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## ZOOM WEBINAR EVENT

### *Breastfeeding policy in 2020 and beyond – Emergency and pandemic preparedness and response in Australia*

PROGRAM	
Monday 20 April 6.00pm – 8.00pm (all times AEST)	
6:00pm	Introduction of the facilitators and webinar instructions  Meeting Chairs: Alessandro Iellamo, Save the Children and Prof. Julie Smith Australian National University
6.10pm	Opening message
6.20pm	Gender emergency management  Dr Debra Parkinson, Monash University
6.40pm	The Global Guidance and Recommendations about Infant and Young Child Feeding in emergencies, emergencies and Covid 19 pandemic  Mr Alessandro Iellamo, Global IYCF-E Advisor, Save the Children
7.00pm	The WBTi findings on IYCF-E in Australia  Ms Naomi Hull Coordinator, WBTi Australia and ABA information and research coordinator
7.10pm	IYCF-E Black Summer experiences and Australia's COVID 19 emergency response, and action required under the ANBS  Adjunct Associate Prof. Karleen Gribble, Western Sydney University
7.35pm	Questions and answers (facilitated)
8pm	Closing remarks
8.05pm	Close



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### ZOOM INVITATION

Topic: Health and Disaster Management for Mothers and their Babies: Progressing Australia’s Policy, Planning and Protocols for Safe Infant Feeding in Emergencies

Time: Apr 20, 2020 06:00 PM Brisbane

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BIO'S	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Dr Julie Smith</b>
<b>Title</b>	Co-Chair of Webinar
<b>Bio</b>	Dr Julie Smith (B Ec (Hons)/B A (Asian Studies), PhD) is an awarded Australian Research Council Future Fellow at the Research School of Population Health, Australian National University. She is also a Fellow of the Tax and Transfer Policy Institute at the ANU Crawford School of Public Policy. Previously she held ARC and NHMRC funded appointments at the School of Regulation and Global Governance (Regnet), and the Australian Centre for Economic Research on Health (ACERH). Her research focusses on gender analysis, taxation policy, and economic aspects of breastfeeding, with more than 45 peer reviewed articles, book chapters and books. She has been an expert advisor to the World Health Organization and the US Department of Health and Human Services, the Australian Department of Health, and to national and international NGOs including ACOSS, UNICEF UK, IBFAN, and WABA. She is a co-founder of WBTi Australia, and a former director of the Australian Breastfeeding Association. Previously, she was a senior economist in the Australian and New Zealand treasuries and at the Parliamentary Research Service in Canberra.
<b>Name</b>	<b>Mr Alessandro Iellamo</b>
<b>Title</b>	Co-Chair of Webinar  Budgeting and advocacy for women, children and IYCF: applying the WBCi ' in 2020 to secure 'maximum feasible resources ' for health and human rights
<b>Bio</b>	Alessandro Iellamo is the current global adviser on Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies for the Save the Children Movement. He has an extensive expertise in infant and young child feeding (IYCF) policies and practices, particularly in emergencies, and on the WHO International Code and other global tools. Previous engagements included working with UNICEF and WHO. He has worked with the WHO's Scientific and Technical Advisory Group (STAG) on the International Code, and has been involved in developing the World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative(WBTi) and IYCF policy tools with the International Baby Food Action Network in Asia. He has also been involved in research on IYCF policies, practices and programmes, including work environments, International Code implementation, and financial aspects of the WHO/UNICEF Global Strategy on IYCF. His expertise on IYCF and IYCF-E having supported African, Middle East and South East Asia. Recently he has been



