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**Table 3: Food Fortification**

Geographic area(s) covered by this table	Country														
Supporting Agencies	USAID, Department of Health														
	<b>Micronutrients</b>														
	<b>Iodine</b>	<b>Iron</b>	<b>Folate</b>	<b>Zinc</b>	<b>Calcium</b>	<b>Vit A</b>	<b>Vit B-12</b>	<b>Vit C</b>	<b>Vit D</b>	<b>Vit B-1</b>	<b>Vit B-2</b>	<b>Vit B-3</b>	<b>Vit B-6</b>	<b>Vit K</b>	<b>Vit E</b>
<b><u>Commodities</u></b>															
<b>Salt</b>	X														
<b><u>Activities</u></b>															
<b>Policy and Advocacy</b>	X	X		X											
<b>Operational Research</b>	X														
<b>Communication Support</b>	X														
<b>Provision of Fortification Equipment</b>	X														
In the initial stages of the country's salt iodization program, UNICEF, in cooperation with the Department of Health distributed salt iodization machines. An ongoing effort is along the local fabrication of salt iodization machines.															
<b>Fortification Monitoring and Evaluation</b>	X														
This involves participation in the testing of salt being sold in the country's wet markets and those in warehouses. The testing is done through a campaign called the <i>Patak sa Asin</i> (literally means drop in salt). Initially spearheaded by the Department of Health, several local government units have institutionalized regular checks of salt sold and used at various points, e.g. wet market, supermarket, food establishments, etc.															
<b>Quality Assurance/ Quality Control for fortified foods</b>	X														
UNICEF provides both technical and financial assistance in formulating quality standards that are applicable to the nuances of the salt industry. It also supports capacity building through trainings on the salt iodization technology and quality assurance. The trainings target salt manufacturers, and workers involved in the salt iodization program. Capacity building also involves the provision of titration equipment to help regional offices of the Department of Health in their regulatory functions, and the WYD kit to selected salt manufacturers for use in their internal quality assurance system.															
<b>Fortification project size</b>															
<b>National/Regional Program</b>	X														

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**Table 4: Vitamin and Mineral Supplementation**

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Geographic area(s) covered by this table	24 focal provinces of the country program														
Supporting Agencies	Micronutrient Initiative														
	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>Activities</b>															
<b>Prevention Program</b>		X				X									
Iron for infants and pregnant women and vitamin A capsules for women at post-partum															
<b>Supplementation project size</b>															
<b>National/Regional Program</b>						X									
<b>Emergency Area</b>						X									
<b>Activities Cont.</b>															
<b>Supplement's Primary Distribution</b>															
<b>Through Public Channels</b>		X				X									
<b>Supplements in Emergencies</b>						X									
<b>Supplementation Monitoring/Evaluation</b>						X									
The UNICEF is involved in the assessment of the coverage of the national vitamin A supplementation															
<b>Supplementation Targeted Groups</b>															
<b>Women</b>						X									
Specifically women at post-partum															
<b>Pregnant women</b>		X													
<b>Children 6-24 months of age</b>		X				X									
Some local government units covered by the current country program for children include iron supplementation in their respective programs. On the other hand, the Department of Health spearheads a nationwide twice-a-year universal vitamin A supplementation effort. UNICEF does not provide funding support for this supplementation, but is involved in advocacy and related activities.															
<b>Children 2 – 5 yrs of age</b>						X									
See note for group, children 6 – 24 mos															

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**Table 6: Other Public Health Intervention Links**

Geographic area(s) covered by this table	24 focal provinces of the Sixth Country Program for Children														
	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>Activities</b>															
<b>Hookworm Control</b>		X													
<b>Polio/Immunizations</b> - UNICEF assistance has been along procurement of the vaccines needed by government. UNICEF has also supported directly the procurement of limited quantities of vaccines for disaster-stricken areas															
<b>Integrated Mgmt of Childhood Illness</b> - Yes															
<b>Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative</b> - Yes															
<b>HIV/AIDS</b> - Yes															
<b>Safe Motherhood</b> - Yes															
<b>Emergency Situations</b> - Yes															

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**Table 7: Other activities associated with each micronutrient(s)**

Geographic area(s) covered by this table	24 Focal provinces of the Sixth Country Programme for Children
<b>Activities</b>	
Capacity building along programme management (from assessment to setting objectives to identifying and selecting options, to setting details of implementation to actual implementation, monitoring and evaluation) especially at the local level, for nutrition programs that address not only micronutrient malnutrition but also protein-energy malnutrition.	
UNICEF also supports capacity building along the integrated monitoring system for local government units that looks into concerns related to not only salt iodization but also to the other micronutrients and protein-energy malnutrition	