

#### Online Launch of the "Making A Difference - An Evaluation Report of the World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative (WBTi) in Mobilising National Actions on Breastfeeding and IYCF, 2020"

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#### **Total Number of Countries Reported**



#### What is WBTi

## Launch of the WBTi Evaluation

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Launched in 2004, the World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative (WBT*i*) assists countries to assess the status of and benchmark the progress in implementation of the *Global Strategy for Infant and Young Child Feeding* in a standard way. It is based on the WHO's tool for national assessment of policy and programmes on infant and young child feeding. The WBT*i* assists countries to measure strengths and weaknesses on the ten parameters of policy and programmes that protect, promote and support optimal infant and young child feeding (IYCF) practices.



## What is World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative(WBTi)

- It tracks and monitors policy and programmes on breastfeeding , It is based on
  - Global Strategy for Infant and Young Child Feeding practices
  - WHO's Tool for National Assessment of policy and programmes
- In its 15<sup>th</sup> year
- Adapted and added value : Scoring, Colour Coding, Reporting, Galvanising national action, and Global repository of policy/programmes.. It shows what works and what does not.
- How its is done at country level, process is the key.







## **Objectives of the Study**

- Assess the difference WBTi has made at a national level on policy, programmes and practices;
- Analyse factors associated with the use of the WBTi report and report cards, with a special emphasis on frequency, methods, partnerships, and
- iii. Assess how WBTi results were used for advocacy to impact policy and programmes.







## Methods

- Constitution of the global technical working group coordinated by secretariat
- Drafting and field-testing questionnaire
- Data collection
- Analysis is by quantitative and qualitative (At Uganda)







