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Glossary

AED	Academy for Educational Development
ARS	Agriculture Research Service (USDA)
ART	Antiretroviral Therapy
BCC	Behavior Change Communication
C&F	Commodity and Freight
CRG	Commodities Reference Guide
CRS	Catholic Relief Services
CSB	Corn Soy Blend
DACO	Deputy Administrator, Commodity Operations (USDA)
DRI	Dietary Reference Intake
EP	Expert Panel
FAD	Foreign Animal Disease (USDA)
FANEP	Food Aid Nutrition Enhancement Pilot
FANTA2	Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance II
FAQR	Food Aid Quality Review
FAS	Foreign Agricultural Service
FBF	Fortified Blended Food
FFI	Feed the Future Initiative
FFP	Office of Food for Peace (USAID)
FRAT	Fortification Rapid Assessment Tool
FSA	Farm Service Agency (USDA)
GAIN	Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition
GAO	Government Accountability Office
GF&N	Global Food and Nutrition, Inc
GH	Bureau for Global Health (USAID)
HIDN	Office of Health, Infectious Diseases and Nutrition (USAID)
HKI	Helen Keller International
IYCN	Infant and Young Child Nutrition
IFPRI	International Food Policy Research Institute
IHSA	International Humanitarian Studies Association
KC	Kansas City
KCCO	Kansas City Commodity Office (USDA)
LNS	Lipid-Based Nutrition Supplement
LRP	Local and Regional Procurement
MT	Metric Ton
MCHN	Maternal Child Health and Nutrition
MFFAPP	Micronutrient Fortification Food Aid Products Pilot Project
MYAP	Multi-Year Assistance Program
NAMA	North American Millers Association
NFSQ	Nutrition, Food Safety/Quality (USDA)
NICHD	National Institute of Child Health and Disease
NIFA	National Institute for Food and Agriculture
NIH	National Institutes of Health

NUGAG	Nutrition Guidelines Expert Advisory Group
NUT	Nutrition Division (USAID/HIDN)
OCBD	Office of Capacity Building and Development
PATH	Program for Appropriate Technology in Health
PCHPA	The Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa
PEPFAR	President's Emergency Fund for Aids Relief in Africa
PLW	Pregnant or Lactating Women
PLWHA	People Living with HIV/AIDS
PLHIV	People Living with HIV
PM2A	Preventing Malnutrition in Children Under 2 Approach
PTD	Policy and Technical Division (USAID)
PVO	Private Voluntary Organization
REE	Research, Education and Economics (USDA)
RNI	Recommended Nutrient Intake
RUCF	Ready-to-Use Complementary Food
RUSF	Ready-to-Use Supplementary Food
SERD	Science and Education Research Development Unit (USDA)
SYAP	Single-Year Assistance Program
UNSCN	United Nations Standing Committee on Nutrition
WFP	World Food Program
WHO	World Health Organization

Background Information on the Activity

The United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) Food for Peace program awarded two-year a contract to Tufts University's Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy in April 2009 to examine the nutritional needs of beneficiary populations across the developing world, and the nutritional quality of commodities currently available to meet those needs.

Scope of the Review

The project involves an assessment of Title II foods mainly intended for use in programs that seek a defined nutrition outcome. The study is reviewing:

- the nutritional value of existing products and their contribution to nutrition-related activities;
- whether these products and activities respond to beneficiary nutritional needs as effectively as they might; and
- how USAID could respond to defined needs better and more cost-effectively through potential changes in product formulation, the range of products provided, and modes of processing, procurement, and distribution to beneficiaries.

Among important issues being addressed: What guidance does current science provide about the need for inclusion/exclusion, levels and types, of macro and micronutrients in foods provided to highly vulnerable populations? What economic or food technology considerations come into play in seeking to optimize the nutritional content of food aid commodities and get the best nutritional impact for a given level of investment? Should new products or modes of processing, procurement, and distribution be considered for Title II activities? Innovative products are being investigated, as well as the potential for modifications to existing products. Activities to be considered include both non-emergency contexts (mainly maternal and child health and nutrition interventions, Food for Education and PEPFAR-funded programs) and emergency relief.

