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WP6

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Pre-implementation key points

Valencian Region, Spain

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1. Health System Descri

- El calendario previsto es el siguiente:

Antenatal Care (pregnancy):

- Pregnancy Monitoring:**
Regular check-ups and follow-ups. Pregnancy Record Book & Birth Plan
- Health Education**
Workshops: Group s for pregnant women and their partners

Pregnancy Pathways

Normal Pregnancy:

- Primary Care (PHCs)**
Midwife consultation
- Specialty Centers (no hospital) for specific**
Gynecology

High-Risk Pregnancy:

- Hospital-based Care**
Midwife & Gynecolo

Semanas de gestación	Matrona	Obstetricia
1-13 ⁺⁶ semanas	2 visitas (1ª visita < 10 semanas)	1 visita
14-27 ⁺⁶ semanas	3 visitas (Cada 4 semanas)	1 visita
28-39 ⁺⁶ semanas	4 visitas Visitas a las 28, 32, 36 y 38	1 visita entre 34-36 semanas
40-40 ⁺⁶ semanas	Visita a las 40 semanas*	1 visita a las 40 semanas

CALENDARIO DE EXÁMENES DE SALUD

1ª VISITA	Examen de salud del recién nacido	6ª VISITA A la edad de 6 meses
	Pruebas de prevención de metabolopatías	7ª VISITA A la edad de 12 meses
	Pruebas de detección de hipoacusia	8ª VISITA A la edad de 15 meses
		9ª VISITA A la edad de 18 meses
2ª VISITA	Antes de los 15 días	10ª VISITA A la edad de 3-4 años
3ª VISITA	A la edad de 1 mes	11ª VISITA A la edad de 5-6 años
4ª VISITA	A la edad de 2 meses	12ª VISITA A la edad de 12 años
5ª VISITA	A la edad de 4 meses	13ª VISITA A la edad de 14 años

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a. Test de Combs Indirecto
jativas. IgG de toxoplasma si es
les anteriores. VIH y sífilis si hay
serologías negativas en el primer
exudado vaginal y rectal, y para
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10ª 39 Hospital ECO + TNS.
Toma de SGB si no se hubiera tomado y AgHBs.

2. Barriers/Facilitators for the Implementation of the BFS

- **Barriers:**

- No national/regional guidelines including WHO/UNICEF BFHI
- Lack of breastfeeding policy; uneven care implementation
- Issues with enforcing WHO Code on the marketing of breast-milk substitutes
- Hospitals not BFHI-certified
- PHCs don't see value in BFHI/BFCI
- Lack of political commitment
- Staff resistance to breastfeeding promotion
- No formal breastfeeding training for health professionals
- Limited tools for breastfeeding/child feeding counselling
- Insufficient data on breastfeeding inequalities; regional data gaps & intermittent health surveys

2. Barriers/Facilitators for the Implementation of the BFS

- **Facilitators:**

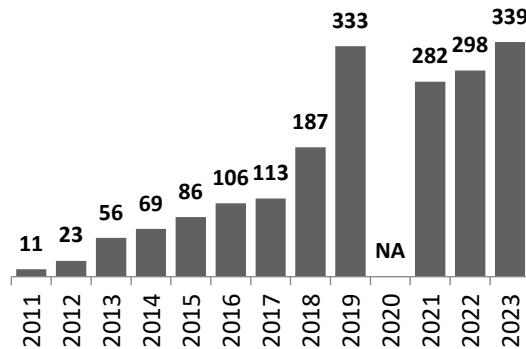
- Free antenatal and child health care in public health services
- National/regional guidance on childcare check-ups (0-2 years)
- Regional guidelines including WHO/UNICEF BFHI for hospitals
- iHAN coordinates BFHI with Ministry of Health, though it isn't integrated into the NHS
- BFHI adapted for Spain by iHAN ([Criterios-Globales_IHAN-Espan83a-2021.pdf](#))
- Breastfeeding support groups
- New Family Law (May 2024); though criticized for underfunding, insufficient support for single-parent families, red tape, short paid leave, limited benefits, and uneven implementation

