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Profile

Organization: IBFAN Asia Pacific – RCO, Delhi (India)

1. **Entity-** RCO is a part of Breastfeeding Promotion Network of India (BPNI)

BPNI is a Registered body with Government under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860, Delhi R.No. S-23144

2. **Management-** It is governed by a Managing Committee consists of:

- A Chief Coordinator
- A National Coordinator
- A Treasurer
- Five Members

Two members of the committee are based at the national BPNI office and are involved in day-to-day decision-making. Annual meeting of the committee decides about annual plans and expenditures. Four regional representatives constitute the managing committee of IBFAN Asia Pacific, and they also govern the regional work.

3. **Rules & Regulations** - BPNI is registered under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA No. 23165080) with Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi. All the foreign contributions received by the RCO have to be routed through above FCRA Account and Account of all the receipts and payments duly audited by the Chartered Accountants has to be submitted every year to the Government in form FC-3 (Under Foreign Contributions Regulation Act 1976)

4. **Employees' salaries and taxation**

The salary/ Consultancy etc. of all the employees are covered under Income Tax rules and Income tax is deducted every month as per rules, and deposited in Government Accounts. At the close of the year an annual income tax return is submitted by BPNI to the Income Tax Department, Government of India, giving the particulars of Employees/ Consultants, their total remuneration during the year and Income tax deducted thereon along with original deposit receipts of tax deposited in Government Account.

5. **Audit** - All the books of Accounts together with compliance of Income tax and other government rules are audited annually by the qualified Chartered Accountants:

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List of Abbreviations

1. AFSS- Affordable, Feasible, Acceptable, Sustainable and Safe
2. AIDS – Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
3. AP – Asia Pacific
4. APPAR – Asia Pacific Participatory Action Research
5. BFHI-Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative
6. BBF - Bangladesh Breastfeeding Foundation
7. BPNI – Breastfeeding Promotion Network of India
8. CARK- Central Asian Republics and Kazakhstan
9. CD- Compact Disc
10. CEE- Central and Eastern Europe
11. CIS- Commonwealth of Independent States
12. DFID- Department for International Development
13. EA – East Asia
14. EAPRO- East Asia Pacific Regional Office
15. FU- Follow Up
16. GBPM - Global Breastfeeding Partners Meeting
17. GSIYCF – Global Strategy for Infant and Young Child Feeding
18. HIV – Human Immunodeficiency Virus
19. IBCoCo – IBFAN Coordinating Council
20. IBFAN – International Baby Food Action Network
21. ICDC – International Code Documentation Centre
22. IEC- Information, Education and Communication
23. IFANZ- Infant Feeding Association of New Zealand
24. IFP- IBFAN Focal Points
25. IMS Act – The Infant Milk Substitutes, Feeding Bottles and Infant Foods (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Act 1992
26. IT- Information Technology
27. IYCF- Infant and Young Child Feeding
28. LAC – Latin America
29. LLLI- La Leche League International
30. MC – Managing Committee
31. MDGs – Millennium Development Goals
32. NACO - National AIDS Control Organization
33. NEBPROF - Nepal Breastfeeding Promotion Forum
34. NGO – Non Governmental Organization
35. PPT – Power Point Presentation
36. QA- Question and Answer

37. RCO – Regional Coordinating Office
38. RF- Replacement Feeding
39. ROSA- Regional Office for South Asia
40. RR – Regional Representative
41. SA – South Asia
42. SAARC – South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation
43. SCN – Standing Committee on Nutrition
44. SEA – Southeast Asia
45. TAM- Tracking, Assessing and Monitoring
46. UN – United Nations
47. UNAIDS- United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
48. UNDP- United Nations Development Programme
49. UNICEF – United Nations Children’s Fund
50. UNIFPA- United Nations International Fund for Population Activities
51. WABA – World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action
52. WG – Working Group
53. WHA – World Health Assembly
54. WHO – World Health Organization
55. WBTi- World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative

IBFAN Asia Pacific: Narrative Annual Report 2005

The annual report 2005 is a part of the IBFAN Asia Pacific's Strategic plan 2003-2007. The report is a continuation of 2004 and is based on our operational plan of 2005, which was developed with inputs from the region and it also forms the basis of our evaluation.