The review will provide recommendations on, a) how to improve existing products (updating formulations) that are mostly used with defined nutritional outcomes as their goal, b) what kinds of new formulations/products should be considered that would also be used to support clearly-defined nutritional objectives that are not easily met with existing products, c) how product formulations/specifications can be reviewed and updated in a more systematic and on-going manner, and d) steps needed to ensure quality throughout the value-chain. In addition, the review will provide recommendations related to the programming of these products for maximum and most cost-effective nutritional impact.

Reporting for the period July 1 – September 30, 2010**I. Research and Writing for Briefing Paper**

All authors are progressing well on their sections of the draft Briefing Paper. Patrick Webb, PI of the Food Aid Quality Review (FAQR), drafted an Executive Summary and Table of Contents, which have served as a guide throughout the writing process. During the two Author Writing Retreats this quarter, preliminary conclusions and recommendations were further developed and agreed upon by all authors. These conclusions and recommendations have been presented to USAID for initial input, and consequently revised. The following is a brief summary of research conducted and writing accomplished during this quarter.

The FAQR draft conclusions and recommendations are organized around three areas: product, process, and programming. Consultations throughout the quarter provided an excellent sounding board for draft recommendations, especially with regard to feasibility of industry-related concerns. Input from stakeholders in the public and private sectors has played a large role in steering the current first draft of the FAQR Briefing Paper and recommendations.

Product-Related Research and Writing:

The first Author Writing Retreat in late July provided a useful forum for authors working on product reformulations to compile and review all work. During this retreat and the second writing retreat in August, authors were able to reach agreement on updated formulations of fortified, blended foods (CSB, WSB, and other soy-fortified products) and fortified vegetable oil—incorporating the most up-to-date scientific evidence on micro and macronutrients requirements and limits.

Authors have also been working on costing these new formulations in actual program settings. We decided on a set of assumptions, based on FAQR product and program recommendations, and applied this scenario to actual program models to measure any changes in costing due to the reformulation of CSB and new programming approaches. These costing models demonstrated no significant change in commodity and freight (C&F). We will be enumerating on these findings in the Technical Briefing Paper.

Product recommendations address the following issue areas: effectiveness of FBFs in the programming tool box; improvements to FBFs, allowing them to be used only for explicit nutritional purposes; the quality of the overall food basket, including cereal fortification; and roles for lipid-based products.

The team presented new formulations to USAID officials in Washington, DC in September, and received positive feedback. In addition, FAQR staff met with a variety of millers and producers both to brief them on our recommendations and receive input on feasibility of production, milling, transport, and storage methods (including new packaging models), keeping both logistical and technical aspects in mind.

Process-Related Research and Writing:

A team of authors has developed recommendations surrounding systems and processes, at the government and private sector levels, for implementing FAQR recommendations and ensuring infrastructure is in place to review and update food aid products and program models over time. The process chapter of the Briefing Paper is well underway.

Process-related issues addressed in depth this quarter include: systems for new or modified commodity approval; routes for Title II PVOs to inform new foods and modifications; next steps for local and regional procurement or processing of Title II commodities; revision of relevant program guidance, including the CRG; establishment of an Interagency Committee on Food Aid; and approaches to a comprehensive 'industry standard' upgrade on procurement and quality control processes.

Program-Related Research and Writing:

During this quarter, Dr. Rogers continued to work with the team of authors contributing to the food aid programming chapter of the Briefing Paper. During the first Author Writing Retreat, the program author team was able to discuss potential program changes that will increase effectiveness of Title II food aid.

At the second Author Writing Retreat, the team drafted a set of decision trees and flow charts, illustrating recommended programming choices under a variety of situations—emergency, non-emergency, explicit nutrition programs, non-nutrition programs, etc. FAQR staff later presented these decision trees and flow charts to USAID officials for input. Revisions are underway for the first draft of the Briefing Paper.

The author team developed a set of program-related recommendations addressing the following issue areas: tailoring rations appropriately for purpose; a recommendation to serve FBF with oil, alongside improved packaging and behavior change communication (BCC); routes for the field to inform product development and policy; incorporation of cost-effectiveness assessment into evidence base for nutrition programming; and effective guidance on product choices by including decision trees and flow charts.

HIV and Nutrition component:

The HIV author working group has been meeting regularly during this quarter to review progress against paper development. All HIV authors finalized first drafts of their paper sections, and compiled into the HIV chapter of the Briefing Paper. Topics addressed in HIV-related recommendations include: coverage and complementarity of nutrition in HIV programming; guidance for Title II prioritization of target groups; commodities and ration sizes; timeframe for starting and stopping nutritional support; and measuring impact of food in HIV programming.

