has been discussed and graph showed for situation:



Generally trend showed improvement in the IYCF indicators from 2005 to 2012. But the recent result requires more focus on indicator which still in bottom of the score, like indicator 2, 4,5,6,8 and 9.

Achievements

The presentation covered IYCF achievements and discussed with participants as follow:

- IYCF Policy and Strategy
- National Code of BMS
- National BMS committee
- IBFAN support to BMS trainers nationally
- Participating in international breastfeeding forums regularly
- 10 Baby friendly hospitals BFHI

- Celebration of world breastfeeding week (WBW) at national and provincial level.
- Organization of South Asia Breastfeeding Partners' Forum-3 -2006 in Kabul- Afghanistan
- 210 IYCF trainers in all provinces
- Facility based IYCF guideline
- Community based IYCF guideline
- Baby friendly hospitals initiative
- Maternal Nutrition policy and training guide
- IEC materials (TV, Radio spots, posters, brochures, ...)
- National Breastfeeding Promotion and Behavior Change Communication Campaign is being process

Declaration of world Breastfeeding conference 2012

Then the **declaration of world Breastfeeding conference 2012** distributing on all participants, presented and discussed line by line and all members suggested strong support to adopt the declaration especially call of action number 4,5,6 and 7 (4. Ensure appropriate and adequate education and training of all health care professionals and allied health and community workers both in pre-service and in-service, and in all sectors, to counter widespread ignorance.5 Establish clear budget lines for breastfeeding and infant and young child feeding policy and programme interventions to ensure adequate human and financial resources in order to enhance optimal practices.

6. Invest in the Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative including mother friendly practices and link it to community initiatives. Further this should be rooted in all maternal and neonatal health programmes, and with due attention to low birth weight babies.

7. Publicise widely the multiple risks of artificial feeding, bottles and teats as well as early complementary feeding through all kinds of media campaigns)

Costing of IYCF Policy and programs:

Costing plan presented and discussed in the meeting, the trend of the cost increment is sign of development but is not enough.

Total for IYCF policy and program

NO	Item	Unit cost	Financial support
1	IYCF Policy and Strategy	79640	
2	IYCF master trainersTOT	203368	
3	Code of BMS	1,81050	
4	National Breastfeeding communication campaign	136,800	
5	Provincial IYCF training	1643400	
6	Coordination workshops	30000	
7	IYCF communication strategy	40000	
8	Celebrating World Breastfeeding Week at National and Provincial level	24000	
	Total	2338258	

Action points:

Deputy Minister and all participants announced their commitment to IYCF and ask for expansion of IYCF program to all provinces of Afghanistan; meanwhile deputy minister ordered all health implementers that BFHI implementation should be part of all hospital contracts.

World Bank(WB) committed support of IYCF program in inclusion of it in SEHAT project in contract of all Basic Package of Health services (BPHS) implementing nongovernmental organizations (NGOs)- Health system is contracted out by MoPH as BPHS with NGOs by support of WB and USAID in all provinces-and the IYCF activity will budget by support of World Bank.

UNICEF announce and committed support to Breastfeeding communication campaign, breastfeeding counseling training to all health facility midwives, pediatric and obstetric/gyn doctors, UNICEF also mentioned their support to community based IYCF, and added strongly supporting to BMS Code monitoring and capacity building of the relevant sectors.

WHO is also taking part in capacity building of health facility staff on IYCF counseling and growth monitoring.

Breastfeeding research part was the main part which no organization accepted to be funded and requested to follow this part in future to find the solution.

World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative (WBTi)

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Report Card 2012



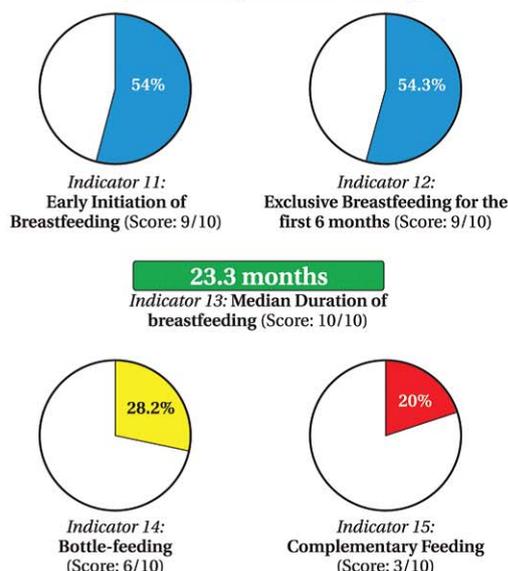
The State of Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF)

