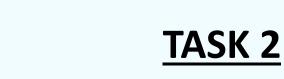


# COUNTRY STATUS FOR ZAMBIA ON FOOD FORTIFICATION 2017



In Zambia, common micronutrient deficiencies in children under five years include; Vitamin A deficiency 53.3% while Iron Deficiency Anemia 53% (NFNC, 2003)



## Q1. To what extent have you achieved what you planned?

- The Legal Framework has been set
- Four (4) Food vehicles have been identified (wheat flour, Sugar, Maize meal and Edible Oil)
- Advocacy plans have been set
- Cost benefit analysis has been done

## Q2. Where are we on the timeline we made in 2015

- Sugar fortification is being done (currently mandatory)
- Wheat Flour and Maize fortification not being done (currently voluntary)
- Edible Oil (no regulatory frame work in place)

## Q3. what new issues, Challenges and Solutions have come up?

- Number of millers on the market have increased, hence need to supply micro feeders to new comers
- Training of millers on fortification
- Lack of capacity to monitor
- •How do we structure the Cost Millers /Consumer/Government?
- Carry out a baseline survey on Micro-nutrients deficiency status in Zambia. We need to do a desk study /analysis, use the available data channels as baseline for decision making.

# **Q4** Have you addressed these? How Issues that have been addressed since 2015

- Capacity building-High level Training of personnel and procurement of lab equipment
- New laboratory structures under construction
- •Food safety and quality bill under way in parliament.
- •To hire a consultant to carry out the review of the current literature so as to come up with baseline data.

## Q2 Where are we on the timeline we made in 2015

- Sugar and salt fortification is being done (currently mandatory)
- Wheat Flour and Maize fortification not being done (currently voluntary)
- Edible Oil (no regulatory frame work in place)



### Develop your future action plan and timeline identification milestone

#### Where are you?

•We have developed a fortification road map for the country Where do you want to be within?

#### 6 months

- Hire a consultant to do literature review on micronutrient disorders in the Country
- Collection of data on Spina bifida

#### 1 Year

- Update the draft SI for Maize meal
- Develop an SI for wheat flour and Edible Oil

#### 2 Years

•Complete a baseline survey for micronutrient prevalence.



### **THANK YOU**