Highlights of the year 2005

1. World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative (WBTi) www.worldbreastfeedingtrends.org launched.

Tracking, Assessing and Monitoring (TAM) system for assessment of the Global Strategy for Infant and Young Child Feeding

IBFAN Asia Pacific has launched the World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative (WBTi) during the South Asia Breastfeeding Partners Forum-2 in Kathmandu. Now it is being made suitable for a world-wide launch. This is the flagship programme for IBFAN Asia Pacific. It is designed to assist countries in assessing the achievements and gaps in their policies and programs to protect, promote and support optimal infant and young child feeding practices based on national level study, discussion and analysis which is accomplished by team of partners. Gaps thus identified are used for developing recommendations and advocacy to strengthen programs. WBTi thus helps in formulating plans of action that are effective to improve infant and young child feeding practices and guide allocation of resources. Thus WBTi is A: Action-It is an initiative to stimulate action; B: Bringing people together to develop partnerships; C: Consensus building and commitment between partners on different programs; D: Demonstration of achievements and gaps in different policies and programs and E: Efficacy, improving program- After identifying the gaps, it helps in improving the policies and programs. In addition to the above, www.worldbreastfeedingtrends.org will be the largest web portal of database on practices, policies and programs on infant and young child feeding. Anybody can visit the web and see the profile of any country that have opted to participate. The results can be viewed and used by governments, donors, advocacy groups, researchers and media wanting to take action on infant and young child feeding issues. They can see which programs to strengthen and where to put more resources. Thus, this can prove to be a very useful resource on the web for policy makers and program managers. The initiative aims at improving standards of care in the health care system.

2. Fifteen countries conduct assessment of the status of the Global Strategy for infant and young child feeding

Using the WBTi all eight South Asian countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, India, Maldives and Pakistan), 4 from East Asia (Taiwan, Japan, Mongolia, China), and 3 from Southeast Asia (Vietnam, Malaysia, Philippines) took part in the national assessment of the status of *Global Strategy for Infant and Young Child Feeding*. Response was particularly overwhelming in South Asia where governments, NGOs, professional bodies, civil society groups

and individuals joined in a team effort that led to such assessment. Each of the 8 countries presented their reports on the existing gaps at the South Asia Breastfeeding Partners Forum and these reports formed the basis of Report Card “*State of Worlds Breastfeeding: South Asia 2005*”. These reports and analysis can be viewed at the web portal www.worldbreastfeedingtrends.org and it is under print for dissemination. This action is already showing tremendous local response in terms of countries bridging gaps on IYCF policy and programme.

3. South Asia Breastfeeding Partners Forum-2 organised successfully in Kathmandu (Nepal)

After a successful Forum 1 in Dhaka, and as a part of South Asia plan to strengthen national focal points, and organise this event annually, the IBFAN Asia Pacific, along with the UNICEF ROSA hosted the South Asia Breastfeeding Partners Forum-2 in Kathmandu, Nepal from 26-28 October 2005. The Nepal Breastfeeding Promotion Forum (NEBPROF) acted as local host and organised it. Highlight of the forum was official participation by 5 governments from among the SAARC nations. It brought together 70 participants from 8 countries of South Asia. They represented governments, IBFAN, WABA, UNICEF, UNAIDS, media, professional bodies, institutions, international organisations and NGOs. The theme of this forum was ‘Ensure Exclusive Breastfeeding: Save Newborn Lives’. The Global Strategy for infant and young child feeding was central to it and participants presented the status of Global Strategy in their respective countries. Four resource persons from media interacted with participants to strengthen our links with them. Each country developed their action plans for the year 2006. Some of these future plans include; Afghanistan plans to form a national partnership on breastfeeding, Bangladesh plans more work on the national Code, Bhutan plans to review national breastfeeding policy, India plans training programs for different categories of health workers, Nepal plans advocacy for higher authorities, Pakistan plans training for health personnel and Maldives plans to identify IBFAN focal point and redraft the Code in harmony with WHA resolution 2005 (including issues like sponsorship). Finally, ten recommendations towards achieving the MDGs especially the MDG-4 were adopted unanimously during the closing session. Afghanistan proposed to host South Asia Breastfeeding Partners Forum-3 in Afghanistan in October 2006 and everyone welcomed this proposal. The report of the South Asia Breastfeeding Partners Forum 2 is available on [http://www.ibfan-asiapacific.org/SABPF-II%20\(Report\).pdf](http://www.ibfan-asiapacific.org/SABPF-II%20(Report).pdf) .

