

# Emergency Health and Nutrition Toolkit

## From Development to Emergency Preparedness and Response



The result of a collaborative endeavor between Save the Children and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Emergency Health and Nutrition Toolkit is the first of its kind for Save the Children. It offers a comprehensive set of sessions with presentations, summary sheets, training materials, exercises and an extensive online resource library available for Save the Children staff as well as other organizations.

The toolkit focuses on building the skills of staff typically working in development in order to more rapidly address the unique needs of an emergency health and nutritional response. Also, recognizing linkages across program priorities, the toolkit better enables programs to resume or develop into sustainable work post-emergency. The toolkit can be used by health and nutrition technical personnel and emergency response program managers and team leaders.

Individual sessions are composed of the following:

### Overview and Facilitation Notes

A one page overview with detailed instructions for conducting each session

### Issue Summary Sheet

A one-page snapshot of each issue with basic facts, case definitions, and issue-specific preparedness and response guidelines

### PowerPoint Presentation

In-depth technical presentation on key interventions in emergency response

### Case Study

Exercise enabling participants to take the skills they have learned during the presentation and apply them to a reality-based emergency simulation

### Related Resources

Recommended topic-specific resources to better educate presenters and participants on each topic at hand

## Toolkit Contents

### Introduction to the Emergency Context

History of emergencies and key lessons learned over the past 30 years and an overview of key concepts and indicators in emergency preparedness and response

### SC Emergency Preparedness and Response

Where, how, and when Save the Children responds to an emergency, including a session on Pandemic Flu preparedness and response

### Assessment Tools

Three-part data collection series providing an introduction to the various methods of data collection in the emergency context, including rapid assessments, surveys and surveillance

### Infant and Child Nutrition

Includes sessions on prevention, detection, and treatment of Acute Malnutrition and establishing an Infant and Young Child Feeding strategy in emergencies

### Child Health

Helps define the broader epidemiologic picture of under-5 health in emergencies, focusing on disease-specific sessions: Disease Outbreak and Investigation, Diarrhea, Malaria, Measles, Meningitis, and Pneumonia

### Reproductive and Newborn Health

Establishes priority reproductive health interventions in emergencies; the epidemiology of neonatal mortality and best practices and technologies for promoting neonatal health

### Emergency Simulation Exercise

Role-playing exercise enabling individuals to actively participate in a reality-based emergency drill where participants interact with key staff "on the ground" to conduct an emergency rapid assessment

### Comprehensive 5-day Course

The toolkit includes all resources to conduct a comprehensive 5-day course including a suggested agenda, overview and objectives, key messages, next steps, pre/post test, and evaluations

### Regional Emergency Health and Nutrition Trainings

Trainings are being conducted for senior field-based SC health and nutrition staff:

Asia/MEE: June 2007

Africa: August 2008

LAC: 2009

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