



Food Fortification Advisory Services (2FAS)



"Strengthening national capacities in food fortification"

What is 2FAS?

2FAS is an advisory service funded by the European Union (EU) and implemented through a partnership between Landell Mills and the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN). It was established in December 2015 to support the European Commission (EC) and its public and private sector stakeholders to achieve sustainable food fortification programmes that are integrated into national food systems.

Why 2FAS?

The EC is committed to supporting partner countries to achieve SDG 2 'end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture' as well as the World Health Assembly's 2015 Global Targets on Maternal and Child Nutrition. Around these objectives, the EC built its nutrition policy framework 'Enhancing Maternal and Child Nutrition' as well as its 'Nutrition Action Plan'.

Key strategic priorities are to:

- 🔑 Enhance mobilisation and political commitment to nutrition
- 🔑 Scale up nutrition-relevant actions at country level
- 🔑 Generate nutrition information and knowledge through providing technical expertise

Food fortification aligns with both SDG 2 and the World Health Assembly's Global Targets on Maternal and Child Nutrition. Therefore, the EC supports the scale up of food fortification programmes, and established 2FAS to reinforce this effort.

2FAS objectives

🎯 Objective 1

Increase action and political commitment at global and national levels on food fortification as a key tool to reduce micronutrient deficiencies

Through bilateral meetings and global events, 2FAS engages with the food and nutrition security community, including the global fortification technical advisory group. This establishes and deepens partnerships between the EC and other major players to facilitate coordination and collaboration, and identify complementarities and synergies. 2FAS promotes the EC's commitment to nutrition through participation at global events such as the Micronutrient Forum and the Food Fortification Summit. At national level, our team of experts works with EU Delegations and other stakeholders to advocate for food fortification within national country strategic plans.

Objective 2

At country level, support foundation building and strengthening of food fortification to reduce micronutrient deficiencies

2FAS engages key national-level actors in a participatory multi-stakeholder process to jointly assess the current situation on food fortification. Country profiles are prepared, which analyse key gaps and bottlenecks to identify the most relevant entry points for EC support. 2FAS also provides technical assistance to build local capacity, and supports programme assessments by helping countries to improve the monitoring frameworks and log frames of food fortification interventions. Additionally, 2FAS undertakes an annual review of EC funded fortification projects.

Objective 3

Knowledge management and communication on the role of food fortification in the reduction of micronutrient deficiencies

The EU is committed to evidence-based programming. Under this objective, 2FAS is supporting a research component, in partnership with selected institutes from the Agrinatura network. Information generated from these studies has been, and will continue to be, disseminated through scientific publications, conferences and other relevant channels. This will contribute to the planning and implementation of equitable, effective, integrated and sustainable food fortification programmes as a component of healthy and diversified food systems.

Geographical scope of 2FAS

All countries under the EC's Development Cooperation Instrument are eligible for 2FAS technical assistance and advice. Requests for such assistance can be made through the EU Delegations. However, special consideration is given to the 42 countries where nutrition has been selected as a focus area under the multi-annual indicative programme 2014-2020.

Countries currently supported by 2FAS

In February 2016, ten projects in eight countries were selected for 2FAS support following an EC Call for Proposals on Inclusive and Sustainable Value Chains and Food Fortification.

However, as stated above, all countries under the EC's Development Cooperation Instrument can request 2FAS support – and we are keen to expand our reach.

Current projects:

-  **Chad:** point-of-use fortification
-  **Democratic Republic of Congo:** biofortification
-  **Ethiopia:** biofortification
-  **Gambia:** biofortification and industrial fortification
-  **Kenya:** industrial fortification
-  **Madagascar:** industrial fortification
-  **Niger:** industrial fortification
-  **Sudan:** point-of-use fortification, industrial fortification and biofortification



The 2FAS team

2FAS is made up of food fortification experts from:



Services can be provided remotely or in country as needed.

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