3. Selection Implementation Sites for BFHI Designation

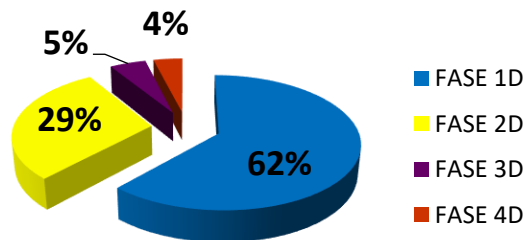
- Focus on promoting **BFHI in primary healthcare centers (BFCl)** in the Valencian Region
- **Why:** The BFHI and BFCl initiatives ensure continuity of care during the crucial first 1,000 days of life (pregnancy to 0-2 years)
- **How:**
 - Providing comprehensive guidance and regularly updating tools for both internal monitoring and external assessment
 - Offering a service list for healthcare provider teams (HCPs) to facilitate the exchange of materials and best practices
 - Training and supporting HCPs, while fostering collaboration with the community, including mother support groups

3. Selection Implementation Sites for BFCI Designation

BFHI in community settings, Spain



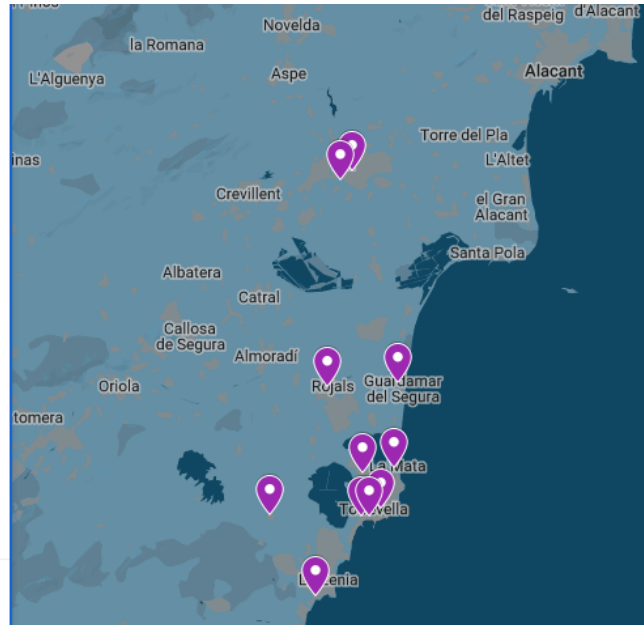
% BFHI in primary healthcare centers (BFCI) in Spain by stage, 2023 (N=339)



3. Selection Implementation Sites for BFHI Designation

BFHI in community settings, Valencian Region

- ✓ BFCI in PHCs (Stage 3D)
 - Centre Salut Torrevella II El Acequion
 - Centre Sanitari Integrat de Guardamar Del Seg...
 - I Torrevieja Health Center La Loma
 - Centro de Salud La Mata
 - Centro De Salud, De Orihuela Costa
 - Health Center San Miguel de Salinas
 - Health center Patricio Pérez
 - Health Center
 - Health center San Luis Torrevieja
 - Consultorio Auxiliar Doctor Alberto García (Elc...
 - Hospital del Vinalopó



- Proposal to **prioritize PHCs at Phase 3D**, as they are the **first recommended by the iHAN committee for full BFCI designation**
- Phase 3D PHCs (N = 11) are crucial for BFHI support due to their readiness for accreditation, making them **high-impact candidates for support**

3. Selection Implementation Sites for BFHI Designation

- Focus on promoting **BFHI in primary healthcare centers (BFHI)** in the Valencian Region
- **Phase 3D PHCs** (N = 11) are key candidates for BFHI support due to their readiness for designation
- **Further discussion needed** on prioritization criteria: readiness, geographic, demographic, service coverage, underserved populations, high birth rates...
- All Phase 3D PHCs are in one province; BFHI joint accreditation of several PCHC in Health departments
- Additional points:
 - **Barriers and facilitators:** Local-level analysis is in progress; this will likely come from ongoing context analysis
 - **Risks and mitigation:** Administrative or logistical delays in the BFHI designation process

