

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

Table 1: Demographic Information

Name of Reporting Individual	Chipo M. Mwela
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Position	Assistant project Officer – Nutrition
Department/Section	HIV/AIDS, Health and Nutrition
Major focus of activities	Support to others
Summary of activities	The information included in this table include: Vitamin A supplementation, fortification of maize meal, sugar and salt

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

Geographic area(s) covered by this table	Zambia														
Project Name	Vitamin A Supplementation through the child health weeks														
Supporting Agencies	CIDA through UNICEF														
Approximate # of beneficiaries	2,200,000 children 6months to 5 years														
	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									
Preparation of an impact study for 2008 is underway															
Training/Capacity Building						x									
On going supplementation capacity building taking place															
Monitoring and Evaluation						x									

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Table 3: Food Fortification

Geographic area(s) covered by this table	Nationwide														
Project Name	Maize meal Ifortification, salt, sugar														
Supporting Agencies	GAIN Foundation for maize meal, UNICEF for salt and USAID for sugar														
Approximate # of subjects or beneficiaries for each project described	6 million for maize meal, 9 million for salt and 8 million for sugar														
	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>															
Salt	x														
Maize		x	x				x			x	x	x	x		
Margarine						x									
Sugar						x									
<u>Activities</u>															
<i>Policy and Advocacy</i>															
Statutory Instrument available for all products.															
<i>Communication Support</i>															
Communication and marketing support supported by respective agents. Individual companies promote product line marketing.															
<i>Provision of Fortification Equipment</i>															
	x														
UNICEF provided equipment for small scale fortification in two districts															
<i>Provision of Fortification Supplies</i>															
	X														
UNICEF provided potassium iodate for local salt iodation at small scale															

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Table 4: Vitamin and Mineral 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															
Prevention Program						x									
Treatment Orientation						x									
UNICEF supported the development of the vitamin A supplementation guide to be used during the child health week. This includes other services that are being provided during child health week															
Supplement's Primary Distribution															
Through Public Channels						x									
Through NGOs						x									
NGOs such as CARE International have been involved at national level. Other NGOs are involved at district level															
Supplements Compliance Promotion															
Joint promotion activities are conducted at national level on national television, radio. These are supported by UNICEF, USAID.															
Supplementation Targeted Groups															
Children 6-24 months of age						x									
Vitamin A supplements targeted to children twice a year															
Children 2 – 5 yrs of age						X									
Targeted twice a year															

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Table 6: Other Public Health Intervention Links

Geographic area(s) covered by this table	Nationwide														
Project Name	De-worming														
Supporting Agencies	UNICEF														
Approximate # of beneficiaries	2,000,000														
	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>Hookworm Control</i>	x					x									
This is given to children during the child health week															
<i>Malaria Prevention and Control</i>															
ITNs are re-treated during the child health week															
<i>Polio/Immunizations</i>															
Immunizations are given to children during the week. Either as missed, due or catchup															
<i>School Nutrition/Health Programs</i>															
This is available in targeted provinces: Eastern, southern and western.															
<i>Integrated Mgmt of Childhood Illness</i>															
Some aspects of IMCI are conducted during child health week. However, the country has aspecific IMCI programme being rolled out nationwide															
<i>Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative</i>															
BFHI: two provinces, Lusaka and Luapula has been re-assessed for BFHI implementation. Implementation targeting 36 hospitals have been planned for this year.															