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We welcome your contributions to the sections described above. Please send your submissions to the SCN News Editor (EMail: scn@who.int) **by 15 September 2010**.

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ageing	fieldwork	prenatal
agendas	foetal	preschool
anaemia	food-based	programme
analyze	food-chain	realization
antenatal	formulae	recognize
anti-retrovirals	forty-two	re-examine
behaviour	fulfillment	sero-positive
birthweight	globalization	socioeconomic
bottle feeding	government (general)	South-East Asia Region
breastfed	Government of (particular country)	south-west
breastfeeding	haemoglobin	south-western
breastmilk	health for all	States Parties
care givers	HIV-infected	Sub-Saharan
century	ill health	symposia
colour	labelling	Triple A
cooperate	labour	targeting
coordinate	labour intensive	underfives
cost-benefit	large scale	under way
cost sharing	long term	undernutrition
counsellor	low cost	underweight
cow milk/goat milk	macroeconomic	well being
cross section	matrices	well documented
database	Member countries	well funded
day care	Member States	well known
deadline	microeconomic	widespread
decision-maker	nutrition-related	worldwide
decision-making	organization	
defence	overemphasize	/L
diarrhoea	overestimate	/mg
eastern Europe (geo)	overnutrition	21 st , 22 nd
Eastern Europe (political)	overweight	60s 70s 80s
Emphasize	<i>p</i> values	% not percent
email	%	kcal
enrollment	percentage	
etiology	policy-maker	
favour	practice	
field test		