**UGANDA**

**Country Achievements**

Project Year 5, October 2015 to March 2016

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**SPRING IS WORKING TO STRENGTHEN THE NUTRITION SYSTEM IN UGANDA**

- Played a critical role in validating the accuracy of rapid test kits to measure the levels of fortificants in industrially fortified foods and disseminated findings to national and international audiences

- Trained 1,980 village health team members in the distribution and management of the MNPs for the facility and community arms of a research study and commenced MNP distribution

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- Commenced data collection for the impact of prepackaging IFA on compliance with treatment at the Mulago National Referral Hospital under the Antenatal Care section. This study will inform national policy.

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**REACHING PEOPLE**

- 1,385,531 people reached
- 826 people trained*
- 9 institutions supported*
- 15 trainings conducted*

*through the first half of FY 2016 only

SPRING/Uganda provides national-level technical support to the national government on large-scale food fortification to address stunting and micronutrient deficiencies, anemia reduction through multi-sectoral coordination, the introduction of a micronutrient powder program in Namutumba District, and national-level social and behavior change communication for nutrition.

**EXERTING INFLUENCE: HIGHLIGHTS**

- First round of MNP distribution in Namutumba District
- Hosted Great Mothers, Healthy Children Campaign webinar
- Finalized social mobilization campaign for the Nutrition Advocacy & Communication Strategy
- Participated in ECSA Region Food Fortification Conference, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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