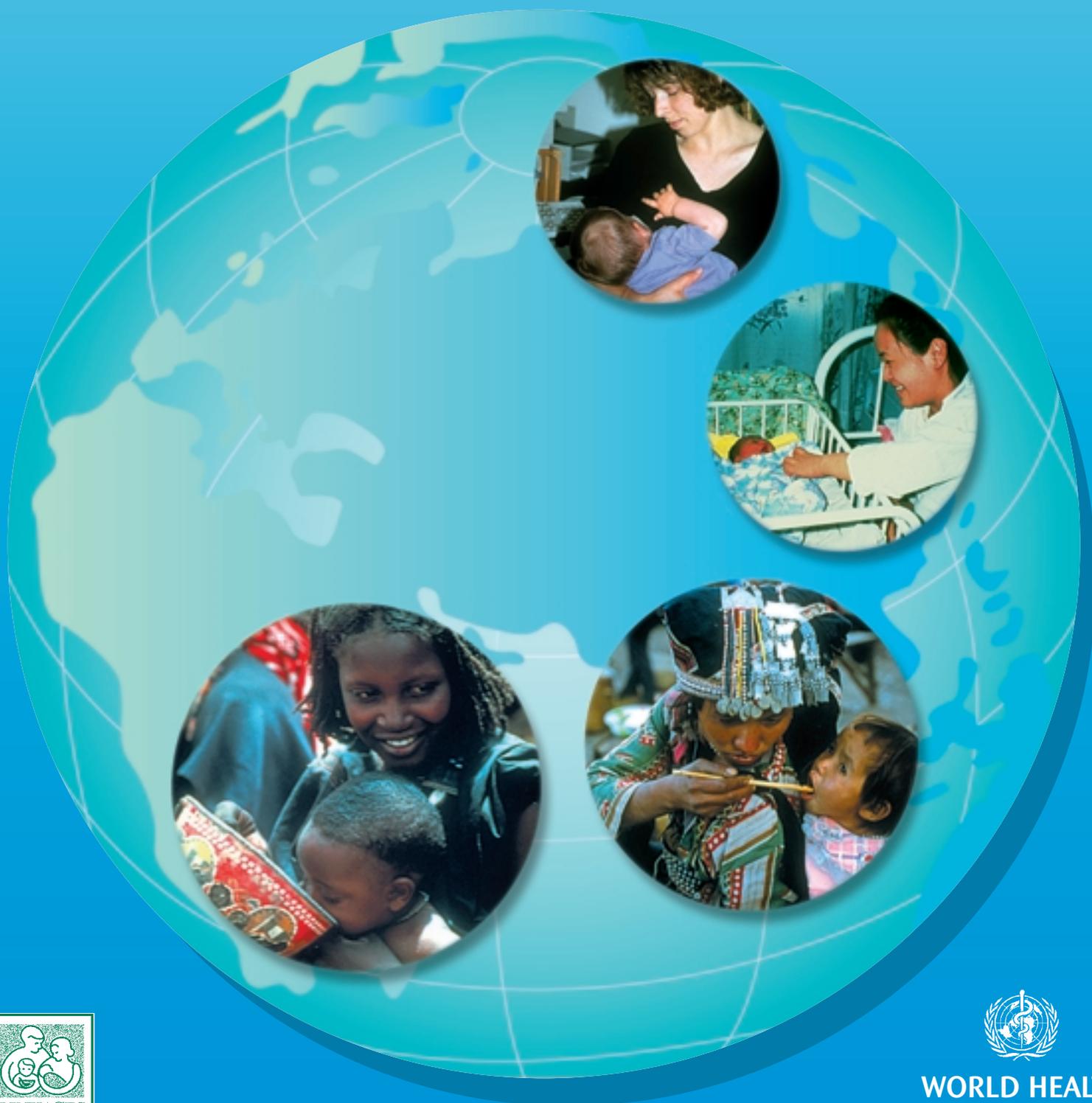


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# Preface

This tool is designed to help users assess the strengths and weaknesses of policies and programmes for protecting, promoting and supporting optimal feeding practices, and determine where improvements may be needed to meet the aim and objectives of the Global Strategy for Infant and Young Child Feeding.

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