

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

**Table 1: Demographic Information**

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Position	Senior Program Manager
Department/Section	West Africa
Major focus of activities	Support to other, Research, Policy/Advocacy, Programming/Interventions

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

Geographic area(s) covered by this table	West Africa														
	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
<b>Countries</b>															
<b>Senegal</b>	x	x	x	x		x				x	x	x			
Technical assistance to develop and validate a food (wheat flour and vegetable oil) fortification strategic plan; providing technical assistance for starting its implementation Mapping of small and medium small producers conducted; initial support provided to small producers to increase production of iodized salt.															
<b>Nigeria</b>		x				x									
Strong advocacy by nutrition partners to include VAS into measles campaign in 17 southern states. MI supported monitoring of the campaigns in 2 states. Coverage validation survey of VAS conducted in 10 states in collaboration with HKI.  MI in partnership with UNICEF provided both financial and technical support to advance food fortification in the areas of quality control and assurance, monitoring systems, social marketing, capacity building and programme expertise to industry and government.  MI provided technical assistance at zonal level															

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MI is currently investing in developing technology for fortification of salt with iodine and iron described as Double Fortified Salt (DFS)													
<b>Mali</b>			x	x	x		x						
Testing feasibility and acceptability of community-based fortification of cereals in rural areas; Fortification of vegetable oil with vitamin A in Mali is under way.													
<b>Ghana</b>		x											
USI program is underway													
<b>Vitamin A Supplementation</b>							x						
VAS coordinators supported by MI Vitamin A capsules to Senegal, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Ghana													