# Food Fortification and Nutrient Bioavailability: future measures for ensuring Food Security in Indians.

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# What is Food Security'?



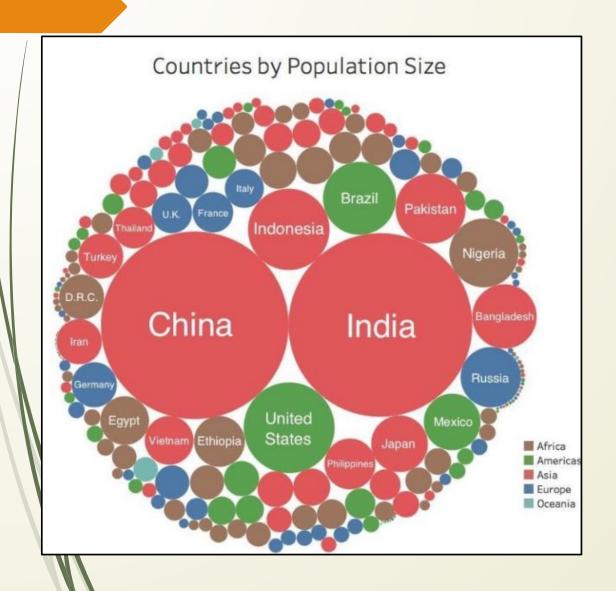
- It is surely not only the protection of food, but a larger concept associated to feeding the whole population.
- In simple terms, you can call it the ability to **guarantee on a long-term plan or an arrangement of nutritionally sufficient food supply**.
- In India, **food security** infers to the national nutritional security and the <u>fulfilment</u> of individual capabilities.

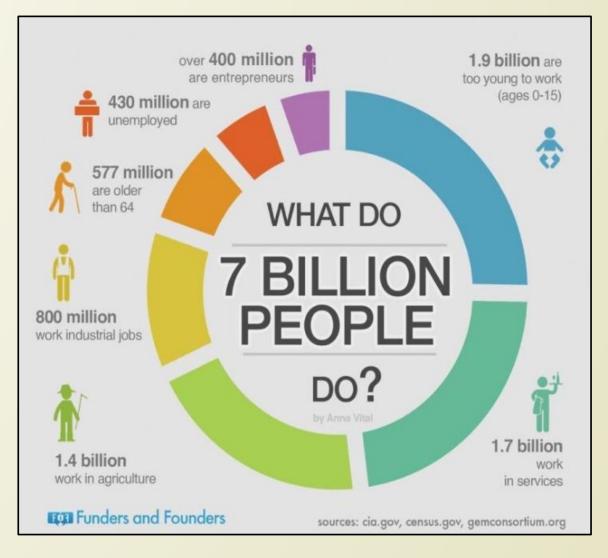
# Dimensions of food security (in India)

The food security in any country can be ensured if the three dimensions of the food security are checked upon. So, what are these three dimensions.

- First: Availability of food: Presence of enough food for all the persons
- Second: Accessibility of food: Absence of barrier on access to food
- ☐ Third: **Affordability of food**: Capability of all persons to buy food of acceptable quality

# **Population Dimension**





#### CONTINENT

- 60 Asia
- 15 Africa
- 11 Europe
- 9 South America
- 5 North America

### AREA

- 51 live in urban areas
- 49 live in rural areas

#### LANGUAGE

- 12 Chinese
- 5 Spanish
- 3 Arabic
- 3 Hindi 3 Bengali
- 3 Portuguese
- 2 Russian
- 2 Japanese
- 62 other

#### HOUSING

- 77 have access to shelter
- 23 do not

#### NUTRITION

- 1 starving
- 15 undernourished
- 63 adequate
- 21 overweight

### GENDER

50 female 50 male

#### AGE

- 26 aged 0-14 66 aged 15-64
- 8 aged 65+

#### RELIGION

- 33 Christians
- 22 Muslims
- 14 Hindus
- 7 Buddhists
- 12 other
- 12 no religion

