

SAFE Infant Feeding Field Rapid Needs Assess.

Purpose: Discover unmet infant or young child feeding needs after a disaster or other emergency. Works best at a shelter, distribution site, or other place people go for help.

This rapid needs assessment is based on the one published by the CDC in their IYCF-E toolkit. Additional details about conducting a rapid needs assessment can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/nutrition/emergencies-infant-feeding/downloads/pages/Rapid-Needs-Assessment-Intake-Form-IYCF-E-508.pdf>

Summary

Facts to Learn:	Issues to Listen For:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feeding method & how they want to feed• Water source• Cleaning/Sanitation method (if needed)• Power source (if needed)• Storage (if needed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health problems• Changes in feeding• Lactation problems• Lack of safe water• Need for supplies• Improper storage/ inability to store safely• Caregiver needs• Emotional needs

Questions

- It's so nice to meet you. Who do we have here with you today? *[if young child/baby is present]*
- Hello! Do you have any babies in your life? *[if only adult(s) present]*
- May I ask, how are you feeding your baby/child?
- Can you tell me more about how feeding your baby/child is going for you?

If chestfeeding/breastfeeding or mixed feeding:

- Can you tell me more about how chest/breastfeeding or expressing your milk is going for you?
- You are doing the very best you can for your baby.

If using bottles, pumping, etc

What is your water source? *[Ask as needed:]*

- Is it easy for you to get more water, or are there challenges?
- What do they say about the safety of your tap water?
- Have you had your well tested?
- How are you cleaning your bottles/ pump parts/ feeding items?
- [If boiling] How are you boiling the water?
- What is your power source for your pump? Is it reliable?
- How are you storing unused milk/formula?

Uncovering other concerns:

- Has anything changed in how you feed your baby/child since the emergency?
- [Infant] Were there any issues at birth that affected your baby's feeding, like being born early, small or sick?
- [Child] Are there any special needs or concerns you have related to your child's feeding?
- Is there anything else you want to share about feeding your baby, or other concerns you have?
- Is there anything you need to care for yourself?
- Ask caregivers if they need specific items. They may not know what they are missing, not realize it is available, or not be able to think well.
- *[If appropriate and available]* would you be interested in feeding your baby donor milk?

What to Do

- Refer medical needs.
- Refer lactation concerns.

Provide Education	Connect with Supplies
If trained, volunteers can handle many education needs on the spot.	May be at the distribution center/shelter you are serving, or donated to your team.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making water safe • Cold sanitation • Safer formula feeding • Safe milk/formula storage • Hand expression or manual pump • Cup feeding • Baby carrying 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cold sanitation kit / cleaning supplies • Formula (preferably Ready-to-Feed (RTF) if safe water is inconsistent) • Specialty formula • Human donor milk (if available) • Infant feeding supplies • Baby carrier • Special lactation supplies • Other needs (food, finances, etc)
------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Based on the CDC IYCF-E Rapid Needs Assessment www.cdc.gov/infant-feeding-emergencies-toolkit/php/index.html
info@SafeInfantFeeding.org 828-809-3301 SafeInfantFeeding.org