1.1 Stakeholder Consultation and Surveys.

- The final Implementing Partner Surveys are ongoing, and set to conclude in October, 2010.

- The HIV author working group held off-line discussions with Dan Raitan, NIH and Tony Castleman, FANTA to explore additional dimensions of the HIV chapter.
- Dr. Rogers, Dr. Webb and Ms. Reese Masterson held a consultation with the United Sorghum Checkoff Program.
- Author Quentin Johnson has provided ongoing consultation and input on food technology issues throughout this quarter, via email, phone, and in person.
- From her position as Country Director at Helen Keller Internation (HKI), author Anu Narayan continues to provide input on programming guidance via phone, email and in person.
- Following the FAQR meeting with the North American Millers Association (see below), a series of follow-on consultations with various millers took place.

1.2 Meetings and Events Organized and Attended.

GF&N staff attended The Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa *PCHPA: U.S. Food Assistance Programs: Assessing Progress and Challenges Related to Local and Regional Purchase, Food Quality, Host Country Capacity, and Moving to a Comprehensive Approach*, on July 13, 2010. This meeting brought together USG program leaders and other food assistance experts to assess the progress of ongoing reforms, including LRP as a long-term food-aid mechanism, a greater emphasis on nutrition, and a preventative rather than curative approach to food insecurity and malnutrition. Speakers were from OxfamAmerica, CRS, USAID, FANTA2, USDA, HarvestPlus, GAO, and WFP.

GF&N staff attended a Congressional Hearing on July 20, 2010 assessing the status and oversight of the Feed the Future (FTF) Initiative, and giving consideration to relevant scientific developments and expertise. The hearing was conducted by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, with witnesses from USAID, science centers and private sector stakeholders, and PVO representatives.

Dr. Rogers and Dr. Rosenberg attended a GAIN conference in Geneva in July 2010 on a separate budget. This included useful and relevant consultation on monitoring and evaluation of micronutrient fortification interventions in Asia and Africa.

The FAQR authors held an *Author Writing Retreat* on July 26-28, 2010 in Harpswell, ME. The retreat gathered a quorum of authors (excluding HIV authors who were attending meetings in DC) for three full-day meetings, with individual writing sessions, to come to consensus on conclusions and recommendations for the Briefing Paper.

The HIV author working group, Dr. Wanke, Dr. Sadler, and Research Assistant Marion Min, attended the *WHO Nutrition Guidelines Expert Advisory Group (NUGAG)*. HIV Authors attended the *WHO/NIH State of the Science workshop on “Nutrition in clinical management of HIV infected adolescents (>14 yr) and adults including pregnant and lactating women”* on July 26 – 28, 2010 in Washington, DC. As chair of the working group on adults, Christine Wanke led review and discussion of available data on the assessment of nutritional status (anthropometric, biochemical, clinical, dietary intake), definitions of

weight loss, wasting and obesity, etiology of weight loss and weight gain, and suggested approaches and research questions. This working group also developed recommendations, based on currently available scientific evidence, on nutrition interventions for HIV infected adults. Not only did this working group inform the FAQR process, but it also provided excellent opportunity for the FAQR HIV group to gain support and feedback on paper progress. The following side meetings were held to discuss FAQR progress:

- Tony Castleman, Deputy Director – Field Support, Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance 2
- Tim Quick, Office of HIV/AIDS, USAID
- Judy Canahuati, MCHN & HIV Technical Advisor, FFP USAID

FAQR members attended the *USDA-USAID International Food Aid & Development Conference*, August 2-4, 2010, Kansas City and held a side meeting for industry stakeholders on August 4 as part of the industry consultation process. This meeting proved to be very productive as a means of airing concerns and soliciting input from the stakeholders. Dr. Webb presented a brief overview of the process and likely recommendations in the three areas of food aid quality addressed by the FAQR: product, process, and program. Producers voiced concerns about the process and the ability of USAID (with USDA) to implement a more streamlined, timely and transparent process of introducing, vetting, and bringing new food-aid products to the recipients. We encouraged participation in the ongoing discussion through the FAQR website (www.foodaidquality.org) and agreed to hold another meeting of the same group in fall 2010.

The FAQR author team held a second *Author Writing Retreat* on August 24-26, 2010 largely due to the success of the first retreat in bringing together authors for three days of uninterrupted focus on the Food Aid Quality Review writing process.

