

Meet the Alliance's Technical Support Team:



Hello, I am Brooke Bauer, the IYCF-E Advisor for the GNC Technical Alliance. I provide technical support on Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) as well as gender and GBV about nutrition in humanitarian emergencies. I support all aspects of MIYCN and gender in nutrition including policy, practices and GBV Risk Mitigation in nutrition programming in emergencies. I am specifically passionate about providing comprehensive guidance and support for non-breastfed infants and the provision of technical guidance for the reduction of Breastmilk Substitute (BMS) use in humanitarian crisis,

including guidance on local/national implementation of the International WHO Code of Conduct for BMS Substitutes.

I have my Masters of Public Health from the Nuffield Center for International Health and Development at the University of Leeds in the UK and worked for many years as a Remote Emergency Medical Technician (rEMT) and coordinated programmes focused on Emergency Health Programming, including emergency obstetrics and reproductive and sexual health in humanitarian crisis before I transitioned into Emergency Nutrition. I have provided support to humanitarian contexts including Nigeria, Ethiopia, Bangladesh, Iraq, Syria and Jordan. A large portion of my professional experience has taken place in the Middle East, where I have been based for the last twelve years. Most recently with the GNC Technical Alliance Technical Support Team, I have supported the development of the MIYCN in Emergencies Operational Guidance for the North East Nigeria Nutrition Sector and supported the strengthening of the Infant Young Child Feeding (IYCF) response in Ethiopia with WFP and the Emergency Nutrition Coordination Unit partners. I was also involved in the development of advanced context-specific virtual capacity building, learning tools and digital materials to support the implementation of IYCF, Integrated management of acute malnutrition (IMAM) and micronutrient programs in Myanmar during the COVID-19 pandemic.