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Table 1: Demographic Information

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Major focus of activities	Support to others, Research, Policy/Advocacy, Programming/Interventions

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Table 3: Food Fortification

Geographic area(s) covered by this table	Kinshasa, Bandundu, Bas-Congo, Equateur, Orientale provinces														
Project Name	Wheat Flour Fortification Initiative														
Supporting Agencies	HKI, Midema, MI, MOH, Unicef, WHO														
	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
<u>Commodities</u>															
<i>Wheat</i>		X	X												
<u>Activities</u>															
<i>Policy and Advocacy</i>		X	X												
A private organization (wheat milling company) has started in Sept 2006 at its own initiative the fortification of wheat flour. Various development organizations supported the effort, and the government was requested to issue a decree defining the level of Fe and folate in wheat flour.															
<i>Communication Support</i>		X	X												
A launching ceremony was organized in September 2007, and various communication supports, such as posters, stickers, T-shirts, tv-spots etc. produced.															
<i>Provision of Fortification Equipment</i>		X	X												
The equipment was provided by the private company.															
<i>Provision of Fortification Supplies</i>		X	X												

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Fortification Supplies were provided by the private company.

Quality Assurance/ Quality Control for fortified foods		X	X														
Private company.																	

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Table 4: Vitamin and Mineral Supplementation

Geographic area(s) covered by this table	Nationwide																
Project Name	Post-NID Vitamin A Coverage in High-Risk Countries in sub-Saharan Africa (multiple countries)																
Supporting Agencies	CIDA, HKI, MI, MOH, Unicef, USAID																
Approximate # of subjects or beneficiaries for each project described	12,500,000 children 6-59 months 3,000,000 pregnant women 3,000,000 lactating 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																	
	National/Regional Program																
	National supplementation Programme with twice yearly campaigns																
Supplement's Primary Distribution																	
	Through Public Channels																
	Through NGOs																
Supplementation Targeted Groups																	
	Women																
	Pregnant women																
	Children 6-24 months of age																
	Children 2 – 5 yrs of age																

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Table 6: Other Public Health Intervention Links

Geographic area(s) covered by this table	60 health zones in Kasai Occidentale, Katanga, Maniema, South Kivu provinces														
Project Name	AXxes														
Supporting Agencies	USAID funded, and various INGOs implementing, among which HKI														
Approximate # of beneficiaries	7,400,000 persons														
	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>Integrated Mgmt of Childhood Illness</i>				X		X									
A USAID financed essential health services project has started in October 2005, HKI is participating in the program and will develop a program for the use of zinc for treatment of childhood diarrhea, as well as the routine supplementation of VA to children. The project started officially in October 2007, but main activities will be launched in 2007.															

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Table 7: Any <i>other</i> activities associated with each micronutrient(s)															
Geographic area(s) covered by this table	Appr. 80 Health Zones in Bandundu, Kasai Occidental, Kasai Orientale , Orientale provinces														
Project Name	Onchocerciasis														
Supporting Agencies	HKI, MI, WHO														
	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>Other areas (please list)</i>						X									
Integration of VAS and onchocerciasis treatment															