

Maternal, infant and young child nutrition

The Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on maternal, infant and young child nutrition: draft comprehensive implementation plan,¹

1. ENDORSES the comprehensive implementation plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition;
2. URGES Member States,² to put into practice, as appropriate, the comprehensive implementation plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition, including:
 - (1) developing or, where necessary, strengthening nutrition policies so that they comprehensively address the double burden of malnutrition and include nutrition actions in overall country health and development policy, and establishing effective intersectoral governance mechanisms in order to expand the implementation of nutrition actions with particular emphasis on the framework of the global strategy on infant and young child feeding;
 - (2) developing or, where necessary, strengthening legislative, regulatory and/or other effective measures to control the marketing of breast-milk substitutes;
 - (3) establishing a dialogue with relevant national and international parties and forming alliances and partnerships to expand nutrition actions with the establishment of adequate mechanisms to safeguard against potential conflicts of interest;
 - (4) implementing a comprehensive approach to capacity building, including workforce development;
3. REQUESTS the Director-General:
 - (1) to provide clarification and guidance on the inappropriate promotion of foods for infants and young children cited in resolution WHA63.23, taking into consideration the ongoing work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission;
 - (2) to support Member States in the monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes, including those of the global strategy for infant and young child feeding, with the latest evidence on nutrition;

¹ Document A65/11.

² And, where applicable, regional economic integration organizations.

(3) to develop risk assessment, disclosure and management tools to safeguard against possible conflicts of interest in policy development and implementation of nutrition programmes consistent with WHO's overall policy and practice;

(4) to report, through the Executive Board, to the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly on progress in the implementation of the comprehensive implementation plan, together with the report on implementation of the International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes and related Health Assembly resolutions.

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