# Why Would Millers Fortify?



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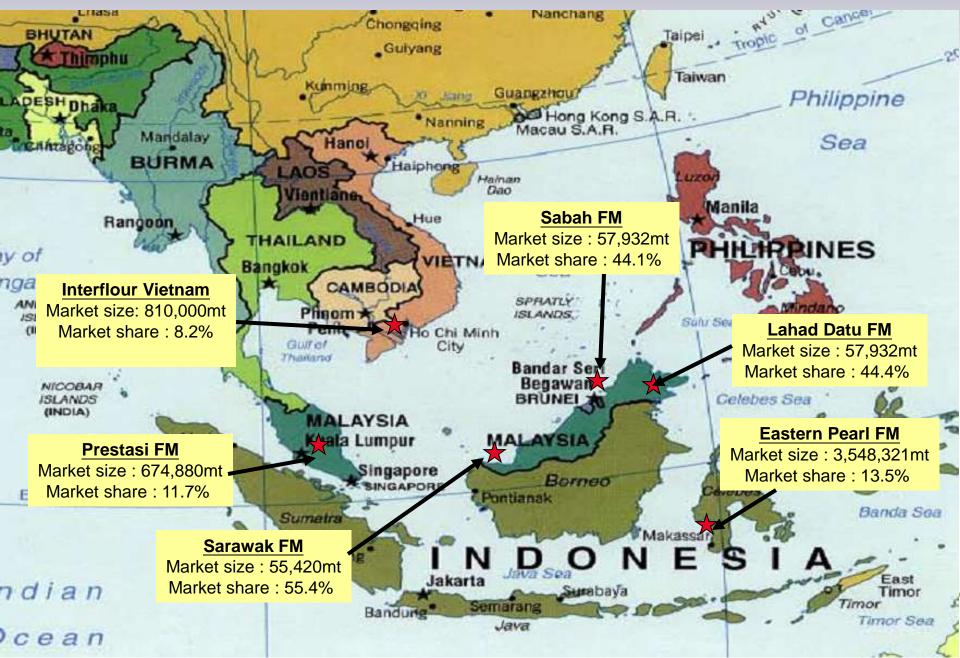


As one of South East Asia's largest integrated wheat buying, flour milling, and marketing companies, over 1 million tonnes of wheat are processed annually at 6 mills in Indonesia, Malaysia, and Vietnam.

Interflour contributes to public health through flour fortification programs, and offers a wide range of flour products crafted for customers' needs.



### **Location of Interflour's Mills**



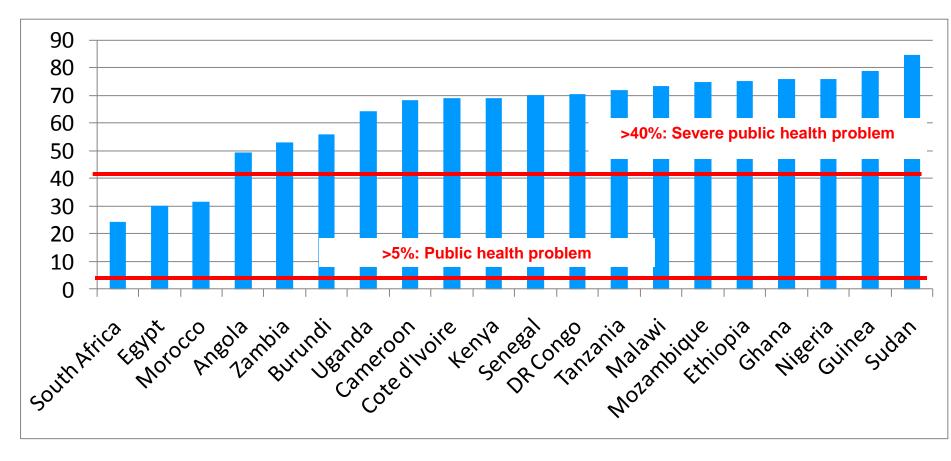
### Why Would Millers Fortify? Because it improves the health of our people.

### **Burden from Micronutrient Deficiencies**

- Impairs millions of growing minds and lowers national IQ
- Causes damage to immune systems and deaths of more than a million children a year
- Causes 200,000 serious birth defects annually.
- Contributes to the death of approximately 60,000 young women a year during pregnancy and childbirth.



