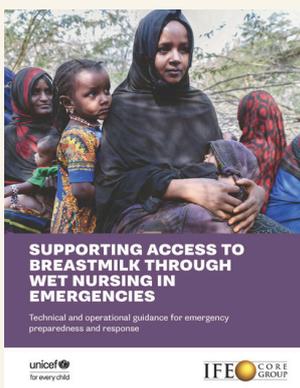


WET NURSING GUIDANCE

**In emergencies, every drop of breast milk counts.
Wet nursing is the life-saving step before infant formula.**

Wet nursing, when one woman breastfeeds another's infant, is a long-standing and compassionate practice that can be life-saving in emergencies. When a mother is unable to breastfeed, wet nursing offers a safe and nurturing way to ensure infants continue to receive the essential protection and nutrition that breast milk provides. In almost all circumstances, wet nursing is safer and more beneficial than breast milk substitutes.

Discover three complementary tools designed to raise awareness, provide technical guidance, and support the safe, ethical implementation of wet nursing in emergencies. **Explore the Wet Nursing Collection on the IYCF-E Hub to access all three resources.**



TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE

This guidance, published by UNICEF and the IFE Core Group, provides practical and ethical advice on why, when, and how to support wet nursing in emergencies, offering scenarios, recommendations, and steps to facilitate access to breast milk safely.



WET NURSING SCREENING TOOL

The new Wet Nursing Screening Tool, produced by Save the Children and the IFE Core Group to complement the above guidance, provides a structured way to guide conversations and assess readiness for wet nursing arrangements, protecting both the infant and the woman.



SUPPORTING WET NURSING DURING EMERGENCIES

This infographic, published by the IFE Core Group, is a guide for frontline workers working in emergency preparedness and response. It quickly introduces wet nursing as a life-saving practice in emergencies and guides on how to implement it safely.