

Good nutrition early in life supports lifelong health

For more than 100 years, generations of children worldwide have grown up to become healthy adults using our science-based, high quality products or are alive today because of our specialty formulas.

We contribute extensive research and expertise to the advancement of pediatric science.

We are committed to working with all stakeholders to achieve optimal nutritional outcomes for infants and young children around the globe.

Good health is one of the prerequisites of a happy and balanced life. It starts with **optimal nutrition and adequate nutrient intake during infancy and early childhood**. However, today, malnutrition in babies and children below five years of age is still widespread, leading to undernutrition, micronutrient deficiencies and obesity. The long-term consequences are far-reaching and often irreversible.

The best start babies can have is to be breastfed as it provides all the energy and nutrients they need for healthy growth and development in the first months of life. It is the first milestone in establishing the foundation for future health. This is why **we fully support the World Health Organization's (WHO) recommendation calling for exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of life**, continued up to two years and beyond, combined with the safe introduction of appropriate complementary foods.

Even though breastfeeding rates around the world are slowly increasing, not all mums can breastfeed their babies, sometimes simply because they have to return to work. When receiving breastmilk is not an option, babies need a safe alternative to be able to grow and thrive. **Breastmilk substitutes are the only proven nutritious alternative recognized by the WHO when mothers are unable to breastfeed**. Infant formula is the most tightly regulated nutrition product in the world: its composition must comply with strict international and local regulatory standards and guidelines to ensure that infants receive the appropriate nutrition they need as they grow. However, the reality is that a number of babies are neither breastfed nor formula-fed, but often receive inappropriate foods like cow's milk or water. Ultimately, every infant has a right to high quality nutrition, should it be breastfeeding, formula-feeding or mixed feeding.

The infant and young child nutrition industry has more than a century of experience in offering safe and nutritious infant formulas. Generations of children have grown up to become healthy adults by using our science-based, high quality products. Our extensive research aims to understand the composition of breastmilk and the development of healthy breast fed infants. Formulas reflects these benefits on growth, immune response, gut flora and cognitive development. Our continuous research contributes to the advancement of pediatric nutrition science. We are grateful for the trust consumers put in our brands and our responsibility nurturing the future. Therefore, we are committed to further develop our products through cutting-edge scientific research in cooperation with leading international experts.

With our extensive experience and expertise, we aim to play a major role in advancing research and development on optimal nutrition for infants and young children. We are committed to work with regulators, policy makers and other stakeholders to improve the health and well-being of current and future generations.