RWANDA THE FACTS

Sustaining home fortification with Ongera micronutrient powders (MNP)

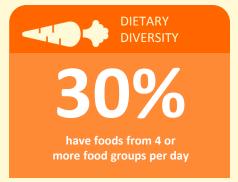


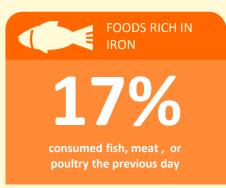


Ongera MNP contain vitamins and minerals that support the healthy growth and development of children 6-23 months of age

Not all children in Rwanda eat nutritious foods









- 52% of Rwandan children under 5
 years have anaemia*, linked to
 poor cognitive and physical
 development and reduced school
 achievement
- The World Health Organization recommends MNP use when the prevalence of anaemia in young children is 20% or higher
- The ultimate return on investment for MNP is \$37 for every \$1 invested, due to the positive effects of addressing childhood anaemia





RWANDA THE BENEFITS

Ongera MNP improves the quality of a young child's diet



Benefits of Ongera MNP:

- Prevents and treats iron deficiency anemia
- Reinforces appropriate complementary feeding practices
- Supports healthy growth & development
- High acceptability and ease of use



Globally, considered one of the top cost-effective investment priorities to fight hidden hunger

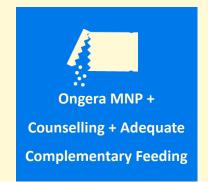


Can be integrated within health systems, food systems, WASH and social protection programs



Included in the World Health Organization's Model List of Essential Medicines for Children

Counselling on age-appropriate complementary feeding should always be included with the distribution of Ongera MNP, along with other actions to address micronutrient deficiencies in children.

















RWANDA ACTIONS

Policies and actions to promote the sustainability of Ongera MNP



POLICY DESIGN AND DELIVERY

Infant & Young Child Feeding (IYCF) Policy



Ongera MNP included in policy



Reach

Total number of children 6-23 months who received micronutrient powders in 2017 was 432,620, almost 80 per cent of all targeted children nationwide



ACTIONS TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY

- The integrated Ongera MNP program is reaching every district; yet, continued efforts are needed to improve effective coverage so that no child is left behind
- Continued advocacy and resource leveraging are needed to ensure a predictable funding stream that will sustain efforts at the sub-national and national level





