Challenges, Lessons Learnt and Recommendations

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Leadership and governance

Challenges

Financing of WBTi process

Health information systems

Sustaining WBTi work
Leadership and governance & Health information systems

- Difficulty in involving the Ministry of Health and other government authorities & getting their endorsement
- Frequent changes of the authorities at policy level
- Challenging to make IYCF a priority at political level
- Challenging to reach to an agreement on recommendations among the WBTi core group.
- Difficulty in getting data
Financing of WBTi process

No budget lines by the governments for WBTi
Lack of interest by UN agencies

- To undertake the WBTi assessment process
- To Print the report and report card
- To host the dissemination meeting
- To sustain the core group
Lessons Learnt through WBTi assessments

- Improvement in policies, programmes and funding
- Improved collaboration and partnerships
- Development of priorities and strategies
- Enriching surveys and reporting systems
Improvement in policies, programmes and funding

Objective identification of gaps and motivating governments to bridge them

Raising issues to enhance commitment of decision makers

The WBTi report and report card using colour coding as effective tools for advocacy
Improved collaboration and partnerships

Building a strong partnership and ownership of the WBTi process by the concerned actors is possible e.g.

- Ministry of Health
- UN agencies
- National institutions
- NGOs
- Professional organizations
Evidence-based information could help in drawing up strategies and priorities

more emphasis on the identified weak areas
Enriching surveys and reporting systems

Identification of gaps in data collection

- Improved national infant and young child feeding surveys
- Improved monitoring tools
- Clear reporting standards

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Recommendations

1. Prioritization of monitoring and tracking of breastfeeding policy and services at country level
   a. Strengthening the work of core group
   b. Funding for the WBTi process
2. Specific funds for implementing interventions to protect promote and support breastfeeding and IYCF
3. All countries should learn from the WBTi process and undertake the WBTi assessment
4. The existing WBTi countries should go for periodic reassessment every 3-5 years
Thanks!!!