

Food Fortification in Tanzania

a progress report



Goals



- **100 day plan, Nairobi**
 - Draft standards will be reviewed by incorporating public comments
 - Draft regulations will be submitted to the Minister for further action
 - Train of food inspectors on monitoring and enforcement
 - Update relevant data on consumption levels
 - Prepare monitoring and evaluation plan
 - Prepare social marketing strategy

Progress



- Draft standards will be reviewed by incorporating public comments – done – standards have been finalized and gazetted
- Draft regulations will be submitted to the Minister for further action – Done (Feb/March 2011) – Draft regulations reviewed by public in Dec 2010 and finalized. Now just awaiting signature/gazetting
- Train of food inspectors on monitoring and enforcement - done
- Update relevant data on consumption levels – not done – might get done in 2011 – need funding
- Prepare monitoring and evaluation plan – will happen in 2011
- Prepare social marketing strategy – done – need funding for implementation

Progress



- **Other activities implemented...**
 - Development of food fortification guidelines
 - Development of manuals describing FF techniques
 - Training of manufacturers in FF techniques
 - Training of manufacturers on QA/QC
 - Procurement of laboratory equipment, chemicals and reagents
 - Development and printing of IEC materials (industry, decision makers)
 - Regular meetings of the National Food Fortification Alliance
 - Baseline data collected (through DHS) – results out soon (early May?)
 - National FF logo finalized and included in regulations

Future activities



- Procurement of fortificants and dossifiers (need funding - DfID?)
- Gazetting of mandatory regulations (hopefully soon!)
- Implementation of SM (funding?)
- Sensitization sessions to decision makers (funding?)
- Monitoring and Evaluation (plan to be supported by GAIN)
- Continual QA/QC support (funding?)

In summary



- **A lot of progress**
 - Fortified products expected on the shelves by mid 2011
 - Tanzania plans to be the first country in East Africa with mandatory food fortification regulations
 - Further plans are underway for Rural FF (incl small scale food fortification and home fortification)
 - Food Fortification an activity in the national agriculture strategy Kilimo Kwanza and in the CAADP
- **Donor support**
 - World Bank
(past had support for central FF until Dec 2010), now only support for rural FF pilot (2.6 mill USD)
 - GAIN (655,000USD) - HKI is executive agency
 - Potential support from WFP, likely also a large amount for fortificants /dossifiers from DfID (We hope!!!)