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# WORLD

100 PEOPLE



#### LITERACY

83 able to read & write 17 unable

#### COLLEGE

7 have a college degree 93 do not

#### INTERNET

30 have access to the Internet 70 do not

#### POVERTY

48 live on less than \$2 USD per day

#### WATER

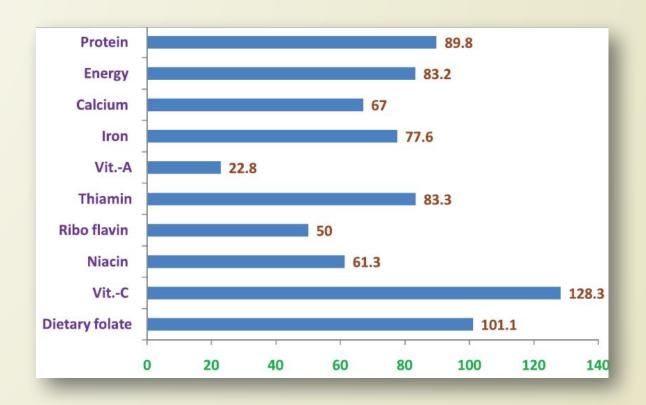
87 have safe water 13 do not

## PHONES

75 have cell phones 25 do not

# What do the Urban Indians Eat?





Average Household Consumption of Food stuffs as %RDI.

Source: NNMB, 2017

# **Ground Realities!**

#### **UNDER-NUTRITION**

Global Hunger Index 2016: India is

#97 out of 118 countries

# MICRONUTRIENT MALNUTRITION

Over 70% of the Indian population still consumes less than 50% of the RDA for micronutrients

## OVER-NUTRITION OVERWEIGHT & OBESITY

**30 million** Indians are obese. India and China have **15%** of obese people in the world.

#### CHILDREN

**58.4%** of children (6 – 59 months) are anaemic

**35.7%** of children under 5 are underweight

#### WOMEN

53% of women in the reproductive age (15 – 49 years) group are anaemic

#### MEN

22.7% of Men age 15-49 years are anaemic (<13.0 g/dl)

45% of child deaths linked to undernutrition.

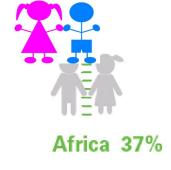
# INDIA ENIGMA

In 2014, more than half of all stunted children under 5 lived in Asia and more than one third lived in Africa.



