

GAIN Global Iodization Program and Global Premix Fund



On September 28, 2007, the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) announced its plan for the start of a global iodization program and a global premix fund. The aim of both programs is to improve public health in developing countries.

GAIN will work with UNICEF to increase the percentage of households in the world that use iodized salt from 70% to 85% by increasing salt iodization in 13 priority countries. Funding for the program amounts to \$40 million, and it is expected to protect an additional 790 million people worldwide, particularly infants, over the next five years. Deficiencies of iodine can lead to growth disorders, and can also limit intellectual capacity.

In order to combat malnutrition, the GAIN Global Premix fund will provide loans and grants to enable companies to buy quality and low-cost premix. This will enable the companies to add specific vitamins and minerals to their foods in order to supply national food fortification programs and disaster relief operations.

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