

World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative (WBTi)

Indicator: National Policy, Programme & Coordination

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Gaps detected for the indicator National Policy, Programme & Coordination from the last assessment 2012



- **No policy on Infant and Young Child Feeding**



Recommendations for the indicator National Policy, Programme & Coordination

- **The National Guidelines should be reviewed, and given the shape of a national policy with plans and budgets, implementation and operational guidelines, for capacity building on indicators to implement the remaining indicators**
- **National coordination mechanism should be developed with a secretariat and technical support to follow up on action in States**
- **Budgetary provisions should be made available for the activities that emerge**

Action Taken for the indicator National Policy, Programme & Coordination /Plan of Action



- **National Breastfeeding Coordination Committee has been constituted under chairpersonship of Joint Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development with Joint Secretary of all other departments/ministries and other key stakeholders as member**
- **National Steering Committee on Breastfeeding and Infant & Young Child Feeding under the chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development with Secretary of all other departments/ministries and other key stakeholders as member**

Action Taken for the indicator National Policy, Programme & Coordination /Plan of Action



- **Establish a National Resource Centre on Infant and Young Child Feeding in partnership with BPNI, that would provide technical support to various MWCD and MHFW programmes such as NRHM/NHM, ICDS, IGMSY and crèches, could mobilise action countrywide, help establish similar State Resource Centres (Centres of Excellence), to take local action on World Breastfeeding Week, mainstreaming IYCF skill training and monitoring of IMS Act etc.**