



# **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



## TASK 2

### 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**