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The Brazilian human milk banks network and the partnership with the Brazilian military firefighters corps: Fighting for life

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Introduction: The Brazilian Human Milk Banks Network represents great acquisition for the Brazilian Health System. It is a result from a historical process of citizenship's construction and seeks to promote the quality of processes and procedures based on the experience and accumulated knowledge by the Human Milk Bank of Fernandes Figueira Institute, Rio de Janeiro. Its mission is to "Promote health of women and children by integrating and building partnerships with federal agencies, units of the federation, municipalities, private sector and society, under the action of Human Milk Banks".

Objective: To analyze the partnership established between the Human Milk Banks and the Brazilian Military Firefighters Corps.

Method: Documental and literature analysis was done to verify the establishment of the historical and practical construction of this partnership.

Results: In Brazil, several Human Milk Banks developed projects or programs of cooperation with the Brazilian Military Firefighters Corps of states and cities. The fireman routinely collected the frozen human milk from the homes of donors. This contact contributed to strengthening the human links and offered the opportunity to remove doubts and provided social support to the donor.

Biography

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