







#### INTRODUCTION

- Malnutrition is still a global problem, developing countries are more affected.
- Malnutrition places an individual at increased risk of morbidity and mortality and is also shown to be related to impaired mental development.
- Average food intake is 2,155kcal/person/day however more than 1/3 of the Kenyan population still consumes below 2100kcal per day









#### INTERVENTION PROGRAMMES

Good nutrition is a prerequisite for the national development of countries and for well being of individuals.

Kenya has adopted High Impact Nutrition Interventions (HiNi) that includes:

- 1. Breastfeeding promotion
- 2. Complementary feeding for infants after the age of six months
- 3. Improved hygiene practices included hand washing
- 4. Vitamin A supplementation
- 5. Zinc supplementation for diarrhea management

## **CONT'D**

- 6. Multiple micronutrient
- 7. De-worming
- 8. Iron-folic acid supplementation for pregnant women
- 9. Salt iodization
- 10. Prevention or treatment for moderate under nutrition and treatment of severe acute malnutrition
- **11.** Iron fortification of staple foods

### FOOD FORTIFICATION

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- To achieve annual production of 1,000,000 MT of fortified maize flour, 750,000MT of fortified wheat flour and 200,000MT of fortified vegetable oil,
- To establish a reliable system for monitoring the quality of fortified food samples,
- To raise awareness and consumption of fortified foods,
- To reach 27 million individuals in Kenya with fortified foods, to achieve mandatory fortification of staple foods.

#### Partnership, Sequence and linkages



#### Members of the Alliance

Ministry of Health (Nutrition, Laboratory, Food Safety,

Kenya Bureau of Standards

Industry (Flour, Oil, Sugar, Salt)

Development Partners (UNICEF, GAIN, MI, PSI)



Consumer Organizations

#### Standards

- It is now mandatory in Kenya through the Food, Drugs and Chemical Substances (Food Labelling, additives and Standards) Act Cap 254 Legal Notice No 62.
- Fortification Standards were developed for wheat and maize flour, sugar, oils and fats between 2005 to 2008



#### Maize Flour Fortification Levels

Nutrient	Fortification compound	Recommended factory average	Regulatory requirements (mg/kg)	
		(mg/kg)		
Vitamin A	Vitamin A	$2\pm 1$	0.5	3.0
Thiamine (Vitamin	Mononitrate	$10 \pm 5$	5.0	15
<b>B</b> <sub>1</sub> )				
Riboflavin (Vitamin	Riboflavin	$6\pm3$	2.5	9
<b>B</b> <sub>2</sub> )				
Niacin (Vitamin B <sub>3</sub> )	Niacinamide	$60 \pm 15$	40	75
Folates	Folic acid	$1.5 \pm 1.0$	0.5	2.5
Pyridoxine (Vitamin	Pyridoxine	$6.5 \pm 3.5$	3.0	10
<b>B</b> <sub>6</sub> )				
Cobalamine (Vitamin	Vitamin B <sub>12</sub>	$0.015 \pm 0.005$	0.005	0.025
<b>B</b> <sub>12</sub> )				
Iron	NaFe EDTA	$40 \pm 10$	30	50
	Total iron	$50 \pm 10$	40	60
Zinc	Zinc oxide	$40 \pm 10$	30	50

#### Wheat Fortification Levels

Nutrient	Fortification compound	Recommended factory average	Regulatory requirements (mg/kg)	
		(mg/kg)		
Vitamin A	Vitamin A	$0.5 \pm 0.02$	0.2	1.0
Thiamine (Vitamin B <sub>1</sub> )	Mononitrate	$4.0 \pm 2.0$	1.5	6.0
Riboflavin (Vitamin B <sub>2</sub> )	Riboflavin	$3.5 \pm 2.0$	1.5	5
Niacin (Vitamin B <sub>3</sub> )	Niacinamide	$25 \pm 5$	15	30
Folates	Folic acid	$1.5 \pm 1.0$	0.5	2.5
Pyridoxine (Vitamin B <sub>6</sub> )	Pyridoxine	$5.0 \pm 2.5$	2.0	7.5
Cobalamine (Vitamin B <sub>12</sub> )	Vitamin B <sub>12</sub>	$0.005 \pm 0.002$	0.002	0.010
Iron	NaFe EDTA	$10 \pm 5$	5	15
	Total iron	$20 \pm 5$	15	30
Zinc	Zinc oxide	$30 \pm 10$	20	40

#### Fats and Oils Fortification Levels

• Vegetable fats and oils shall be fortified with Vitamin A in accordance with the Kenya Standard for Edible Fats and oils (KS326-2"2009)



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#### ACHIEVEMENTS

- 38 companies signed an agreement with the Ministry to start procurement of equipment, installation and roll out fortification.
- The Ministry conducted an assessment to establish industry requirements.

# **CONT'D**

- A training package on production, quality assurance was developed by MOH and KEBS.
- A logo that helps to identify the fortified foods was developed and a social marketing and communication campaign was launched
- The systems for testing and certification in place.

#### CHALLENGES

- Initially uptake was slow especially in the first year due to lack of reliable suppliers of vitamins and minerals
- Long processes of importing the required equipment
- Inadequate capacity for internal quality assurance and control at regulatory level and production.
- Government under pressure to build systems for certification and monitoring at market and household level

#### CONSTRAINTS

• Resources

#### CONCLUSION

- The Ministry of Health and the Bureau of Standards is in charge of monitoring the quality of fortified foods in the market and at household level.
- The strong partnership between government and private sector led to the achievements made this far