Asia 57%







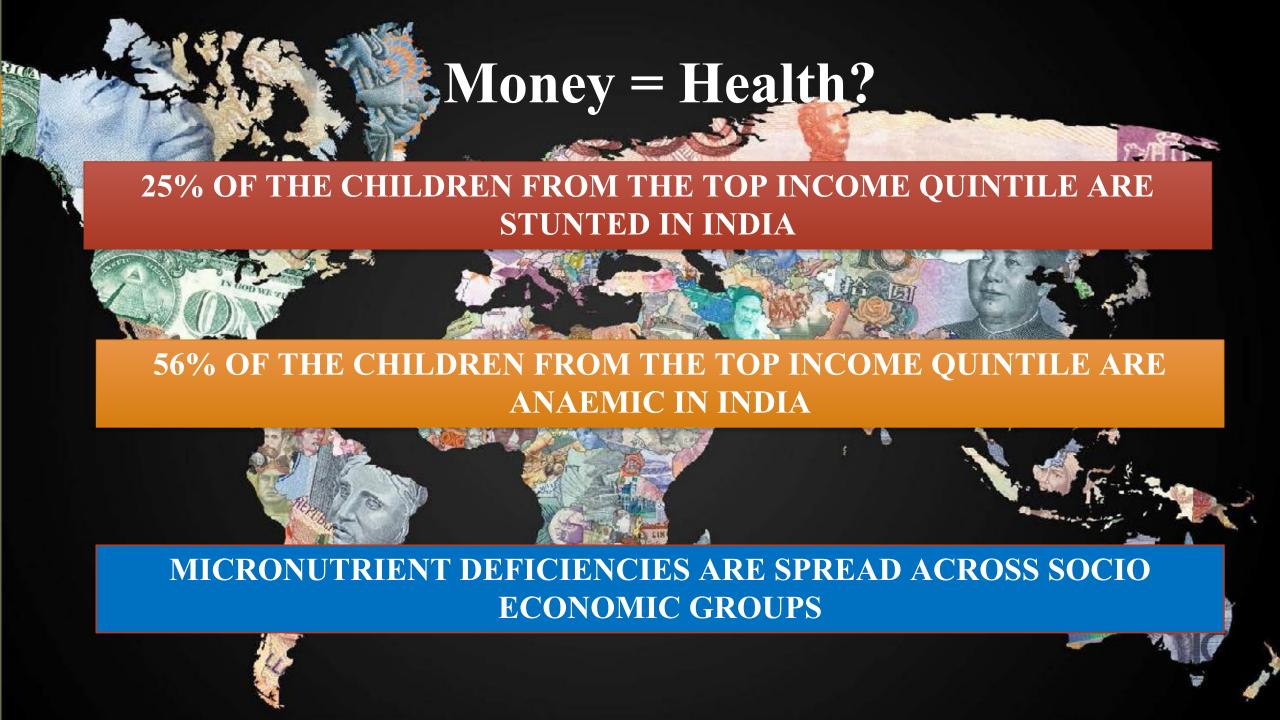
20 X

% of children under 5 who are underweight in India as how it should be!

9X

% of children under 5 who are wasted in India as how it should be!

India's stunting problem represents the largest loss of human potential in any country in human history!



# SDG: 17 Goals, 169 Targets, 306 National Indicators



**UNITED NATIONS** 

# The Reality Check continues!

- India has made rapid strides in improving rates of under- and malnutrition. Between 2006 and 2016, stunting in children below five years declined from 48% to 38%.
- Yet, India continues to have one of the <u>world's highest child</u> <u>undernutrition rates</u>, impacting the child's health and development, performance in school and productivity in adult life.
- With nearly 195 million undernourished people, India shares a quarter of the global hunger burden.
- Nearly 47 million or 4 out of 10 children in India are not meeting their full human potential because of chronic undernutrition or stunting.



# The BIG Challenges!

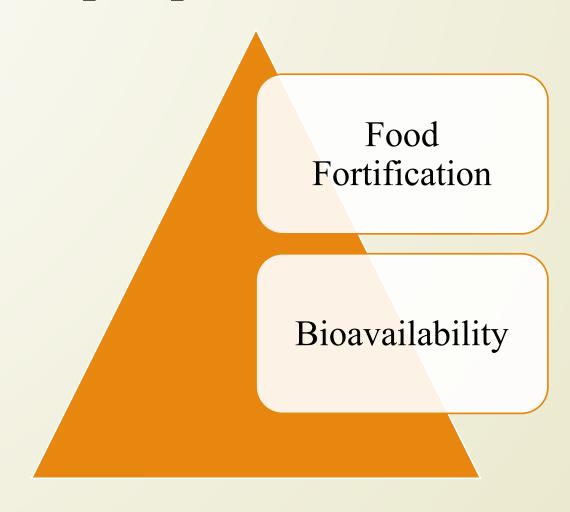
The government has large food security and anti-poverty programs but there are critical gaps in terms of inclusion and exclusion errors. Women and girls are particularly disadvantaged.

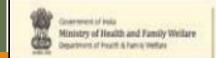
- ☐ Slowing agriculture growth,
- climate change,
- ☐ land degradation and shrinking bio-diversity.
- Large tracts of farmlands in India have become barren due to imbalanced fertilizer use and excessive use of a single fertilizer, urea.
- ☐ /Food Wastage
- Public-private partnerships?