4. HIV Infant feeding work strengthened further

- *IBFAN Asia Pacific initiates a Working Group on Infant feeding and HIV*
IBFAN Asia Pacific has constituted a Working Group (WG) on HIV and Infant feeding. Following are some of the objectives with which this WG works:
 - ⌘ Updating and Information Exchange
 - ⌘ Contributing to developments of key documents
 - ⌘ Promotion of UN Framework for Priority Action on HIV and Infant Feeding
 - ⌘ Linking with WABA’s task force on HIV and Infant feeding
 - ⌘ Providing inputs into global agenda

Promoting national actions on HIV and infant feeding

So far, there are 22 members from 8 countries of IBFAN Asia Pacific on this WG, which is co-ordinated by the Regional Coordinator and Dr J.P. Dadhich from India has been appointed the co-coordinator of this WG. In 2005, he undertook following activities:

Facilitated an assessment of status of HIV and infant feeding in select 5 countries of Asia Pacific region and developed a report for presentation at international forum.

Shared relevant information and documents on e-mail with working group members and other experts throughout the year.

Participated in various international and national conferences and meetings as an expert and made presentations on the issue.

Networked and participated in advocacy meetings with various agencies including international donors e.g. Sida.

Participated in review meeting of IBFAN Asia Pacific managing committee and made presentation of future plans.

Prepared drafts of various documents on HIV and infant feeding including position statement on HIV and infant feeding and simple guidelines for the policy/programme persons, and question answer book for counsellors.

- *Five countries do Rapid Assessment of HIV and Infant feeding*

In collaboration and supported by WABA, during the first half of 2005, national IBFAN contacts in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia and Nepal helped to assess HIV and infant feeding work in their countries. IBFAN Asia Pacific provided a background paper with objectives and processes along with a structured questionnaire. Key objectives included sharing updates, and building solidarity and partnerships at national level. This was successfully achieved. They did it through organizing meetings with the partners, which included local governments, UNICEF, UNAIDS, WHO, DFID, UNFPA, UNDP, USAID, local NGOs and health professional bodies. These assessments revealed that there were significant gaps in the national programs on HIV/AIDS as far as infant feeding is concerned. While in Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Nepal the national policy on HIV and Infant feeding was not in place but in Indonesia and Malaysia the national policy recommends artificial feeding assuming their countries fulfil the AFASS criteria. All countries lacked the capacity for providing counselling on infant feeding options. This report is available <http://www.ibfan-asiapacific.org/img/Reportof5CountryonRapidjune%202005.pdf> and hard copies can be made available on request.

- *Inputs at the International Symposium on Breastfeeding and HIV & AIDS*

The Regional Coordinator participated in the Symposium on Breastfeeding and HIV & AIDS from 30 June to 2 July 2005 at Washington, USA. La Leche League International (LLLI) and the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA) jointly sponsored the symposium with the theme “*Breastfeeding – Guarding Maternal & Child Health in an HIV & AIDS World*”. The RC presented the 5-country report on ‘Rapid Assessment of HIV and Infant Feeding’ conducted

by IBFAN Asia Pacific, and this was much appreciated. All participants wished if such an exercise could be repeated in all countries at national level.

5. Regional Inputs for international agenda

- *Inputs provided at the 58th World Health Assembly*

The Regional Coordinator, Dr. Caleb Otto Senator from Palau, Dr. Prakash Shrestha IBFAN Focal Point Nepal participated in the 58th WHA at Geneva from May 13 to May 25th 2005 and provided strong inputs into the 58.32 resolution.

