

SCN 2003 Report from MOST

Country	Organization	Contact	Description of Intervention
Philippines	MOST/USAID	Hector Maglalang most@hki.com.ph	Support for implementation of GOP Food Fortification Strategy including wheat flour fortification, including communications plan. Supported local consultant to assist with preparation of GAIN proposal.
Bangladesh	MOST/USAID	Kamal Hyder Khyder@istiinc.com	Efficacy study of fortifying atta with nutrients including iron is ongoing; results are expected first quarter 2003. Produced IEC materials (video, poster, leaflets)
Morocco	MOST/USAID	Najat Sarhani sarhani@iam.net	Supported development and implementation of wheat flour fortification. Supported local consultant to assist with preparation of GAIN proposal.
Eritrea	MOST/USAID	Roy Miller rmiller@istiinc.com	Supported local consultant to assist with preliminary work towards future development of a GAIN proposal.
Ghana	MOST/USAID	Albertha Nyaku MOST@africaonline.com.gh	Continued support to MOH in developing a national anemia strategy designed to address the major causes of anemia in a comprehensive way. This included assistance with literature review, rapid assessment of national iron folate supplementation program, TIPs study, communications strategy. With UNICEF, held a national anemia workshop for key stakeholders. Supported local consultant to assist with preliminary work on GAIN proposal.
Uganda	MOST/USAID	Louise Sserunjogi louise@chdc-muk.com	With RCQHC, completed assessment of capacity of district health services to provide enhance antenatal anemia package, reports to be finalized first quarter 2003. Supported local consultant to assist with preliminary work on GAIN proposal.
Zambia	MOST/USAID	Ward Siamusantu mostnfc@zamel.zm	Supported implementation of national semi-annual Child Health Week intervention (CHW) which, after trial in two districts, now includes deworming. Logistics remain a challenge. Exploring potential to include in re-treating bed nets in CHW for malaria control. Undertook training of Health Officers to strengthen capacity to enforce fortification regulations. Supported local consultant to assist with preliminary work on GAIN proposal.
Nicaragua	MOST/USAID	Jose Mora Jmora@istiinc.com	MOST has assisted implementation of the 5-year national micronutrient program addressing vitamin A and iodine deficiencies, as well as ID anemia. IDD and vitamin A deficiency have been dramatically reduced. The 2000 national micronutrient survey revealed significant progress

			in reducing anemia in women but not in children. A successful demonstration project involving community health volunteers (“brigadistas”) in iron/folate supplementation is now being extended countrywide.
El Salvador	MOST/USAID	Jose Mora Jmora@istiinc.com	With IDD and vitamin A deficiency practically under control, MOST assistance has focused on fostering further reductions in ID anemia among women and young children (anemia prevalence in 1998 was 9% in women and 19% in children 12-59 months). Support is provided for iron/folate supplementation, training, implementation of a specific communications strategy and strengthening of the supplement supply system. Fortification of corn flour with iron and B-vitamins began recently.
Honduras	MOST/USAID	Jose Mora Jmora@istiinc.com	After significant reduction of IDD and vitamin A deficiency in the past 15 years (mainly through food fortification programs) MOST has provided assistance in revising and strengthening the ID anemia control program (iron/folate supplementation and wheat flour fortification). Iron/folate supplementation and an anemia educational strategy on anemia are being incorporated countrywide into the successful Community Integrated Child Care (AIN) system.
Africa	MOST/USAID, CDC	Omar Dary odary@istiinc.com	Promoting creation of “resource centers” in food fortification and micronutrients with the role of regional training and organization of networks of laboratory quality assurance/control.
Central America	MOST/USAID, INCAP	Omar Dary odary@istiinc.com	Supported local consultant to assist with preparation of GAIN proposal for the Central American region, including fortification of flours (wheat flour and corn) with iron and other micronutrients. Monitoring, evaluation, and social communication.