4. Planned Activities for the Next 6M (Oct 2024 – Mar 2025)

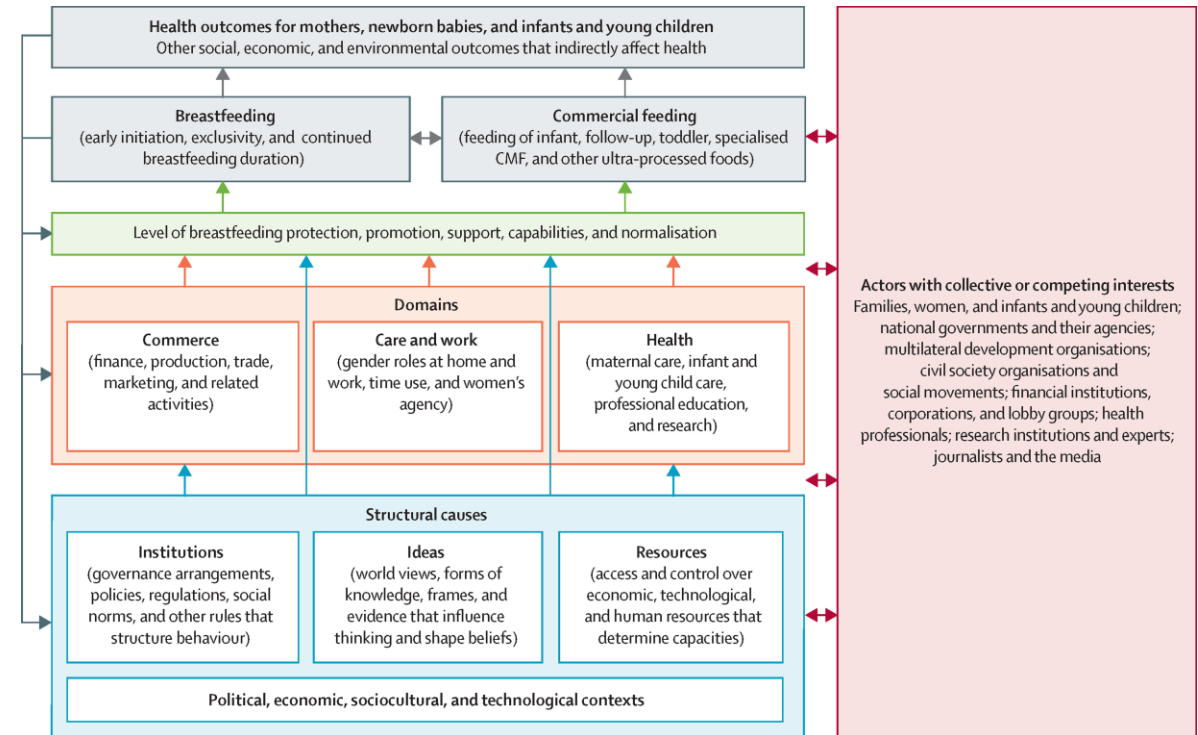
- **Main aim:** Increase the number of PHCs designed BFHI while increasing community action for health for adequate breastfeeding protection, promotion, and support, including gender equality in caregiving
- **Activities for the next 6M (Oct 2024 – Mar 2025):**
 - Formalising the subcontracting of iHAN according to GA
 - Shortlist of PHCs to be designed BFHI
 - Selection of the implementation sites (i.e. PHCs)
 - Defining community interventions & pilots
 - List of stakeholders & 1st Meeting of the Intersectoral Stakeholders Group
 - Presentation of iHAN's Breastfeeding Training Plan for primary care professionals

5. Intersectoral & multidisciplinary stakeholders group (MS10)



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- **iHAN:** WHO/UNICEF BFHI coordinating body with representation from obstetricians, pediatricians, family physicians, midwives, nurses, neonatologists, neonatal nurses, mother's associations, UNICEF, MoH
- **Health Services:** DG Public Health at both national (MoH) & regional levels (GVA)
- **Maternity Rights & Breastfeeding Barriers:** Structural & tight to specific settings (To be clarified)
- **Civil Institutions:** Midwives Associations, breastfeeding support groups, other organizations supporting maternities & breastfeeding



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