- *Inputs provided at the Regional meeting on Child Health, Development and Survival: 7th Ministerial Conference on Children, Cambodia, March 2005*

The Regional Coordinator was invited to participate in the two preparatory meetings organized by the EAPRO/UNICEF regional office in December 2004 and February 2005. Strong advocacy about the Global Strategy with the international NGO groups and government participants at these two meetings saw the Child Survival agenda strengthened in the programme. During the 7th East Asia and Pacific Ministerial Consultation held at Cambodia in March 2005, 220 participants from 31 countries of EAPRO region took part. The regional coordinator provided key inputs at the conference relating to child survival theme. He prepared a special paper for sharing with participants “*Achieving MDGs: Invest more in infancy and prevent child malnutrition and deaths*” and “*Tackling Obesity in its Infancy*”. He also shared several other advocacy materials including, Lancet child survival series action sheets developed by BPNI/IBFAN, and the result was the ‘**Siem Reap Declaration**’ (Annex) adopted by consensus, which included ‘promotion of exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months’, as a part of commitment of the governments. UNICEF EAPRO provided strategy papers for the region. Infant and Young Child Feeding especially exclusive breastfeeding has been reflected very clearly in these documents and interventions included implementing the Code and the Global Strategy. Impact of our advocacy work was explicit when the Regional Adviser Health and Nutrition UNICEF EAPRO said to me, “This was only possible because of your interventions”. IBFAN Asia Pacific also was a part of 7 NGOs who made a statement at the meeting. The Regional Coordinator also provided media interviews.

- *Participation at WABA’s Global Breastfeeding Partners Meeting (GBPM) IV*

The RC participated in the GBPM IV from 1-3 September 2005 at Penang. He presented the WBTi online and demonstrated how countries can fill their data and see the scores on the web with colour bar graphs and maps. It can be used globally by translating the questionnaire in local language. Everybody appreciated the efforts of Regional Coordinating Office IBFAN Asia Pacific for this endeavour.

6. IBFAN in politics! Strong connections with The First Lady of Timor Leste

Mrs. Kirsty Sword Gusmao represented at the Cambodia meeting one among the 7 NGOs, and provided wonderful environment to the conference and exclusively breastfed her 4-month-old baby during the entire conference. One could not expect a better reminder to politicians and civil servants,

UN agencies sitting in the meeting what breastfeeding means. She asked to take her pictures while breastfeeding her son and use them for campaign.

Breastfeeding Anytime Anywhere

The First Lady of Timor Lesté Kirsty Sword Gusmao breastfeeding her 4 months old son Daniel in Cambodia

7. Strengthened sub regions

All four sub regions have been working almost independently and flexibly with support of the RCO. There has been reasonable progress in each of sub regions ably led by the representatives. Many new contacts have been established.

- ***Pacific***

New Zealand gets the Infant Feeding Association of New Zealand (IFANZ), and the regional representative has worked hard on this sustainable initiative to build public pressures for implementing the Code and the Global Strategy for infant and young child feeding. This will also serve as regional coordination for the Pacific regional IBFAN work. A Pacific Breastfeeding partner's forum is now on way in June 2006. Pacific regional work achievements include strengthening linkages with other movements particularly human rights one that led to a recommendation to modify the Human rights Law to address breastfeeding rights of women. They also did monitoring to expose what infant formula companies are doing, to draw the attention of the government to implement Code more seriously than to rest on industry promoted Code. Attention to BFHI and HIV and infant feeding been enhanced.

- ***Southeast Asia***

They continue to work on indigenous complementary foods and is planning to organise sharing workshop for all national groups who are currently working on testing the guidelines in 5 countries. New actions include strengthening Code work in Philippines, developing network of breastfeeding partners in Philippines, initiating new actions in Myanmar, Malaysia, Vietnam, Timor and Thailand. New links have been developed with trade union leaders to advocate for maternity protection.