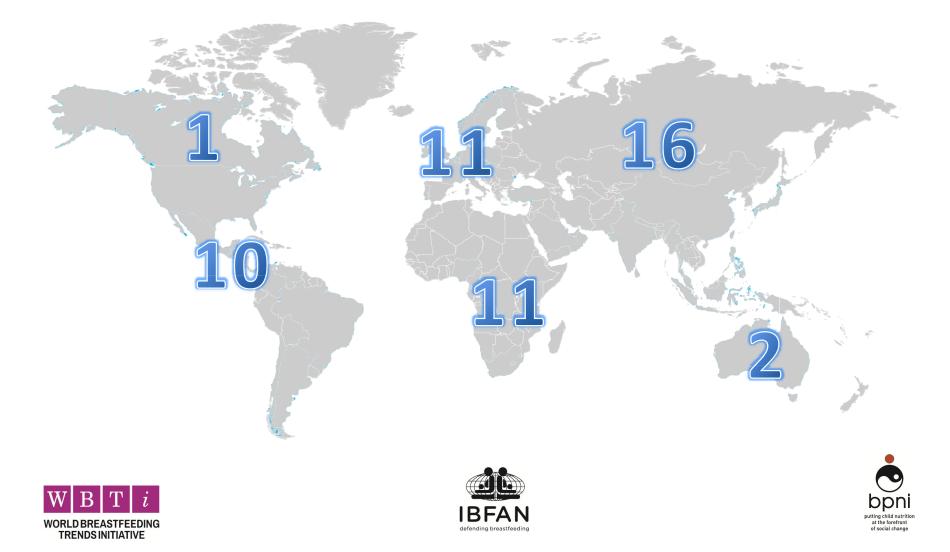
# **Key Results**



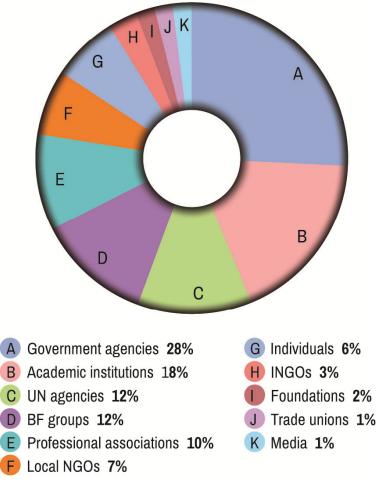




## 51/97 Countries Responded



#### Key Process: Core Group in Every Country(without conflicts of interest)



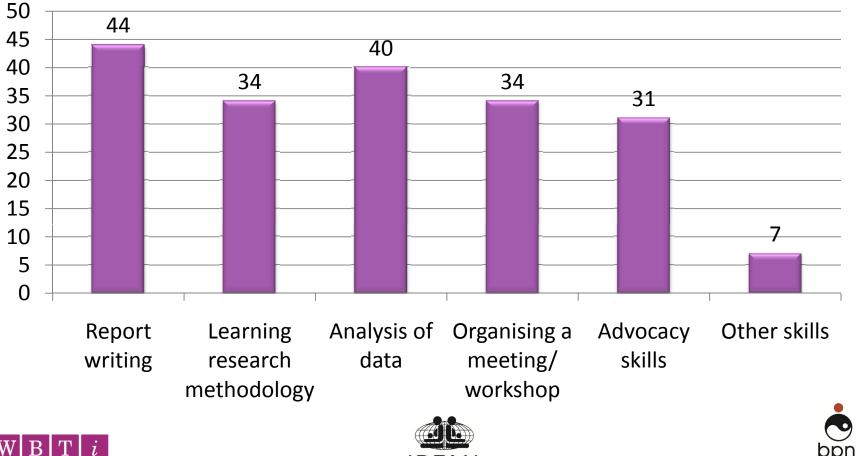






## **Strengthening Skills of WBTi Coordinators**

Enhanced skill reported in (n=51)



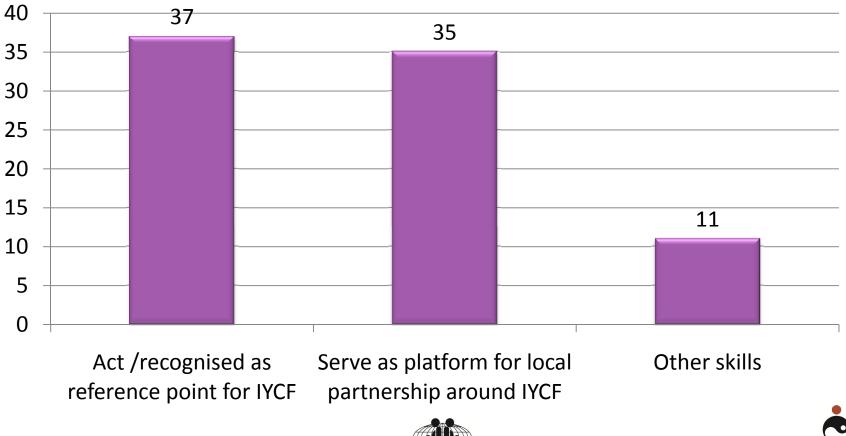




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## **Strengthening Organizations**

Enhanced skill reported in (n=51)