# Government of India Programs and Initiatives

- With a **5X increase in food grain production** from 50 million tons in 1950-51 to about 250 million tons in 2014-15, India has moved away from dependence on food aid to become a net food exporter.
- In 2016, the government launched a number of programs to **double farmers' incomes by 2022**.
- They include: the <u>National Food Security Mission</u>, <u>Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)</u>, the <u>Integrated Schemes on Øilseeds</u>, <u>Pulses</u>, <u>Palm oil and Maize (ISOPOM)</u>, <u>Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana</u>, the <u>e-marketplace</u>,
- A massive irrigation and soil and water harvesting program to increase the country's gross irrigated area from 90 million hectares to 103 million hectares by 2017.
- ☐ mid-day meals at schools, public distribution system.
  - The National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013, aims to ensure food and nutrition security for the most vulnerable, making access to food a legal right.

# The 2 probable solutions/ support ways from a nutrition perspective







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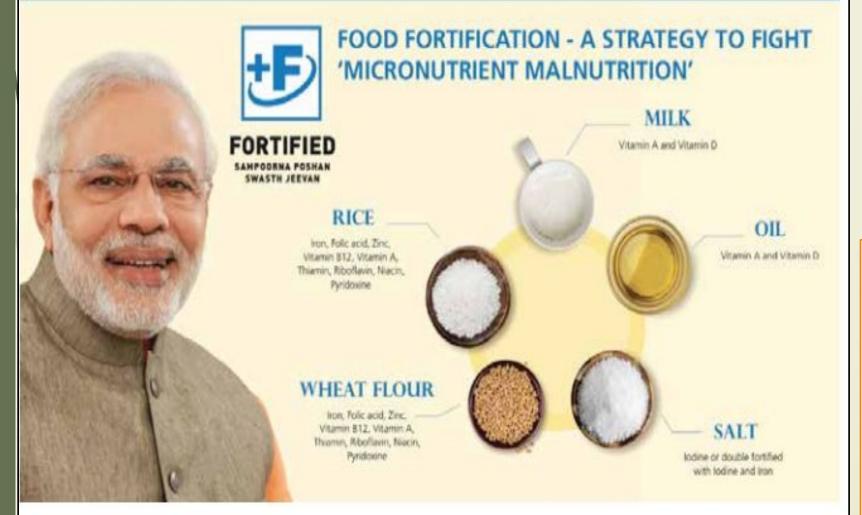
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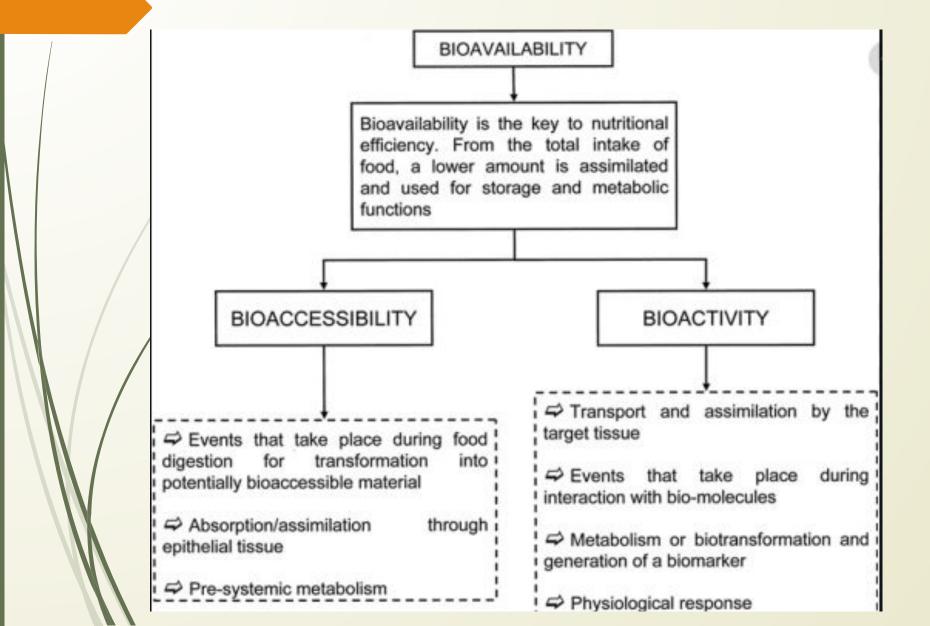
Food Fortification: 5 Chosen Staples

