

DIVISIONAL LEVEL ORIENTATION TRAINING ON EDIBLE OIL FORTIFICATION IN HARYANA STATE

Date: 20th March 2018, 11:00 am- 5:00 pm

Venue: Imperium Resort, Hisar, Haryana

BACKGROUND

A divisional level orientation training on edible oil fortification was held on 20th March 2018 for Rohtak and Hisar divisions of Haryana State under the chairmanship of Shri Jitender Singh, CMO, Haryana. The purpose of the training organised by IHMR, Jaipur and supported by GAIN and Tata Trusts was to sensitize the producers / processors and packers of edible oil in Haryana, and provide them with, hands-on training to build their capacity to adequately and appropriately fortify edible oil in Haryana State. The participants included FSOs and over 30 oil millers from the two divisions.



Key Points of Discussion

The participants were given an overview on food fortification and its need. It was followed by a technical session on Edible Oil Fortification. The orientation concluded with a practical training of Edible Oil Fortification and demonstration of qualitative testing of fortified edible oil.



The participants were:

- Sensitized on the magnitude of micronutrient malnutrition in the state and in India, and how fortification of food can help improve the health of people in their State
- Informed about the various directives of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on food fortification: labelling, nutrition Information and health claims
- Apprised about the process of registering for +F logo that will indicate that their food product is fortified with micronutrients
- Trained on procurement of quality assured micronutrient premixes and ensuring supply-chain

FFRC representative highlighted FSSAI enforcements and other related support such as labelling guidance and supply chain mapping provided by FFRC along with the

importance of registration on the FFRC portal. Additionally, the FFRC representative also provided an insight to the participants on how they can leverage this intervention to benefit consumers with the richness of vitamin A and D added edible oil.



Recommendations

It is recommended to spread more awareness about the process of fortification and its benefits among small-scale oil millers. They specifically lack awareness regarding FSSAI standards of food fortification and the policy support on fortification. Therefore, it is required to hold such consultations often at regional levels to sensitize a large number of oil millers in India. It is suggested that during the next orientation, the oil millers be further trained in detail about:

- Process of internal and external quality assurance & quality control
- Maintenance of records for quality assured production of fortified edible oil

Next Steps

- To organize more regional consultations and create awareness among oil millers about the enabling environment created for FBOs to adopt fortification
- To encourage upcoming adopters of edible oil fortification
- To provide end to end support such as +F logo registrations, fortification labelling declarations, guidance and dissemination of fortification related directives to oil millers keen on fortifying edible oil

All the participating oil millers expressed interest in edible oil fortification. The orientation ended with a vote of thanks to all the representatives for their willingness to be active partners in edible oil fortification.