### **Key Results: Formal Reports and Report Cards**



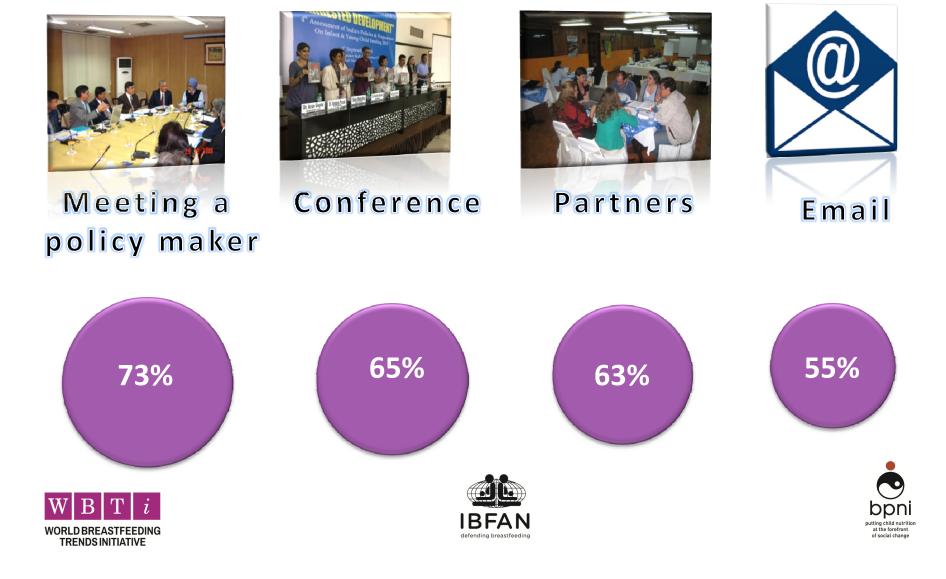




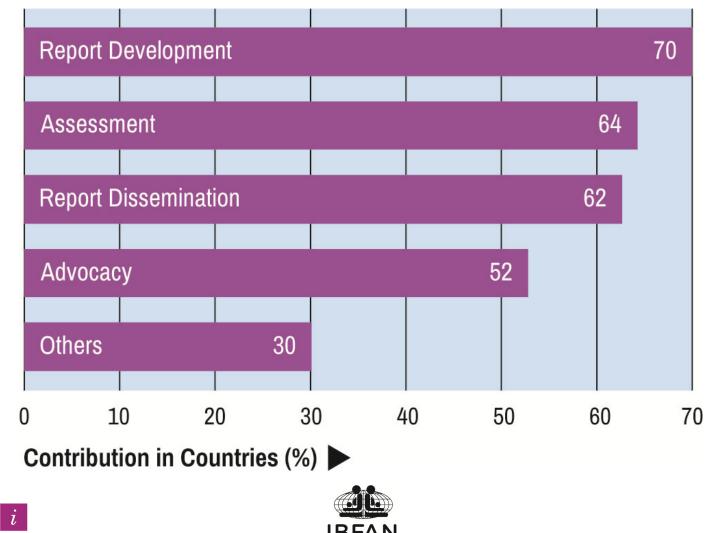


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### **What Prompted Action?**



## **Role International Baby Food Action Network (IBFAN) Played**



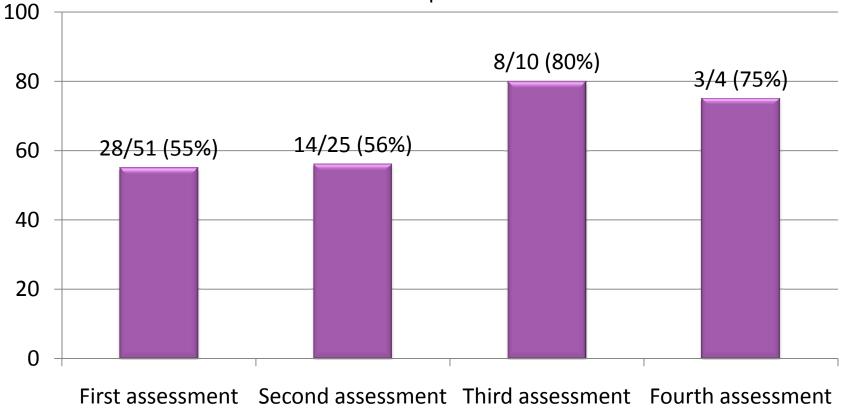
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#### Analysis n Reports Prompt 2/3<sup>rd</sup> Governments Commit or Take Actions

More details in the report



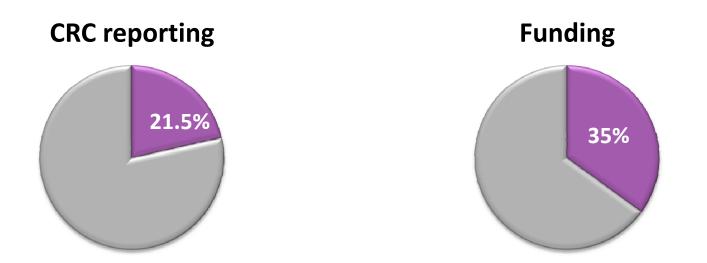
Number of countries with commitment from Government