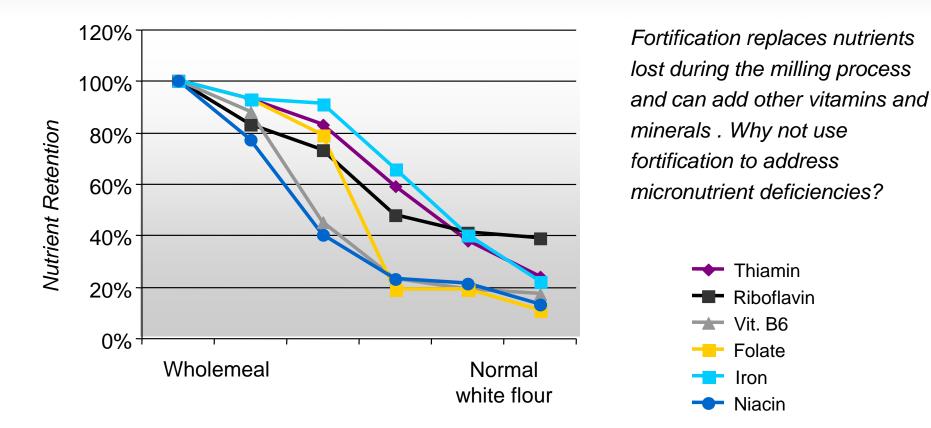
## Country Estimates of Anaemia Prevalence in Preschool-age Children





WHO Global Database on Anaemia 1993-2005 Report

### The Case for Flour Fortification Loss of vitamins and minerals during milling of wheat



Fortified refined flour is more nutritious than whole wheat flour when considering micronutrient content.



Why Would Millers Fortify? Because it makes business sense.

Increased Disposable Income to spend on Food **Increased GDP + Productivity Flour Fortification** 

**Micronutrient Deficiencies + Reduced Productivity** 



# Cost of Fortification: Approximately from \$1.50 - \$2 per metric ton.



# Ongoing Global Consensus on Flour Fortification Over Past 15 Years

- Millennium Development Goals (2000)
- Copenhagen Consensus (2004, updated 2008)

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 WHO Recommendations on Wheat Flour Fortification (2009)



World Health Organization

Recommendations on Wheat and Maize Flour Fortification Meeting Report: Interim Consensus Statement

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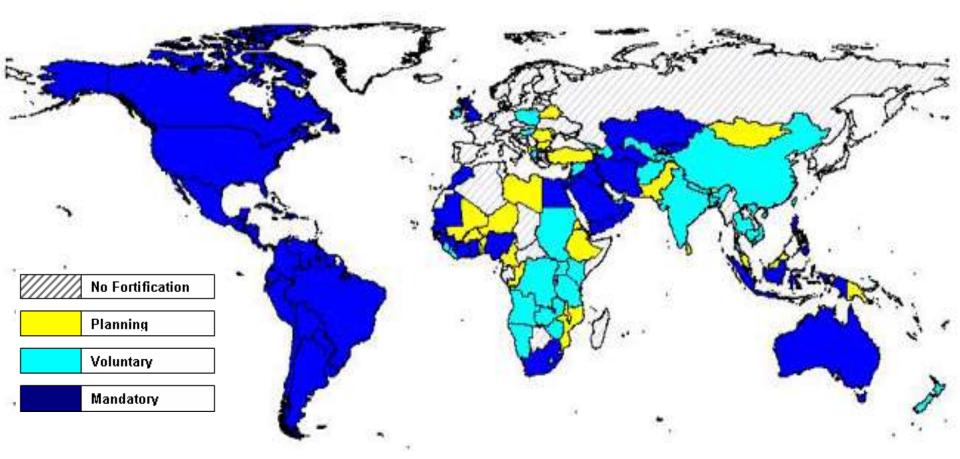
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### **Flour Fortification Status**

June 2010 - Fortifying wheat flour with iron and/or folic acid



**Mandatory:** Bahrain, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ghana, Guinea, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Yemen

## Flour Fortification Progress

### Since 2004:

- ✓ Growth in fortified flour from roller mills increased from 18% to 30%
- ✓ The number of countries with documented national regulations for mandatory wheat flour fortification increased from 33 to 60.





# **Why Would Millers Fortify?**

- 1. Flour fortification is good for everybody
- 2. Doable
- 3. Good business sense
- 4. It's going to happen anyway.







A Public-Private-Civic Investment in Each Nation

Join the FFI network of partners working together to make flour fortification standard milling practice so that people worldwide are smarter, stronger and healthier.