## Implementing Fortification in Rwanda: Next Steps

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| Letter from MoH to RBS; then RBS to call technical committee for drafting standards and later Gazettment | - Letter is drafted by the MoH to RBS  
- Drafting Standards and Gazettment                                       | MoH, RBS    | April – June |
| Industry awareness; dissemination of contents of standards to industry, ‘standards education’ | - Coordinated messages to food producers aimed at the importance of adopting fortification (to improve health, to comply with a legal decree, to improve market advantage)  
- What compliance means                                                   | MoH, MoIC   | May – July   |
| Scale-up requirements outlined to industry; gap-funding discussions as needed | - List of required additional equipment and testing procedures  
- Identification of personnel to fulfill additional required tasks  
- Partnerships and agreements formed as necessary for equip and premix    | PHC, Industry | May – July   |
| Fortification awareness and education material included in government nutrition advocacy initiatives | - Draft awareness materials (posters, brochures, radio spots)  
- Incorporate into Ministry’s communication agenda  
- Ensure dissemination to target audiences                                | MoH, PHC    | April – July |
| Design and adoption of fortification logo and user guidelines            | - Creation of fortification logo  
- Identification of what agency will administer the logo  
- Draft guidelines established and disseminated to industry               | MoH, PHC    | June – August |
| Training of FDA and MoTI on quality                                      | - Identification of gaps in skill sets; additional                           | MoH, RBS    | July – September |
**Monitoring, testing procedures, and reporting requirements**

- Training provided
- Testing procedures and reporting requirements established
- Ensure appropriate equipment and reagents at RBS to complete the testing

**Establish Food and Drug Authority (FDA under MoH and Inspectorate board under MTI) sampling plan at factories, markets, and borders; reporting (joint report for Inspectorate Board and FDA inspectors) requirements and actions for noncompliance identified**

- Work plan outlining required FDA and MoTI inspector activities
- Reporting requirements established including shared reporting process

**Establish MoH fortification surveillance plan to collected baseline and follow-up coverage and MN status impact data**

- Design sentinel site monitoring and surveillance system to collect baseline data on MN indicators prior to fortification and subsequent follow-up data on coverage and MN status

**Industries producing fortified products**

**FFI workshop recommendations:**

1. Regional statement or explanation regarding barriers to trade particular when countries import in large quantities from countries that may not be fortifying.

From a standards enforcer perspective: A discussion of writing guidelines for fortification logos and explicit consequences for non-compliance – for domestic products as well as for imported products. Discussion around what to do and the repercussions / penalties for products that are certified (whether by fortification logo or otherwise).