Dr. Rosenberg attended the 2nd *World Congress of Public Health Nutrition* in Porto, Portugal on September 23-25, 2010 on a separate budget. He brought back useful updates and references for the FAQR. While there, he participated on panel on policy and programmatic implications of biomarkers.

FAQR Authors participated in several meetings with USAID Food for Peace senior staff in Washington, DC on September 20, 2010. These meetings included a review of FAQR findings with senior FFP staff and briefings with FFP Director and Deputy Director.

The FAQR held a third *Interagency Briefing for USDA/USAID Partners* on USDA premises in Washington, DC on September 21, 2010. Attendance was similar to first and second Interagency Briefings, and included representatives from various USAID and USDA offices, including: USDA/NIFA (National Institute for Food and Agriculture), USAID/PEPFAR (President's Emergency Program for AIDS Relief), and NIH (National Institutes of Health) who are all involved in various aspects of food product quality improvement, procurement and FBFs. USDA/Kansas City also participated by phone.

The objective of this third meeting was to present draft recommendations and solicit agency input for the recommendations. Principal Investigators and authors presented preliminary draft recommendations on product formulations and technical concerns, system-wide processes related to these products, and programming. The meeting aimed to promote continued collaboration among the various USAID/USDA offices involved in food aid commodities, programming, procurement, and quality assurance, as this collaboration will be a key element in the implementation of recommendations. (see Annex I for agenda and attendees).

Just prior to the *Interagency Briefing*, Dr. Webb and Dr. Rogers met with Bruce Cogill, Head of Nutrition at USAID, to discuss FAQR recommendations.

FAQR Authors held a *Meeting with the North American Millers Association (NAMA)* on September 22, 2010 in the NAMA office in Washington, DC (see Annex I for attendance). The FAQR team provided an update on its recommendations and emphasized the crucial role of NAMA in carrying out these recommendations. NAMA members contributed input on new product formulations from a food technology and industry perspective.

Recommendations presented to NAMA members included:

- an enhanced CSB to be distributed with oil (aiming for 100-115% of daily RNI via a range of products plus breastfeeding); that all cereals be fortified (with micronutrients);
- experimentation with packaging/bagging;
- an Interagency Technical Advisory Group on food aid at the government level to oversee all processes along the value chain (NAMA involvement to engage the industry is critical), a more complete food aid quality assurance policy, greater transparency and equity in the process, and drawing from on-the-ground knowledge and measuring effectiveness in terms of nutrition.

1.3 Web-Mediated Outreach.

The FAQR website (www.foodaidquality.org) remains active, with new members registering every week. We now have around 320 registered members who await posted material for comment. We plan to post recommendations and draft sections of our final report for public comment in mid-November, after USAID and Expert Panel input has been incorporated.

2. Administrative and Budget Issues

2.1 Staffing

- GF&N hired Stephen Ross to assist with the organization and inputting of the references for citation in the FAQR Report. He has been working with the authors and assisting in other aspects of the project, including research and note-taking at key meetings.

- The project has hired Jamie Fierstein to continue conducting interviews with Title II implementing partners and to complete the analysis of these data, including a breakdown of results by emergency vs. development programs. Ms. Fierstein is replacing Dr. Kyung Jae Kang who moved on from this position during the quarter.

3. Plans for the coming quarter (October-December 2010)

- Dr. Webb will be traveling to Rome to meet with WFP regarding FAQR recommendations
- The FAQR team will be drafting proposals and scopes for follow-on studies and trials to be conducted based on recommendations from the final report to USAID
- A second expert panel meeting will be held on November 8, 2010 to receive comment on the first draft of the FAQR final report. An author meeting will be held after the expert panel meeting to review and incorporate panelists' comment.
- The FAQR team will hold a meeting with industry stakeholders to receive input on feasibility and acceptability of FAQR recommendations. The meeting will be held in Washington, DC in November.
- The FAQR team will also hold a meeting with representatives from Implementing Partner organizations in Washington, DC to receive input on preliminary conclusions and recommendations on food aid programming.
- The Implementing Partner Field Survey will conclude in October, and analysis will be conducted on the final surveys and incorporated into findings.
- Findings and recommendations will be posted on the FAQR website to elicit comment after review by USAID partners and FAQR Expert Panel.
- Ongoing consultations with WFP, producers, stakeholders, and professionals will continue throughout the coming quarter.
- Dr. Wanke will attend the WHO Expert Advisory Group on Nutrition in HIV to be held in Amman, Jordan in November 2010. She will speak on updates on scientific evidence related to nutrition in HIV.
- A working draft of the entire paper—including chapters on products, process, and programming—will be reviewed by Authors, USAID partners, Expert Panelists, Key Stakeholders and Website Members. Comments will be incorporated.