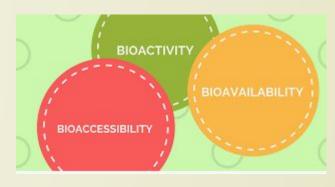
# National Fortification Initiatives

## **Fortification: Implementation Roadmap**

FSSAI Role	Set Standards, Create Logo
	Setup a dedicated Hub: Food Fortification Resource Centre
Alignment	Alignment & Advocacy – Industry & Zonal Consultations
	Nudge & Facilitate - Both Open Market and State Government:
Ensuring Supply	Ensuring open market availability
	Linking Govt Safety Net Programs to Fortified Supplies
Creating Demand	Building Consumer Awareness
	Joint Marketing Campaigns
Training	For Food Safety Officers
	For Labs
Enforcement	Compliance with Standards
	Monitoring & Evaluation

# What is Bioavailability?





# Why is Bioavailability important to be studied?

Deepest & still unresolved

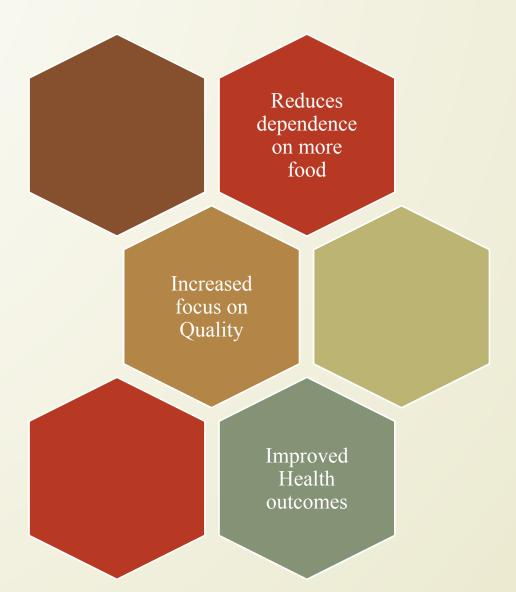
Today's solution 'as sold' & not 'as consumed'

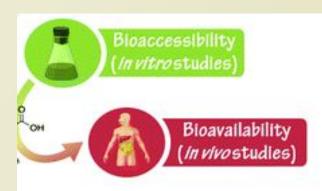
**Extremely** sensitive

Right now only at quantity: %RDA levels

How Bioavailability may help in food

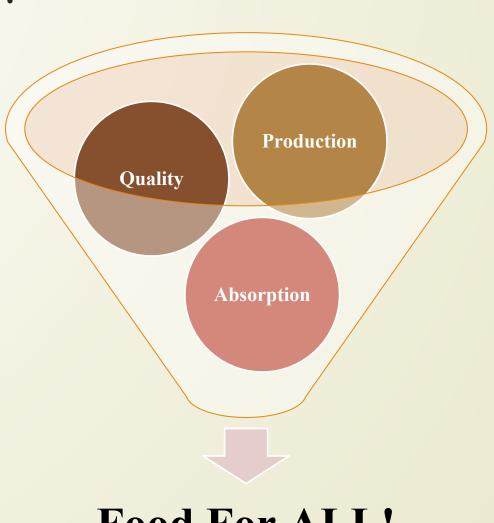
Security?





# Food Security is EVERYONE's business and Moral Duty!!





Food For ALL!

