Socio-demographic and economic risk factors (Level I):
- Parental socio-demographic characteristics,
- Socio economic position (wealth index),
- Child care practices in mother’s absence
- Others

Maternal related risk factors (Level II):
- Maternal food security status
- Maternal & child health care practices
- Maternal reproductive health constructs
- Maternal knowledge of infant and young child feeding practices

Child related risk factors (Level III):
- Child’s sex and age
- Birth weight
- Child’s vaccination status
- Other child care practices

Figure 1: Conceptual hierarchal frame work of risk factors for exclusive breast feeding