**Appendix/Supplementary File: Questionnaire**

1. Does a national plan to protect and promote breastfeeding exist in your country?
2. Have breastfeeding recommendations, i.e. duration of (exclusive) breastfeeding and/or introduction of complementary feeding, been developed and disseminated?
   1. If yes, please specify:
3. Is there a national breastfeeding committee (NBC) and/or a coordinator and/or any official society/association responsible for protection and promotion of breastfeeding?
4. If yes, who allocates funding and resources for administration of the NBC?1
5. Do you consider allocations adequate?2
6. What were in your judgement the most important activities/achievements with regard to breastfeeding promotion and support in the past five years and (how) were they funded?
7. Are there specific measures in place to target diversity and/or vulnerable groups of the population?
   1. If yes, please specify:
8. Is there a monitoring program in place to assess breastfeeding rates and duration?
   1. If yes, please give a short descript of methods, responsibilities, funding/ resources and frequency of data collection?
   2. What indicators are used to assess breastfeeding rates, intensity and duration as well as frequency and success of breastfeeding promotion activities?
9. If there is no regular and systematic data collection in place, how often have other surveys been undertaken in the past 20 years? And were these nationwide, regional or local surveys?
10. Have results been published?
    1. If yes, please provide references.
11. Are results used to improve targeted breastfeeding promotion activities?
12. Please provide the following (latest) data, if available, and indicate in which year they were collected.
13. How many hospitals/facilities are designated “baby friendly” in your country?
14. Please, provide the number or percentage of births in baby friendly facilities!
15. Is there a national policy in place guaranteeing paid maternity leave?
    1. If yes, for how long?
16. Is there a national policy in place guaranteeing paid breastfeeding breaks during work or schooling?
17. If yes, up to which age of the child?
18. Where do mothers receive support in case of breastfeeding difficulties or problems?
19. Are there human milk banks in your country?

If yes, how many?

19.      Other issues important for you not addressed above?

1 Choose between government, private sector or others

2 Choose between yes, no or depends on activity