Policy Brief: Ensuring equitable access to human milk for all infants:

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Let them thrive! Saving premature babies through ensuring they receive human milk. Here’s how:

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Every newborn has the inherent right to the highest attainable standard of health. For select pre-terms donor human milk is the highest standard of care. [Access to Human Milk - Policy Brief](https://www.path.org/publications/files/MNCHN_EquitableAccesstoHumanMilk_PolicyBrief.pdf), #AccessToHumanMilk, #WorldPrematurityDay

Not all preemies have access to mom’s own milk. For them, quality care includes donor human milk. [Access to Human Milk - Policy Brief](https://www.path.org/publications/files/MNCHN_EquitableAccesstoHumanMilk_PolicyBrief.pdf), #AccessToHumanMilk, #WorldPrematurityDay

Not all premature infants receive optimal nutrition, but that can change. Learn more: [Access to Human Milk - Policy Brief](https://www.path.org/publications/files/MNCHN_EquitableAccesstoHumanMilk_PolicyBrief.pdf), #AccessToHumanMilk, #WorldPrematurityDay

Mom’s own milk is always the first option. What happens when that is not available for vulnerable preemies? [Access to Human Milk - Policy Brief](https://www.path.org/publications/files/MNCHN_EquitableAccesstoHumanMilk_PolicyBrief.pdf), #AccessToHumanMilk, #WorldPrematurityDay

Health system strengthening is needed to ensure all infants have equitable access to human milk. [Access to Human Milk - Policy Brief](https://www.path.org/publications/files/MNCHN_EquitableAccesstoHumanMilk_PolicyBrief.pdf), #AccessToHumanMilk, #WorldPrematurityDay

Breastfeeding can’t be beat. But when that’s not an option, donor human milk is the next best alternative for vulnerable infants. [Access to Human Milk - Policy Brief](https://www.path.org/publications/files/MNCHN_EquitableAccesstoHumanMilk_PolicyBrief.pdf), #AccessToHumanMilk, #WorldPrematurityDay

How will every infant receive human milk? [Access to Human Milk - Policy Brief](https://www.path.org/publications/files/MNCHN_EquitableAccesstoHumanMilk_PolicyBrief.pdf), #AccessToHumanMilk, #WorldPrematurityDay

@WHO supports that all low-birth weight infants should be fed mother’s own milk; the next best option is donor human milk from a human milk bank. Learn more: [Access to Human Milk - Policy Brief](https://www.path.org/publications/files/MNCHN_EquitableAccesstoHumanMilk_PolicyBrief.pdf), #AccessToHumanMilk, #WorldPrematurityDay

Global health policy prioritizes safe and optimal access to donor human milk, but little guidance exists on how to meet this need globally. [Access to Human Milk - Policy Brief](https://www.path.org/publications/files/MNCHN_EquitableAccesstoHumanMilk_PolicyBrief.pdf), #AccessToHumanMilk, #WorldPrematurityDay

Learn about meeting the nutritional needs of all vulnerable infants. [Access to Human Milk - Policy Brief](https://www.path.org/publications/files/MNCHN_EquitableAccesstoHumanMilk_PolicyBrief.pdf), #AccessToHumanMilk, #WorldPrematurityDay

Comprehensive nutrition and newborn care programs are only complete if infants are guaranteed access to breastfeeding or donor human milk. [Access to Human Milk - Policy Brief](https://www.path.org/publications/files/MNCHN_EquitableAccesstoHumanMilk_PolicyBrief.pdf), #AccessToHumanMilk, #WorldPrematurityDay

@WHO, @UNICEF, @AmerAcadPeds @hmbana4babies, and @MilkBanksEMBA play a role in ensuring safe and equitable access to donor human milk. [Access to Human Milk - Policy Brief](https://www.path.org/publications/files/MNCHN_EquitableAccesstoHumanMilk_PolicyBrief.pdf), #AccessToHumanMilk, #WorldPrematurityDay

Vulnerable neonates in intensive care need human milk to prevent disease. [Access to Human Milk - Policy Brief](https://www.path.org/publications/files/MNCHN_EquitableAccesstoHumanMilk_PolicyBrief.pdf) #AccessToHumanMilk, #WorldPrematurityDay

Donor human milk should never undermine breastfeeding; instead, it can serve as a bridge to exclusive breastfeeding. [Access to Human Milk - Policy Brief](https://www.path.org/publications/files/MNCHN_EquitableAccesstoHumanMilk_PolicyBrief.pdf), #AccessToHumanMilk, #WorldPrematurityDay

Countries must take action to ensure that all preemies have access to human milk as a part of comprehensive and live saving care. [Access to Human Milk - Policy Brief](https://www.path.org/publications/files/MNCHN_EquitableAccesstoHumanMilk_PolicyBrief.pdf), #AccessToHumanMilk, #WorldPrematurityDay

Is your country doing all it can to provide the highest standard of care for preemies? Here’s how it can [Access to Human Milk - Policy Brief](https://www.path.org/publications/files/MNCHN_EquitableAccesstoHumanMilk_PolicyBrief.pdf), #AccessToHumanMilk, #WorldPrematurityDay

