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Global strategy for infant and young child feeding

Timetable for development of a global strategy on infant and young child feeding

June-August 2000	1. (a) Continue preparation of draft strategy. (b) Prepare a comprehensive report on infant and young child feeding for the regional committees in 2000; brief regional offices. (c) Identify funds needed for next steps in the process.	
June-August 2000 September 2000- January 2001	2. (a) Present the draft strategy in two countries. Ask participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to review elements • to assess their applicability in specific environments • to assess their comprehensiveness • to evaluate their usefulness and potential effectiveness • to describe how the strategy complements/embodyes/ includes national policy. (b) Together with regional offices (Identify appropriate national focal points for reviewing, assessing and evaluating the draft strategy.) identify 4-5 countries in different regions. (c) Dispatch draft strategy to these countries. Provide technical support or visits from regional advisers/short-term consultants. Consolidate feedback and incorporate into draft strategy.	<p>March 2000 – March 2001</p> <p>Systematic review of the scientific literature concerning the optimal duration of exclusive breastfeeding.</p>
October 2000 January-March 2001	3. (a) Prepare progress report for 107th session of the Executive Board (January 2001) and Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly (May 2001). (b) Revise report for Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly in the light of comments by Executive Board. (c) Organize and convene regional meetings in collaboration with other partners. (d) Consolidate comments and produce next draft.	<p>Purpose of regional meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – to review country analyses in detail – to develop further the draft strategy – to sensitize policy-makers and general public – to develop region-specific plans of action.
August- October 2001	4. (a) Circulate revised draft of strategy to Member States and interested parties for information and feedback. (b) Consolidate final draft strategy.	
October 2001	5. Prepare for 109th session of the Executive Board (January 2002): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • draft strategy • comprehensive report on infant and young child nutrition • draft resolution for the Executive Board. 	
January 2002	6. Consideration of draft strategy by the Executive Board.	
May 2002	7. Submission of strategy for consideration and endorsement by the Fifty-fifth World Health Assembly.	