



# Helen Keller International/ Sierra Leone

## SCN Working Group on Micronutrients: Information Sharing Template for 2005 and Earlier Activities

**Table 1: Demographic Information**

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

Geographic area(s) covered by this table (community, province, country, region)	<i>Sierra Leone</i>
Project Name (if relevant)	<i>MOST, VAS+ FOR CHILD SURVIVAL in West and Central Africa</i>
Supporting Agencies (if relevant)	<i>GOSL/MOSH, USAID, CIDA, UNICEF</i>
Approximate # of beneficiaries	<i>888,277 (Children under five years of age)</i>

Activities	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
<i>Prevalence Assessment</i>						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>									
<i>Training/Capacity Building</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Assessment of the Quality of Nutrition Services Offered in Health Care Facilities in five districts of Sierra Leone (funded by USAID/Sierra Leone under the MOST grant)  
 The capacity of GOSL partners and NGOs at national and district levels was strengthened through technical assistance, training and knowledge transfer (dissemination of program findings, reports, etc.) in developing and implementing behavior change and sensibilisation campaigns to increase the







Improving Vitamin A Status of under five children in Sierra Leone- The feasibility of using a food based approach (Marian Mangura, University of London)

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

<u>Geographic area(s) covered by this table (community, province, country, region)</u>	<b>Sierra Leone</b>
<u>Project Name (if relevant)</u>	<b>MOST</b>
<u>Supporting Agencies (if relevant)</u>	<b>GOSL/MOSH, USAID, WFP</b>
<u>Approximate # of beneficiaries</u>	<b>5.4 million people (national program effort)</b>

<u>Activities</u>	Micronutrients													
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**Hookworm Control**

Deworming meds were distributed along with vitamin A capsules during bi-annual mass immunization programs in 2005 (supported by UNICEF).

**Malaria Prevention and Control**

Vitamin A capsules will be distributed during measles and malaria mass campaigns in 2006.

**Polio/Immunizations**

Vitamin A capsules have been distributed during mass polio immunization programs for several years in Sierra Leone.

**HIV/AIDS**

Guidelines for infant and young child feeding in Sierra Leone with an emphasis on infants of HIV positive women were developed and disseminated using USAID funding under the MOST grant.