- ***East Asia***

They organized seminars on infant and young child feeding in China, Mongolia and Japan. These led to widespread interest among public interest groups. They also organised Code workshops in Korea, Parliamentarians meeting in Korea. Dialogue with 5 national contact points helped further actions such as Mogolia passed their law in the Parliament.

- ***South Asia***

They organised the Forum 2 in Kathmandu, and provided support to national initiatives. South Asia conducted national assessment of all 8 contries and all presented it at the Forum 2. Developed materials on exclusive breastfeeding campaign including a breastfeeding calendar 2006.

8. Regional Coordination

Regional Coordination has been fairly effective. Regional Coordinator reviews work plans on almost daily basis and takes monthly meetings for review of the operational plan. Quarterly reports along with financial reports are shared with the managing committee of IBFAN Asia Pacific and programme reporting is regularly done on six monthly basis for DGIS, and annually for Sida. IBFAN Asia Pacific also prepares an annual report of work for wider sharing.

The Managing Committee of IBFAN Asia Pacific is the decision making body of the IBFAN Asia Pacific Council. It is equivalent to the Advisory Committee or Consultative Committee of other IBFAN regions. The four Regional Representatives (RRs) of South Asia, Southeast Asia, East Asia and Pacific are the members of the managing committee. The managing committee met in December 2005 to review achievements, utilisation of funds and objectives of plan. Lessons learnt, strengths and weaknesses formed the basis of the plans for the year 2006.

Management of funds

Funds were shared with all RRs equally for implementing the operational plan 2005. These have been managed well and reported.

What has been planned but could not be realized and why?

Based on the operational plans 2005, most of activities that were planned have been achieved. Major activity that could not happen is the Pacific Breastfeeding Partners Forum, because of lack of sufficient understanding by the partners who would be collaborating in this activity. Dialogue is on with them and we hope to organise this event in June 2006. Under the Southeast Asia work, we could not develop the guidebook on complementary feeding using indigenous complementary foods. This was because the region discussed and decided to test the intervention as case studies in five countries and share their experience during the next regional meeting possibly in late 2006.

What was not planned but still performed and why?

IBFAN work is not always limited to the planned work, IBFAN responds like an emergency response to several national and international needs. For example we end up doing advocacy work, which means briefing the policy makers, ministers, UN officials etc. Every possible opportunity is used to achieve inputs into regional, international agenda. This makes IBFAN work truly rewarding in terms of long-term impact of our work. Preparation of different types of analytical documents for advocacy also consumes lot of our time. Here are some key activities performed during 2005 that were not planned.

1. Saving the IMS Act in India

India's proposal to strike down its national legislation in the garb of modern integrated food legislation led to such a motivated response, which is unprecedented in building a very strong partnership between public interest groups, experts, and professional bodies to raise our voice. The Regional Coordinator who works in India spent almost 3 months for advocacy. The international response to the crisis was also a great one and seems to help develop India's position on the issue. Ultimately the concerned minister announced for non-repealment of the IMS Act. This was a great moment for BPNI and IBFAN Asia Pacific.

2. Support to Kazakhstan

CARK Region-wide Conference on prevention of HIV infection in Infants-Almaty Kazakhstan March 1-3 2005

On request from the UNICEF Regional office CEE, CIS, Baltic States, Dr Arun Gupta, Regional Coordinator IBFAN Asia Pacific made a presentation at Almaty, Kazakhstan. These countries had already made a decision to promote replacement feeding (RF) to infants born to HIV positive mothers, keeping the UKRAINE initiative as a model. His presentation highlighted how to ensure that 'Infant and Young Child Feeding Counselling' is available to all women on an individual basis and all infant feeding options are provided to women who are tested HIV positive. This presentation is available on <http://www.ibfan-asiapacific.org/img/almaty%20.pdf>. It was also highlighted that

protecting, promoting and supporting breastfeeding in general population continues and not undermined keeping the MDGs in mind.

