Introduction to the Draft Monitoring & Surveillance Tool

Flour Fortification Initiative
A Public-Private-Civic Investment in Each Nation
Today, we move below the dotted line....

Adapted from WHO/FAO. Guidelines on food fortification with micronutrients. Geneva, Switzerland 2006
◆ The Objective of the M&S workshop is:

- To review and comment on the draft “toolkit” for validating programme coverage and impact in the short to medium term.

◆ The Purpose of the Toolkit is:

- To provide guidance on the development of a feasible and sustainable Food Fortification Monitoring and Surveillance System (FFMSS) to track the trends in the household coverage of quality fortified flour/flour products, and the micronutrient status of non-pregnant women of childbearing age over time, using purposive and convenience sampling.
• The primary focus of our proposed Monitoring & Surveillance approach is to answer the question, "is micronutrient status of those who regularly consume FF improving?".

• It is also intended to verify if the estimated population coverage is increasing and if the industry and population level data correspond.

• It is meant to track the trends in the household coverage of quality fortified flour/flour products, and the micronutrient status of non-pregnant women of childbearing age during the early days of a fortification programme and in the interval between the base-line and first impact survey.
Anticipated population covered by fortified commercial flour in Tanzania
• The impact of flour fortification will occur in populations with **sufficient regular access** to quality fortified flour/flour products.

• The purpose of a *Food Fortification Monitoring and Surveillance System* is to **track the effectiveness** of a flour fortification program.

• It is **not** necessarily intended to track the nutrient status of the entire population of a country.

• If **statistically representative national data** on micronutrient status is needed, a **national cluster survey** may be carried out.
Initial (baseline) *FFMSS* data on coverage and micronutrient status

~1 year between coverage monitoring periods

TIME ~ 5-10 yrs.

80% coverage threshold

Available survey data on nutrient deficiency

Flour fortification program start

Impact Surveillance (convenience sampling)

Program evaluation survey
During the working group sessions, you will work as country teams to:

• Review Tables 1 (pp. 26) and 2 (pp. 37), and work through an interactive Excel sheet to reflect your own country situation

• Review the current “draft for comments” and:
  – Provide inputs on its usefulness for your work
  – Flag anticipated limitations
  – Suggest amendments to better reflect the country realities
  – Indicate other changes that will make the toolkit as useful as possible for your country needs.