

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

Table 1: Demographic Information

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Position	Program Officer for East Africa
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Major focus of activities	Support to others, Research, Policy/Advocacy Programming/Interventions
Summary of activities	MI's support to the region over the past couple of years has mainly focused on supporting national micronutrient deficiency control programs. Technical assistance and a limited amount of financial support were provided to MI's focus countries. Furthermore, national and sub-national coordinators were hired to support the programs on an ongoing basis.

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

Geographic area(s) covered by this table	East Africa – Ethiopia and Kenya; Sudan														
Approximate # of beneficiaries	Ethiopia: ~ 3million 6-59 month old children (direct VAS program, 2 regions); The USI program has not been implemented yet Kenya – National support (~5 million 6-59 month old children) Sudan – Pilot study (home fortification); Preparation stage (USI)														
	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
Countries															
Ethiopia	x					x									
VA: Since 2005, a national coordinator has been providing ongoing technical support to the Government of Ethiopia's micronutrient deficiency control programs; In 2006, technical and financial assistance was provided to support the VA program in the two most populous															

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<p>regions of the country (Amhara and Oromiya regions); A regional vitamin A coordinator has been hired to provide technical assistance to Oromiya Region. [A similar arrangement is in the process of being implemented for Amhara Region.]</p> <p>IDD – A salt assessment mission was conducted in 2005; More specific technical assessments of several medium to large scale salt producers were conducted in 2006; Technical assistance was provided to the Government of Ethiopia and salt producers in preparation for the implementation of USI in Ethiopia; A Salt Mapping study is planned for early 2007 – the results from which will be used to develop a database for use in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of USI programs.</p>																				
Kenya	X						X													
<p>VA: Since 2005, a national coordinator has been providing ongoing technical support to the Kenyan Government’s micronutrient deficiency control programs; Technical and financial assistance was provided to support the VA program; VAS was integrated with a national measles campaign and plans are underway to integrate it with a Polio NID planned for early 2007;</p> <p>Iodine: National Coordinator – working with salt manufactures; training and monitoring USI; discussion underway for a partnership on the iodization of animal salt.</p>																				
Sudan	X	X					X													
<p>Fortification: Health communications workshop held with health care workers, food industry and civil society; An official decree on fortification announced by the Federal Government for flour, sugar and salt.</p> <p>IDD; Technical assessment of all salt producers identifying resources needed to build iodization capacity; Assessment information will also guide development of a monitoring system to be used by relevant government departments</p> <p>Home-based fortification acceptability study completed (90% acceptable) in IDP camps.</p> <p>Efficacy study results to be shared at SCN.</p>																				