3. Providing support to Tsunami and Earth Quake affected countries

Unfortunately, the region saw the Tsunami tragedy in December 2004 a huge earthquake in October 2005. The affected countries Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Pakistan and parts of India were provided support by providing them important documents on 'Infant feeding in Emergencies' by e-mail and also by post. These helped the relief organisations a lot by knowing how to monitor the baby food manufacturers and how to help the mothers with small babies and babies without mothers. Some funds were also used for essential supplies in areas of Tamilnadu where breastfeeding groups were working. Training of community workers for infant feeding counselling in Jammu and Kashmir (earthquake region) and South India was also facilitated.

Lesson Learnt

- Sub-regional activities like breastfeeding partner's forums have been very successful in generating interest of countries and UN towards optimal infant and young child feeding. This is a potential activity to strengthen the network. South Asia Breastfeeding Partners Forum-2 is a perfect example of such partnerships. NEBPROF, the Nepal IBFAN Focal Point, organized this in Kathmandu. With several organizations like IBFAN, WABA, UNICEF, UNAIDS and Governments participating, the forum led to ten recommendations and call for action. It also led to each country making their own plan of action on IYCF for 2006.
- Wider partnerships with genuine partners without conflicts of interest and governments help make substantial progress e.g. in India, BPNI's programme supported by national UNICEF and Government of India, has led to several positive steps forward in implementing the Global Strategy for Infant and Young Child Feeding. In more than 15 countries who were involved in the national assessment of Global Strategy for IYCF (using WBTi), all partners contributed to it. The process helps in creating ownership and finding solutions together. Action in Phillipines, Korea and New Zealand also clearly reflect that for hightened national actions there is strong need to build parteships with like minded groups, NGOs, governemnst and others.
- Sharing of useful experience like WBTi with other regions is potentially a positive step for generating more action.
- Operational plans need to be made realistic and also reviewed periodically.

Future Plans

- Focus will be on further strengthening of the network in the sub regions and national level.
- Involving more countries and regions to participate in WBTi
- Organising a Pacific Breastfeeding Partners' Forum- 1 in Fiji
- Organising South Asia Breastfeeding Partners Forum 3 in Afghanistan
- Documentation of Position statement on Infant feeding and HIV and initiate new actions on the issue.

Operation Plan IBFAN Asia Pacific 2005

Objective/Activity	Work plan	Accomplished or not
1.1 Use of APPAR toolkit and report on breastfeeding trends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National groups provide feedback on APPAR. • Central compilation is done. • FU with RRs to ensure that countries in the region provide specific contacts and data inputs, allow use through passwords. • Develop a printed report on the 2005 Status of Global Strategy for Infant and Young Child Feeding on countries that enter data. • Promote APPAR toolkit as http://www.worldbreastfeedingtrends.com. • Promote its use in other countries e.g. CEE Baltic States, CARK region through UNICEF, through communications and visits etc. • Prepare a promotional brochure on worldbreastfeedingtrends.com. 	All planned actions have been accomplished. With number of countries participating reached 15. Draft print of South Asia report is ready and will be printed and disseminated in March 2006.
<p>2.1. Promotion of Global Strategy for Infant and Young Feeding at national level through national level meetings of partners.</p> <p>2.2 National contact points Facilitate/encourage national sensitization meetings and launch discussion on implementing the Global Strategy for Infant and Young Child Feeding among governments and partners.</p>	<p>RCO to promote implementation with the use of popular version of Global Strategy for Infant and Young Child Feeding at regional meetings, National meetings.</p> <p>RCO to prepare a Generic PPT presentation on the Global Strategy for Infant and Young Child Feeding that should include exclusive breastfeeding, complementary feeding, code, maternity protection and mother support groups and share CD format of Global Strategy for Infant and Young Child Feeding. (Advocacy meetings facilitated by the IFPs or IBFAN contacts and RRs /RCO to support) Report of national actions is shared with RCO.</p>	Global Strategy for infant and young child feeding has always remained central to all our actions. Inputs at regional and national meetings have been provided using these key documents and preparing several other advocacy documents.
3.1 Annual review meetings	Meeting discusses the results of 2004 and 2005 and future plans,	Review meeting has been held in December 2005 to review 2005

