

## **DATA AND ACTION NEEDED TO MOVE FORWARD ON STANDARDS IN TANZANIA**

### **1(a) Sources of data on micronutrient status:**

- ▶ Tanzania Demographic Health Survey (2005)
- ▶ National vitamin A deficiency survey (1997)

### **1(b) Sources of data on consumption levels:**

- ▶ Tanzania Grain Millers Association -> For data on imported wheat grains imported, extraction level, locally consumed amount and exported.
- ▶ Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security -> For data on maize production and local wheat production
- ▶ Tanzania Revenue Authority – For data on imported and exported food vehicles for fortification
- ▶ Ministry of Industry Trade and Marketing -> For data on edible oil production
- ▶ Household Expenditure Budget Survey

Responsible for data collection -> TFNC (coordination), WFP, and SS Bakhressa Co. Ltd

### **•Key issues we face on standards**

#### **(a) Fortification levels to be used**

**Solution:** Currently adopt ECSA levels. However, whenever the levels are low, will be raised to WHO levels.

#### **(b) For maize flour fortification -> only ECSA guidelines is available as reference**

**Solution:** WHO to provide guidelines on maize flour fortification

#### **(c) Exemption of Tax and tariffs on imported fortificants/premixes**

**Solution:** The government to address this issue by including the fortificants in a list of essential drugs. Tanzania Food and Drug Authority to take a leading role.

### **3. Next steps**

- ▶ Finalize the draft standards which have been approved by the Agriculture and Food Divisional Committee for public comments
- ▶ Millers to start fortifying on voluntarily basis (in the initial phase) using approved standards