

# Review of maternal nutrition in emergencies

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**Timeframe:** 2013

## Background

Current evidence underlines the importance of the nutritional status of women as a crucial factor in the survival, healthy growth and development of her children. Although it is the subject of less global attention, maternal nutrition is also crucial for women's own ability to live a healthy life.

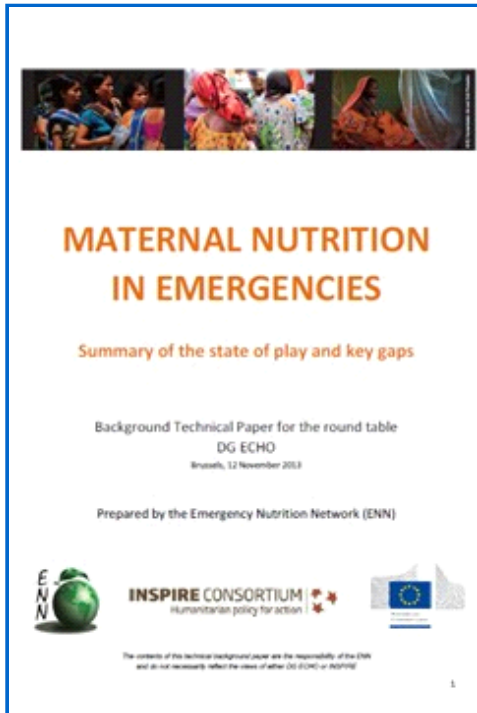
The ENN was commissioned by DG ECHO, through the INSPIRE consortium, to prepare a technical background paper and facilitate a technical [round table meeting on 'Maternal Nutrition in Emergencies'](#) which was held on 12th November, 2013.

## Project summary

The technical background paper identified a number of gaps in the area of maternal nutrition in emergencies and formed the basis for discussions at the technical roundtable meeting. A literature review was conducted to identify important research, global reviews, policy and guidance documents from a range of global actors (donors, UN and key International NGOs) in the area of maternal nutrition. The resulting paper summarised this available literature relating to: women's particular nutritional vulnerabilities, what the implications of these are for women and their infants, current international guidance on maternal nutrition and what is currently being done in emergency programming. A series of key gaps were highlighted as a result.

Read more about the technical [round table meeting on 'Maternal Nutrition in Emergencies'](#).

## Publications



[Maternal Nutrition in Emergencies. Summary of the state of play and key gaps \(2012\)](#)

[www.enonline.net/ourwork/reviews/maternalnutrition](http://www.enonline.net/ourwork/reviews/maternalnutrition)

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