Program Experiences Around Micronutrient Powders

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Outline

- MNP evolution

- Program support to pilot and scale up of MNP interventions

- Global progress in using MNP

- Remaining program challenges and way forward
MNP evolution

- MNP invented & developed
- Programs start
- SGHI program guidelines
- UN joint statement emergencies
- HFTAG formed
- WHO guidelines MNP 6-23 M & HFTAG program guidance


- research studies
- program data
- program manuals
- 5 program workshops
Program support to pilot and scale up of MNP interventions

- **Capacity:** Workshops (2009-2013) reaching 66 countries on design, implementation, scale up and monitoring of home fortification using MNP

- **Global/national policies and guidelines**

- **Information:** 2011 global assessment of Home fortification interventions. UNICEF Annual *NutriDash* since 2013
Global Progress
Impressive Scale up of MNP interventions

2011*
- 36 MNP interventions implemented in 22 countries
- Planned interventions in 20 countries
- 4 countries were implementing at national scale

2013**
- 62 MNP interventions implemented in 43 countries
- MNP interventions are planned in 19 countries
- 13 countries implementing at national scale

* Home Fortification Global Assessment 2011
**UNICEF NutriDash, 2014
Summary Progress by Region

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Note: MNP interventions refer to Maternal Nutrition Programs.
MNP procurement supply

Number of countries ordering MNPs

~50% of countries use local packaging
MNP interventions by target group

Integration of MNPs in other programs

Source: UNICEF NutriDash 2014
Delivery Channels: MNP distributed free or at a fee to participants

- 2011:
  - Free: 31
  - Charged: 3

- 2013:
  - Free: 51
  - Charged: 8
Challenges & Way forward
With Rapid Scale Up…

- Increased technical needs

- Variation in challenges depending on the level of implementation

- Great opportunity for inter-country and inter-agency learning
Technical Resources to address the growing capacity needs

- **Community of practice** online opportunity for inter-country learning
  http://network.hftag.org/categories

- **MNP toolkit** *(coming up)*
  consolidation various tools, best practices and examples on implementation of home fortification

- **Series of Home Fortification Webinars**
  http://www.hftag.org/all-webinars/
Remaining challenges and way forward

- Technical support, tools and resources
- Funding
- Improve quality of integration and sustainability
- Catalyze partnerships and innovations for improved intervention quality
- Improve knowledge generation and management to promote learning
Thank you!

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