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BREASTFEEDING – A VITAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE

OBJECTIVES OF WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK 2009

- To reinforce the vital role that breastfeeding plays in emergency response worldwide.
- To advocate for active protection and support of breastfeeding before and during emergencies.
- To inform mothers, breastfeeding advocates, communities, health professionals, governments, aid agencies, donors, and the media, about how they can actively support breastfeeding before and during an emergency.
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Are You Ready?

Laurel K. Tharrington: Everyone needs to be ready and prepared for emergencies

Sudipto Das: Breastfeeding during heatwave

Sudipto Das: Hard World - Breastfeeding in a relief camp in India

Asha D Benakappa: Domestic Violence as Unforeseen Emergencies

Sarah Segal: Breastfeeding Baby Next to Armed Soldier on bus in Israel

Ruth Babirye: Code Monitoring in Emergencies

Ruth Babirye: Breastfeeding – Hope before Help

Roseane do Socorro Goncalves Viana: Breastfeeding, the First Right to Food

Grace Nambuusi: Breastfeeding – mother in Karamoja – Region under Emergency situation in Uganda

Mirian Tamashiro Flores: Breastfeeding after one year of Ica’s earthquake in Peru

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