## **Other Gains**



#### Capacity building of health workers skills was common

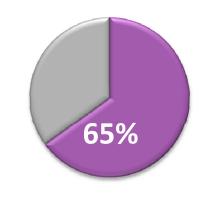






#### WBTi Leaves Behind a Sustainable Core Group





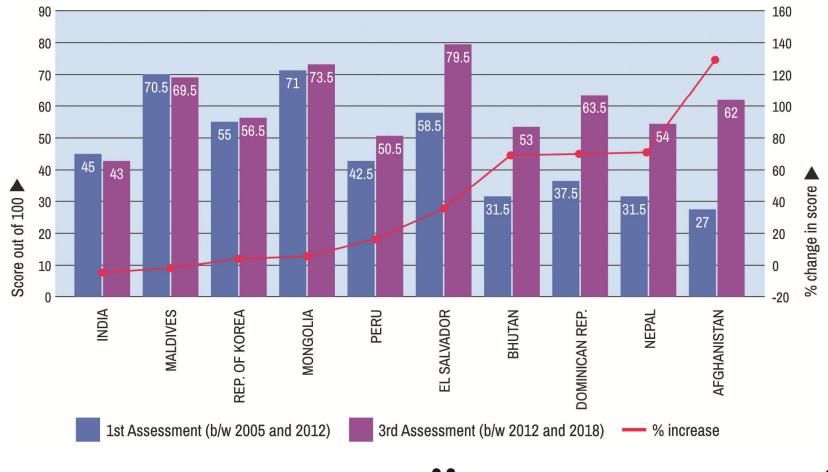
- Reconnecting with other organisations
- Contact with government policy makers
- Asking the governments to organise data collection
- Involved in evaluations, research
- Dissemination of knowledge
- Monitoring and submitting reports of Code Violations
- Presenting WBTi reports at conferences/meetings
- Writing (more than 10 so far published)







