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)
TASK 2

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)
TASK 2

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.
TASK 2

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.
**TASK**

**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)
**TASK3**

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