Objective/Activity	Work plan	Accomplished or not
	completes discussions on reasons of works not accomplished and leverage. Reporting is thus streamlined.	and plan for 2006. Minutes of the report used for follow up.
3.2 APN 5 and 6	APN-5 and 6 is developed and shared within the region.	APN 5 and 6 developed and shared.
3.3 Website updating and maintenance	IBFAN Asia Pacific website is updated and maintained in 2005	Regular work on updating website.
3.4 Internal meetings	Regular meetings at RCO for internal review and monitoring of plans	Regular reviews are conducted at RCO
3.5 Networking visits	Meeting with government officials, press conferences, public events, other regions for promoting APPAR toolkit	All RRs, country conatcts regularly network to take forward implementation of the Global Strategy for infant and young child feeding. RRs visit them for support whenever required.
3.6 Advocacy at international meetings e.g. WHA, SCN, Codex	IBFAN Asia Pacific participates and provides input into global and regional agenda.	Inputs have been provided at several regional and international meeting.
3.7 Regional Coordination	RC functions effectively and coordinates all actions according to the TOR.	RCO functioning effectively
3.8 Support Sectt. Functioning	SS functions as per TOR.	SS functioning effectively. It is planned to hire services of IT specialist to work on WBTi and website for next 1-2 years.
3.9 Annual reports for DGIS, ICDC, Sida Liq. Forecasts for ICDC, GIFA DGIS Annual Report IAPC	RCO to prepare and submit in time RRs to comply with the reporting schedules. RRs to prepare the coming years that is 2006 activity plans and forecasts ready by July 2005.	Reporting is regularly achieved
3.10 Regional Networking Meeting in Pacific	RR Pacific to coordinate could be Breastfeeding Partners Forum of the Pacific/ or any other title.	RR in the Pacific worked seriously to organise the meeting during 2005 but due to unavoidable reasons it has not been possible to organise and plans are underway to organise it during middle of 2006.
3.11 South Asia Breastfeeding Partners Forum-2	RCO to assist Nepal Breastfeeding Promotion Forum to organize.	Successfully organised Forum 2 in South Asia
4.1 Capacity building grants	It is proposed to strengthen the RRs office and cover some communications costs, sub regional networking and identifying	Sub regional offices have been provided funds to organise local ativities and for coordination purpose. RCO does it through an

Objective/Activity	Work plan	Accomplished or not
	IFPs	agreement.
5.1 Development of Exclusive Breastfeeding advocacy and IEC campaign materials like CDs, articles, presentations etc.	RC to initiate activity and link with WBW 2005 and WABA Secretariat. Generic materials will be produced for policy makers, health workers and general public, which can be adapted locally. Shared within the region, national adaptation encouraged.	Exclusive breastfeeding campaign materials have been developed and sharing will start in January 2006, with the Exclusive breastfeeding calendar first other materials will follow in serial mailing to the contacts in he region
6.1 Complementary feeding project	SEA RR to Develop Standard tool/Guidelines for implementing at national level. Develop Campaign materials National groups encouraged to locally adopt and use for campaign. Shared the results of national use.	SEA RR is working on the project and countries are these days involved in testing the intervention, They would come together sometimes in 2006 to share experiences.
7.1 Code training in SEA/SA or Pacific	RRs to encourage Code training at the national level, which could be followed by national monitoring of the Code and link with ICDC.	EA RR organised several national meetings focused on Code, all regions worked on Code in several ways, supporting countries on Code development, discussions at the breastfeeding forums etc.
8.1 To establish a regional working group	A regional working group is established to review the current recommendations and consult with national and international stakeholders.	HIV IF WG is effectively functioning
8.2 To prepare IEC materials on HIV and Infant feeding for Health Workers, Counselors and Policy makers	Generic guidelines for policy makers, QA guide for health workers, Code and HIV, IEC materials on feeding options, position statement of IBFAN Asia Pacific etc. South Asia RR to lead this action.	These materials are still gone in draft shape and likely to finalised in early 2006. Inputs from all members of WG are being sought and compiled.