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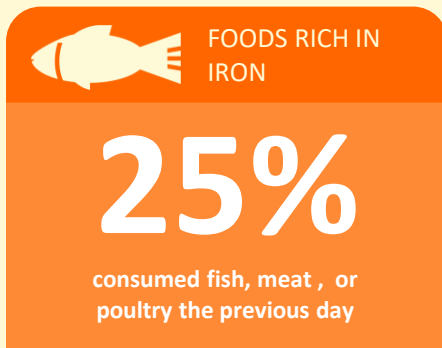
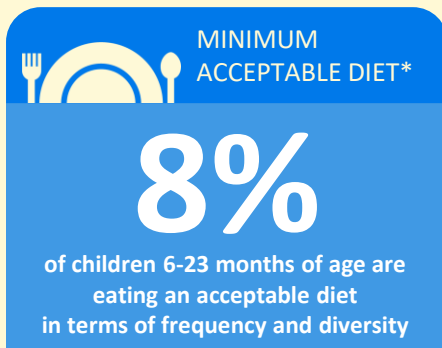
THE FACTS

Sustaining home fortification with micronutrient powders (MNP)



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

Not all children in Zimbabwe eat nutritious foods



37% of Zimbabwean 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

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THE BENEFITS

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



Benefits of 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 MNP, along with other actions to address micronutrient deficiencies in children






POLICY DESIGN AND DELIVERY

Infant & Young Child Feeding (IYCF) policy


 IYCF is included in the Zimbabwe National Nutrition Strategy 2014-2018

MNP included in policy

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Reach

Total number of children 6-23 months who received micronutrient powders in 2017 was 17,327

 MNP distribution has achieved national scale

ACTIONS TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY

- The integrated MNP program is reaching many districts...yet, continued efforts are needed to expand and 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