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	engaged with IYCF and IYCF-E related policies issue also in high income countries, like Italy, Australia and Japan. He supported emergency responses, policies and capacity building and translating the IYCF Global Strategy and the IYCF-E operational guidance into national policies, preparedness plans and training packages. He is currently representing Save the Children in the steering committee of the Infant Feeding in Emergencies Core Group (IFE Core Group), the Nutrition and Food Security and Livelihood Interagency Technical Working Group, and the Global Technical Advisory Mechanism of Information and Assessments.
<b>Name</b>	<b>Dr Debra Parkinson</b>
<b>Title</b>	Gender emergency management
<b>Bio</b>	<p>Dr Debra Parkinson is a social researcher in the field of gender and disaster. She is a Research Fellow with Monash University Disaster Resilience Institute (MUDRI), and a long-time researcher for both Women’s Health Goulburn North East (WHGNE) and Women’s Health In the North (WHIN). Over the past decade, she has conducted research on teenage pregnancy, rural women’s breast cancer experience, environmental justice, intimate partner violence and rape, and women’s retirement incomes, women’s unequal access to the legal system, and barriers to women in fire-fighting.</p> <p>Since the 2009 Black Saturday bushfires, Debra and her team have focussed on research, writing and coordinating action in gender and disaster. Two foundational research projects with women and men who survived the fires were followed by conferences on ‘The Hidden Disaster’ of domestic violence after disasters, and ‘Just Ask: Experiences of men after disaster’. Debra was awarded the ‘Social and Political Sciences Graduate Research Thesis Award’ from Monash University for her PhD on increased domestic violence after the Victorian ‘Black Saturday’ bushfires. Sadly, Debra’s colleague, friend and fellow researcher Claire Zara, passed away in 2015. Together they had been instrumental in establishing the new Gender &amp; Disaster (GAD) Pod with WHIN, WHGNE and MUDRI. The GAD Pod is designed to promote an understanding of the role played by gender in survivor responses to natural disaster, and to embed these insights into emergency management practice.</p>
<b>Name</b>	<b>Ms Naomi Hull</b>
<b>Title</b>	Assessing breastfeeding policies and implementation progress in Australia, WBTi AUS results and impact
<b>Bio</b>	Naomi Hull is a Registered Nurse, an IBCLC and has a Masters of Public Health (nutrition) and currently the Co-ordinator of the World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative Australian team. Her passion for breastfeeding and lactation began after the birth of her first child in 2001. She became a volunteer Breastfeeding Counsellor in 2006 with the Australian Breastfeeding Association and recently completed a five-year term as the Qld Branch president. During her



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	Masters of Public Health, her interest in the 'bigger picture' grew stronger and for this reason chose to look at the implementation of the Australian National Breastfeeding Strategy (2010-2015) as the topic of her Dissertation. This then led onto her current work, which involved using the World Breastfeeding Trends initiative tool to benchmark Australia's policies and programs on infant feeding. Naomi feels strongly about finding a way to ensure the protection and fulfilment of the rights of women and children to access information and support of health and nutrition.
<b>Name</b>	<b>Adjunct Associate Professor Karleen Gribble</b>
<b>Title</b>	IYCF-E Black Summer experiences and Australia's COVID 19 emergency response, and action required under the ANBS
<b>Bio</b>	Dr Karleen Gribble is an Adjunct Associate Professor in the School of Nursing and Midwifery at Western Sydney University. Karleen began work in the area of infant and young child feeding in emergencies (IYCF-E) after the Indian Ocean Tsunami in 2004 and started working with the international interagency collaboration the Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies Core Group in 2006. She was the first person to be made an individual member of the IFE Core group in 2010 and has been at the forefront of the development of policy, training and research in this field. She is one of the authors of the Operational Guidance on Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies and has been a part of the development of other international guidance including the Guidance on Infant Feeding in the Context of Ebola, and the Interim Operational Considerations for the Feeding Support of Infants and Young Children Under 2 Years of Age in Refugee and Migrant Transit Settings in Europe. She has provided advice to multiple humanitarian organisations on policy, training and implementation of IYCF-E programs including UNICEF, UNHCR, World Vision and Save the Children. She has provided advice to health professionals, emergency responders and government bodies on IYCF-E in countries as diverse as the Philippines, Haiti, Myanmar, Syria, New Zealand, Australia, Japan, Canada, and the USA. She is also an Australian Breastfeeding Association Community Educator and Breastfeeding Counsellor.