

II. The mechanism of cooperation

- **The Ministry of Health:** is the organization presiding over the implementation. It will develop annual and periodical plans, lead the coordination of the implementation, evaluate and review the achievement of the plan. The NIN is the focal point to assist the MOH in technical coordinating of the plan.
- **The Ministry of Education and Training:** is to cooperate with the Ministry of Health to develop standards for nutrition care in daycare centers and kindergartens. The topic of young child feeding will be integrated into annual training programs for teachers of kindergartens and students at kindergarten teacher training schools.
- **The Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social Welfare:** is to implement the Hunger Alleviation and Poverty reduction program, paying attention on improving nutritional status, and developing policies supporting the poor, poor areas and emergency support. It will participate in the supervision of policies/regulations relevant to infant and young child nutrition in working places and establishment.
- **The Ministry of Trade:** is to have well control of the market for breast milk substitutes, to have appropriate trade policies to limit the marketing of breast milk substitutes, which are imported or locally produced. It will cooperate with the MOH to supervise the implementation of Decree 74 (revised)
- **The Ministry of Culture and Information:** is to cooperate with the health sector in communicating BF and proper IYCF. Strict regulations on advertising of breast milk substitutes in the mass media should be in place.
- **The Ministry of Justice:** is to cooperate with the Ministry of Health in reviewing current related legal documents and proposing the development of appropriate documents in order to provide optimally legal environment and conditions for the implementation of technical measures on optimal IYCF.
- **The Vietnam Women's Union:** is to disseminate knowledge on IYCF to its members and mothers, and to motivate community participation. It will cooperate closely with the health sector in implementing IYCF activities. It will carry out specific activities in contribution to better care for pregnant and lactating mothers. It will protect BF rights for mothers.
- **The National Committee for Population - Family - Children :** is to supervise to ensure the child right of being given optimal nutrition care. It will implement family planning (such as promoting a proper birth interval) in parallel with improving population quality. It will promote a healthy lifestyle, in which proper nutrition for pregnant and lactating mothers and children is an important component. It will support the enacting of policies that promote child nutrition care activities. It will guide childcare and protection committees at local level to cooperate in the implementation and monitoring of the IYCF activities.
- **The General Labor Union, Vietnam Farmer's Association, VACVINA, Veteran's Association, and Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union:** are to disseminate knowledge on optimal IYCF to their members. They will closely cooperate with the

health sector in the social mobilization of nutrition care for children. They will ensure that children of their members will have the optimal feeding and nutrition care.

- **International agencies, government and non-government organizations:** are to participate and reinforce their commitment in supporting all aspects for the optimal IYCF practice. They will support in developing and training of human resources, providing information and technical counseling.

Provincial health services are to take the responsibility of implementing the plan at local level. These health services will develop, coordinate, organize and monitor the implementation of multi-sector collaborative activities. Annually, they will develop a plan of action and report the results of implementation to the Ministry of Health .