Policies and Programmes (Indicator 1-10)

Indicator	Score
1. National Policy, Programme and Coordination <i>Concerns national policy, plan of action, funding and coordination issues.</i>	9.5
2. Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative <i>Concerns percentage BFHI hospitals, training, standard monitoring, assessment and reassessment systems.</i>	5
3. Implementation of the International Code <i>Concerns implementation of the Code as law, monitored and enforced.</i>	8
4. Maternity Protection <i>Concerns paid maternity leave, paid breastfeeding breaks, national legislation encouraging work site accommodation for breastfeeding and/or childcare and ratification of ILO MFC No 183.</i>	5
5. Health and Nutrition Care Systems <i>Concerns health provider schools and pre-service education programmes, standards and guidelines for mother-friendly childbirth procedures, in-service training programmes.</i>	7.5
6. Mother Support and Community Outreach-Community-based support for the pregnant and breastfeeding mother <i>Concerns skilled counselling services on infant and young child feeding, and its access to all women. (During pregnancy and after birth)</i>	5
7. Information Support <i>Concerns national IEC strategy for improving infant and young child feeding, actively implemented at local levels.</i>	9
8 Infant Feeding and HIV <i>Concerns policy and programmes to address infant feeding and HIV issue and on-going monitoring of the effects of interventions on infant feeding practices and health outcomes for mothers and infants.</i>	2
9. Infant Feeding during Emergencies <i>Concerns policy and programme on infant and young child feeding in emergencies and material on IYCF in emergencies integrated into pre-service and in-service training for emergency management.</i>	5
10. Mechanisms of Monitoring and Evaluation System <i>Concerns monitoring, management and information system (MIS) as part of the planning and management process.</i>	6

Score Out of 10

Practices (Indicator 11-15)



Total Score (Indicator 1-15): 99/150

Key to scoring and colour-rating:

- The level of achievement of infant feeding practices is taken in 'percentage' except median duration, which is an absolute number of months.
- In the case of indicators 11 to 15 on practices, key to rating is used from the WHO's "Infant and Young Child Feeding: A tool for assessing national practices, policies and programmes". Scoring and colour-rating are provided according to IBFAN Asia Guidelines for WBTi. Each indicator is scored out of maximum of 10.
- For indicators 1 to 10, there is a subset of questions leading to key achievement, indicating how a country is doing in a particular area. Each question has possible score of 0-3 and the indicator has a maximum of 10.
- IBFAN Asia Guidelines for WBTi for rating individual indicators 1 to 15 are: 0-3 is rated Red, 4-6 is rated Yellow, 7-9 is rated Blue and more than 9 is rated Green.
- Total score of all indicators 1 to 15 is calculated out of 150.

For detailed report please see: <http://www.worldbreastfeedingtrends.org/countrysubmit.php?country=Afghanistan>

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List of Participants

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3.	Sardar wali	Project manager	GIL	
4.	Dr.Tahir Khan	Health Advisor	CIDA	
5.	Dr. Rasoli	Training advisor	Afghan National public Health institute	
6.	Dr Sonan	Nutrition officer	WFP	
7.	Dr.Sayed	Senior health specialist	World Bank	
8.	Dr.Shams	Nutrition officer	WHO	
9.	Dr Najibullah Safi	Consultant	WHO	
10.	Dr Sajid	Narcotic drug control Advisor	MoPH	
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12.	Dr Faridoon	Project manager	World Vision	
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21.	Dr.Shaista Koshaan	Nutrition officer	UNICEF	
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23.	Dr. Saleh Mohammud	Program manager	ACTD	
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50.	Alfred Kana	Information Mgt Officer	UNICEF	
51.	Roshani	Health Specialist	USAID	
52.	Dr. Hatizullah Elham	Prog officer	WFP	

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Photo of advocacy meeting

Conclusion:

The advocacy meeting for Strengthening IYCF Capacity in Afghanistan brought high commitment for IYCF program at national level, government and donor leadership convinced on importance of IYCF.

IYCF included in national health program of MoPH and donor accepted financially support the program as a priority of the government.

Acronyms:

BF: Breastfeeding

BFHI: Baby friendly Hospital Initiative

BMS: Breast milk Substitutes

BPHS: Basic Package of Health Services

IYCF: Infant and Young Child Feeding

MSH: Management science for Health

MoPH: ministry of Public Health

NGO: Nongovernmental organization

UN: United Nations WB: World Bank

WBTi: world Breast feeding trend initiative

Thanks