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BUILDING INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS: TACKLING CHILD MALNUTRITION AND ACHIEVING SDGs

CONFERENCE CONTENT

The Conference will bring together **technical experts, leaders and strategic partners from the private and public sector** to address the main **challenges and strategies in the area of child nutrition**. We will provide innovative ideas, share best practices, as well as seek strategic supporters that will help improve the response in humanitarian crises.

With the support of the private and public sector, we will be able to establish strategic multi-sectoral partnerships that will provide **sustainable solutions for refugees and displaced people**.

CHILD MALNUTRITION AND IYCF PROGRAMMING

Emergencies distinguish themselves by their frequently soaring crude mortality rates, which can be two to 70 times higher than average.

Experience shows that even in previously healthy populations, child morbidity and crude mortality rates **can increase twentyfold in as short a period as two weeks**. Improving breastfeeding practices alone can save lives. IYCF (Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies) programming is therefore one of the most important interventions to master and implement alongside other activities aimed at preventing and treating malnutrition, disease and death.

CONFERENCE CONTEXT

The Global Compact on Refugees, adopted in December 2018, aims to improve international cooperation on refugee issues in order to increase their self-reliance and resilience. In this sense, in addition to leading refugee responses, UNHCR's role as a catalyst is growing - rallying other stakeholders to take part in the emergency situations the Agency faces, as a way to bringing a broader and more sustainable approach for refugees and displaced people.

One of the main challenges in emergency settings are alarming child malnutrition rates. After fleeing conflict or persecution, children are at risk of dying because of food shortages, lack of drinkable water, inadequate health care and poor sanitation and hygiene conditions.

Partnership is key to achieving a better deal for refugees and their hosts. Aligned to this, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development focuses on partnerships as a way to bringing the private sector creativity, resources and innovation on board and achieve the SDGs.

UNHCR AND "LA CAIXA" BANKING FOUNDATION

Over the last seventeen years, "la Caixa" Banking Foundation and UNHCR have built strategic partnerships through the Spanish Committee of UNHCR. **MOM partnership, Innovation Plan for Child Nutrition**, has allowed developing an innovative methodological approach, as well as the use of new technologies to improve the nutritional status of mothers and children under five in Ethiopia.

WHEN AND WHERE:

October 16th 2019

CaixaForum Barcelona

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For this event, "la Caixa" Foundation, UNHCR – The UN Refugee Agency and its Committee in Spain, have joined forces to address one of the greatest – and gravest – challenges facing children around the world: **malnutrition in emergency settings**.

The Conference will address the main challenges and strategies in the area of child nutrition and will be a platform for joint thinking and action. Nutrition and appropriate feeding practices are key to saving lives. Under these frameworks, **this meeting will bring together leaders and influential technical experts from major UN agencies, INGOs and NGOs, high representatives from International, National and Regional Government, Academia, Think-tanks, Private and Family Foundations and Corporations.** They will play a significant role in providing innovative ideas and build partnership across sectors for sustainable solutions and a better life for refugees and displaced people.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

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| 09.00 | – | 09.30 | <i>Registration and reception</i> |
| 09.30 | – | 09.45 | <i>Welcome Remarks</i> |
| 09.45 | – | 10.00 | <i>Opening: Why we need to join together and act</i> |
| 10.00 | – | 11.00 | <i>Innovating on methodology to improve the response for infants and children. Beyond therapeutic treatment, tackling child malnutrition in emergency situations</i> |
| 11.00 | – | 11.15 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 11.15 | – | 12.00 | <i>Comprehensive approach: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, education, psycho-social support and cash assistance programmes to help reduce child mortality</i> |
| 12.00 | – | 13.00 | <i>How technology can make a difference: synergies between the private and humanitarian sectors</i> |
| 13.00 | – | 14.00 | <i>Lunch break</i> |
| 14.00 | – | 15.15 | <i>Accelerating the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda across sector and multilevel</i> |
| 15.15 | – | 16.45 | <i>Co-creative and shared value partnerships: Pledge for Action</i> |
| 16.45 | – | 17.00 | <i>Closing Remarks</i> |

*Program subject to change, current as of September 2nd



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