

RWANDA AND BURUNDI

A. Current Status

1. Standards

Country	Fortified Food	Standard(draft)	Regulation
Burundi(5)	Salt, Sugar, Wheat Flour; oil; Milled maize;	X	x
Rwanda (5)	Salt, Sugar,Wheat Flour; oil; Milled maize;	X	x

2. Food control

Country	National policy	IEC Nutrition	Equipment	Food control system (NFA)	Logo	High level responsible person
RWANDA	✓	✓	lack	✓	✓	✓
BURUNDI	Draft	✓	lack	✓	✓	✓

a) PRODUCTION Rwanda

Vehicles	Small scale Industry	Medium	Large
Sugar			✓
Maize flour	✓	✓	✓
Whait Flour		✓	✓
Edible oil	✓	✓	✓
Salt			

b)Production / BURUNDI

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Vehicles	Smal scale Industry	Medium	Large
Sugar			✓
Maize flour	✓	✓	
Whait Flour		✓	✓
Edible oil		✓	✓
Salt			

B) WHERE WE WANT TO GO : Rwanda and Burundi

- EAC standards Harmonization
- All fortified goods to be tested
- Regulation and policies to be harmonized
- In production : Monitoring and Evaluation framework

C)CHALLENGES AND CONSTRAINTS

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- Lack of approved standards and regulations
- Lack of supporting data/information (scientific evidence) to justify reasons for fortification and levels of fortification.
- Lack of laboratory capacity, knowledge and equipment to test
- Variation in fortification levels per country Rwanda and Burundi
- Outdated equipment
- Budgetary constraints,
- Existence of National food fortification alliance but not functional
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D)SOLUTIONS

- National Fortification program officially launched
- Capacitate the laboratories
- Advocate for approval by policymakers
- National food fortification alliance to be put in place and functional
- Data centralization on nutrition
- Regulations to specific deterrents
- Regulations to link and aligned with standards
- ISO accreditation for labs
- VAT Exemption on fortified food

E) Assistance.

- Mobilize resources within and outside (government, private sector, NGO, multilateral institutions) for capacity building and implementation

E)Time frame

- Development of Standards and Regulations 1 year
June 2015 to June 2016
- Data centralization 6 months June 2015 to
Dec 2015
- Capacity building in laboratories Ongoing
- Capacitate key
stakeholders Ongoing
- ISO Accreditation
- Developpe/ Establish National
alliance ongoing