

## SCN 2003 Report from UNICEF Tajikistan

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1. **Advocacy:** UNICEF is working closely with Ministries of Health and Food Production on development of Anemia Prevention Programme and food fortification mechanisms and development of National standards.
2. **Fortification:** 7 mills in Tajikistan are provided with fortification equipment and premix (multivitamins including iron and folic acid) and in 2003 will start fortified wheat flour. These efforts are supported by UNICEF and ADB project. Mills are located in different regions of Tajikistan in order to cover all geographic areas.
3. **Supplementation:** Iron supplementation (weekly) is ongoing starting from 2000 for the following target groups: children 6-14 months, pregnant women, women of reproductive age (15-45).
4. **Dietary Promotion:** Public education on dietary changing and eating habits through dissemination of posters, leaflets and education.
5. **Research:** Due to lack of baseline data on prevalence of Anemia in 2003 UNICEF is planning to support Ministry of Health to conduct Anemia prevalence study in Kahtlon oblast.

### **What partners or organizations have helped make your projects successful?**

UNICEF is working closely with ADB and NGOs (CARE International, AAH, AKF)

**Future plans and goals:** UNICEF will continue to support MoH in development of new programme cycles on prevention of Iron deficiency Anemia for 2003-2005 and review of supplementation and communication strategies. UNICEF's main goal is to reduce prevalence and consequence of anemia among children and women.