#### Periodic Monitoring Key to Improved Policy and Programmes(1-3<sup>rd</sup>)

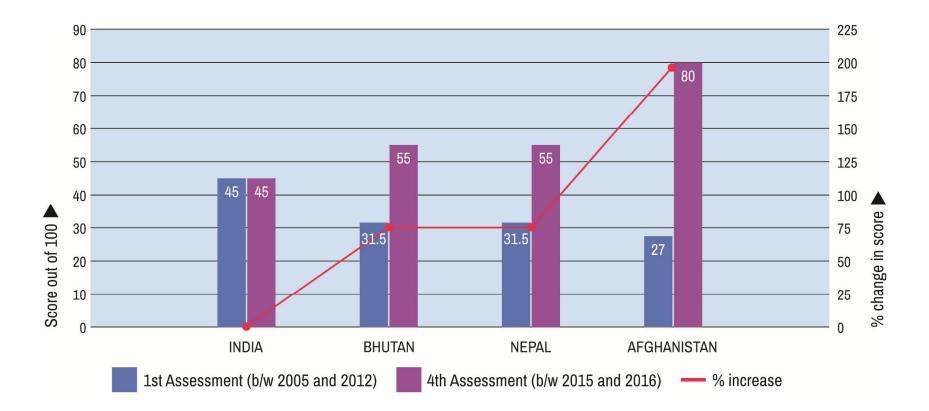








#### Periodic Monitoring Improved Policy and Programmes (1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>)

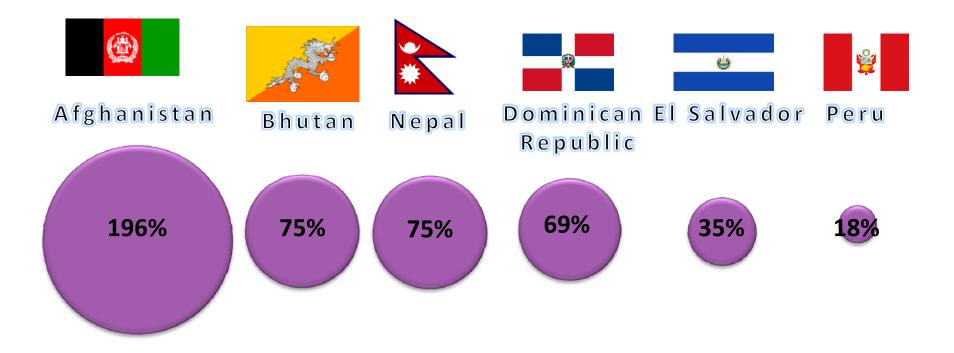








#### Gain in Policy/Programme Scores (1<sup>st</sup> and last Assessment)

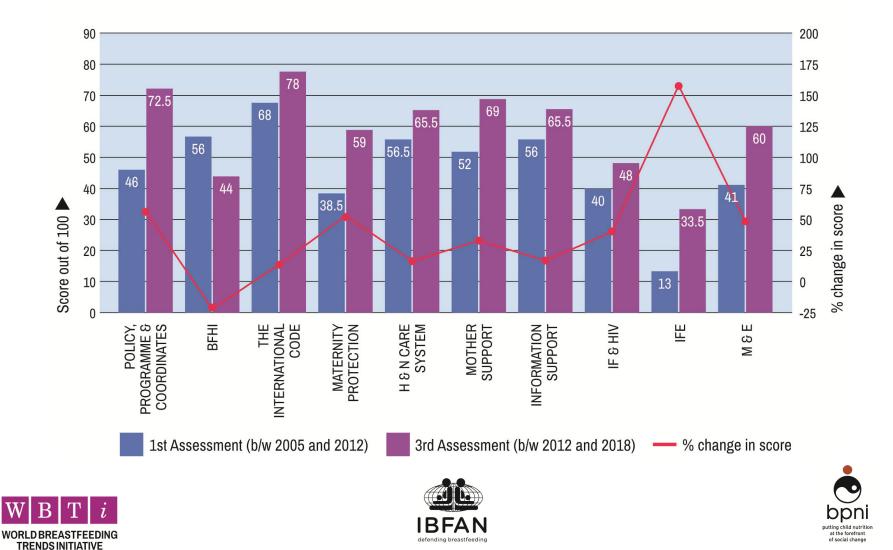




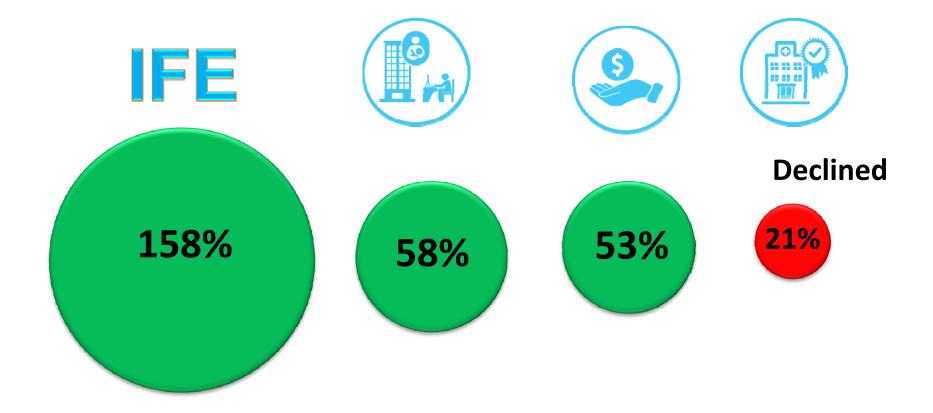




#### Improvement in Specific Programmes (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>) 10 countries



### **Gain in Specific Programmes...**





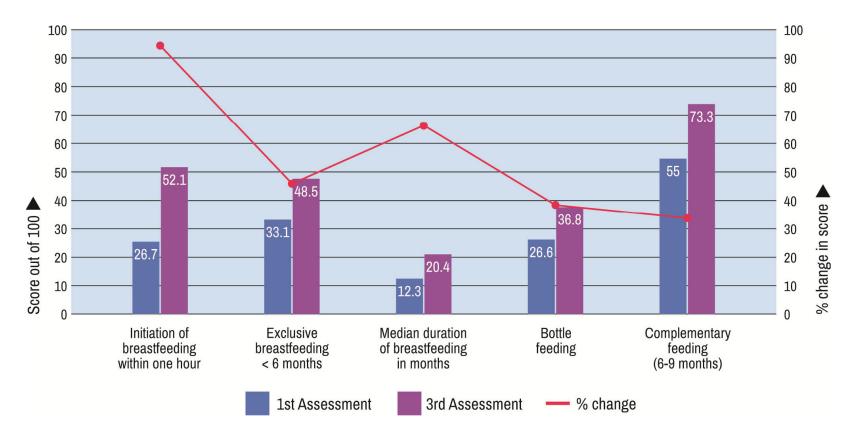




## Country Examples of Improved Policy/Programmes

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| A CONTRACTOR   | Bhutan                |   |
| se an                  | Dominican<br>Republic | POGRAMMES<br>POLICIES DE POLICIES |
| ٨  | El Salvador           | POGRAMMES IFE   |
| W B T <i>i</i><br>WORLD BREASTFEEDING<br>TRENDS INITIATIVE |                       | <b>IBFAN</b><br>defending breastfeeding   |

#### Changes in Policy Result in Higher Rates of Breastfeeding & IYCF Practices



#### in 10 countries who completed 3 assessments







## Thank You !!





