

SCN Working Group on Micronutrients: Information Sharing Template for 2006 and Earlier Activities

Table 1: Demographic Information

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Table 2: Measurement, assessment, monitoring and reporting micronutrient deficiencies

Geographic area(s) covered by this table	Country wide (all the 10 provinces of Cameroon)														
Project Name	Sustained High Vitamin A Coverage in West and Central Africa														
Supporting Agencies	Canadian International Development Agency														
Approximate # of beneficiaries	10 208 711 CHILDREN AGE 6 TO 59 MONTHS (cumulative number 2005-2007) and 550000 lactating mothers (2006)														
	Micronutrients														
	Iodine	Iron	Folate	Zinc	Calcium	Vit A	Vit B-12	Vit C	Vit D	Vit B-1	Vit B-2	Vit B-3	Vit B-6	Vit K	Vit E
Activities															
Prevalence Assessment	x	x				x									
Training/Capacity Building	x	x	x			x									
Development of training modules for health workers on the prevention and treatment of vitamin A deficiencies disorders, review of the national vitamin A supplementation protocol to harmonized with IMCI protocols and EPI norms and Standards. Briefing of pediatrician, health district managers and communicators on Essential Nutrition Action															
Monitoring and Evaluation						x									
Development of monitoring grill for health center, organization of monitoring activities at different level of health pyramid, Routine EPI data collection tools can easily integrate information on vitamin A supplementation. Evaluation of vitamin A supplementation among children under five. Evaluation of access and compliance to iron tablet among lactating mothers															
Analysis and Reporting						x									
Analysis and reporting on vitamin A supplementation in Cameroon in 2005															

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Table 3: Food Fortification															
Geographic area(s) covered by this table	COUNTRY (Cameroon)														
Project Name	Food Fortification														
Supporting Agencies	HKI/UNICEF														
	Micronutrients														
	Iodine	Iron	Folate	Zinc	Calcium	Vit A	Vit B-12	Vit C	Vit D	Vit B-1	Vit B-2	Vit B-3	Vit B-6	Vit K	Vit E
Commodities															
Salt	x														
Wheat						X									
Cooking Oil						X									
Margarine						X									
Sugar						X									
Activities															
Policy and Advocacy						X									
The advocacy in 2006 came out with the agreement to organize a national meeting with the parties involved in food fortification (flour, cooking oil, sugar, margarine) in January 2007. The aim is to set up the National Food Fortification Alliance, to carry out FRAT(Fortification Rapid Assessment Tools) study and to elaborate a national food fortification policy. FF is a major strategy to address micronutrient malnutrition in Cameroon as stated in the national nutrition policy and program															
Fortification Monitoring and Evaluation	x														
Targeted Fortification															
Commercial complementary foods	x														

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Table 4: Vitamin and Mineral Supplementation

Geographic area(s) covered by this table	Country wide														
Project Name	CHILD SURVIVAL PROJECT (3 provinces) ; SUSTAINED HIGH VITAMIN A COVERAGE IN WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA (Country wide)														
Supporting Agencies	USAID and CIDA														
Approximate # of subjects or beneficiaries for each project described	10 208 711 CHILDREN AGE 6 TO 59 MONTHS (cumulative number 2005-2007) and 550000 lactating mothers (2006); 700 000 pregnant women														
	Micronutrients														
	Iodine	Iron	Folate	Zinc	Calcium	Vit A	Vit B-12	Vit C	Vit D	Vit B-1	Vit B-2	Vit B-3	Vit B-6	Vit K	Vit E
Activities															
Prevention Program		X	X	X		X									
Zinc for the treatment and prevention of diarrhea among under five has been introduced in Food and Nutrition Policy and Program.															
Treatment Orientation		X	X	X		X									
Inclusion of vitamin A supplementation for the measles management protocol in EPI Norms and Standards															
Supplementation project size															
Community Effectiveness Trials				X											
Equipment/Supplies				X											
Supplements Primary Distribution															
Through Public Channels		X	X	X		X									
Through NGOs		X	X	X		X									
Through Private Channels		X	X	X		X									
Supplements Compliance Promotion		X	X	X		X									
Supplements in Emergencies						X									
Supplementation Monitoring/Evaluation		X	X	X		X									
Supplement related Research		X	X	X		X									
Research on assess and compliance among pregnant and lactating women for iron/folate supplementation															
Supplementation Targeted Groups															
Women	X	X	X			X									
Mainly lactating women for iron (poor assess and poor compliance) and vitamin A supplementation (poor assess, good compliance).															

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Table 4 (cont.): Supplementation

	Micronutrients														
	Iodine	Iron	Folate	Zinc	Calcium	Vit A	Vit B-12	Vit C	Vit D	Vit B-1	Vit B-2	Vit B-3	Vit B-6	Vit K	Vit E
Activities (cont).															
Pregnant women	X	X	X												
Assessment of accessibility and Compliance (Good assess and poor compliance)															
Infants < 6 months of age	X	X				X									
Advocacy has been made to include this group in the vitamin A supplementation protocol mainly non breastfed infants. Iron supplementation for low birth weight infants.															
Children 6-24 months of age	X					X									
This group will be targeted for iron supplementation in new programs according to the nutrition policy and program															
Children 2 – 5 years of age	x					X									
Children in school	x														
Elderly	x														

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Table 5: Dietary Diversity to Improve Micronutrient Nutrition

Geographic area(s) covered by this table	PROVINCES														
Project Name	CHILD SURVIVAL PROJECT														
Supporting Agencies	USAID/PLAN/HKI/PSI														
Approximate # of subjects or beneficiaries for each project described	U5 (917 431) WRA (1 274 642)														
	Micronutrients														
	Iodine	Iron	Folate	Zinc	Calcium	Vit A	Vit B-12	Vit C	Vit D	Vit B-1	Vit B-2	Vit B-3	Vit B-6	Vit K	Vit E
Activities															
<i>Dietary Policy and Advocacy</i>		X	X	X		X									
<i>Agricultural Initiatives</i>															
<i>Other areas using diet improvement to improve micronutrient nutrition</i>	X	X	X	X		X		X							
Development of Nutrition Education strategies, nutrition education materials and training on micronutrient improvements. Promotion of multisectorial approach to address malnutrition															

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Table 6: Other Public Health Intervention Links

Geographic area(s) covered by this table	PROVINCES														
Project Name	CHILD SURVIVAL PROJECT														
Supporting Agencies	USAID/PLAN/HKI/PSI														
Approximate # of beneficiaries	U5 (917 431) WRA (1 274 642)														
	Micronutrients														
	Iodine	Iron	Folate	Zinc	Calcium	Vit A	Vit B-12	Vit C	Vit D	Vit B-1	Vit B-2	Vit B-3	Vit B-6	Vit K	Vit E
Activities															
Hookworm Control		X				X									
Malaria Prevention and Control		X													
Integrated Mgmt of Childhood Illness		X	X	X		X									
Insure nutrition considerations are well integrated in the IMCI training at all level. Zinc supplementation will fully be integrated in the management of diarrhea. Strengthening vitamin A supplementation for sick children according to the national protocol															
Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative															
Provide technical support for the training of health workers, community actors on breastfeeding counselling, infant feeding in HIV context, evaluation of the BFHI															
HIV/AIDS						X									
infant feeding in HIV context															
Safe Motherhood		X	X												
Promotion of systematic supplementation of pregnant women and lactating mothers															
Emergency Situations						X									
Advocacy for vitamin A supplementation in emergency situation															