Annex I: Meeting Agendas

**Food Aid Quality Review
Author Retreat I
Harpswell, ME
July 26-28, 2010**

Agenda for Author Retreat Meetings

Summary of Meeting Goals

To gather consensus among the authors on:

- 1st) what we agreed on and why (define conclusions and recommendations, and the assumptions and evidence underpinning each),
- 2nd) what areas still need some work/definition/agreement and why (and how we will fill such gaps), and
- 3rd) who will do what by the end of August when first full drafts of papers are needed.

DAY I: Program (9:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM: Breakfast

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM: MORNING SESSION (Led by Dr. Rogers)

- Review of the new outline, provided by Dr. Webb; modifications if necessary
- Paper 2 tentative conclusions and issues to resolve; possible recommendations derived from these conclusions
- Identify any additional sources needed
- Next steps for formulating clear operational guidance on ‘what to use when’
- Information gaps and studies needed

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM: Lunch

- Prepare any additional points to discuss with Mr. Johnson after lunch (this is our only opportunity to have him on the phone)
- Prepare any additional points to discuss with Dr. Schlossman at 3pm

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM: AFTERNOON SESSION (Led by Dr. Rogers)

1:00 PM Call Mr. Johnson to discuss:

- Next steps in defining quality control/food safety standards for products recommended
- Feasibility and approaches for assuring quality in cases of LRP
- Concerns (stability, risks of improper mixing, etc) regarding in-home or other on-site (e.g. schools, day care centers) fortification using powders, etc.

3:00 PM Call Dr. Schlossman to discuss Paper 2

- Ration calculation: need for updated guidance and consistency
- Program guidance: new approach; what implications for our recommendations.
- Recommendations for approval of new foods
- LRP: where it stands; what we should be recommending
- Issues of procurement, etc. between USAID and USDA
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DAY 2: Scientific and Technical (9:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM: Breakfast

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM: MORNING SESSION (Led by Dr. Webb)

- Identify new knowledge from the science about nutrient needs of beneficiary populations: lrv to update/inform
- Finalize a clear formulation for Enhanced CSB: Ms. Tilahun to bring to meeting
- Clarity on how that would look for WSB and other FBFs: Ms. Tilahun to bring to meeting
- What nutrient levels would look like if 50g of Basic CSB were consumed with a daily dose of Plumpy'Doz: Ms. Tilahun to bring draft version for discussion
- A solid estimated price per MT of Enhanced CSB versus Basic CSB (all costs): Ms. Reese Masterson to bring cost sheets, Mr. Bagriansky and Ms. Tilahun to plug in costs of CSBs for comparison
- Define why (on what basis) our formulation(s) differ (where they do) from:
 - WFP's 2 CSB formulations,
 - Golden's recommendations
 - SUSTAIN's Recommendationsⁱ
 - Supplementary Plumpy
- A clear formulation for premix to add to flour/meal via 'in country' milling and fortification: Ms. Tilahun and Mr. Bagriansky have formulation decided on in June in Boston. Will bring to meeting to confirm.
- Clarity on how soy-fortified bulgur etc. would look with the proposed premix added
- Review the amount of fat in Enhanced CSB compared to the Codex Alimentarius guidelines.

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM: Lunch

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: AFTERNOON SESSION (Led by Dr. Webb)

- Costing issues, operational scenarios, etc.

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Individual writing time

DAY 3: Wrap up loose ends from Days 1 and 2 (9:00 AM – 3:30 PM)

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM: Breakfast

9:00 AM – 12:00 AM: MORNING SESSION (Led by Ms. Narayan, Next steps and logistics...)

- Summary of recommendations derived from discussion, including:
 - Program guidance, including the Commodity Reference Guide (CRG) and other sources
 - Programming strategies with respect to foods and their uses
 - New product approval process
- Next steps in defining quality control/food safety standards for all recommended formulations/commodities: Call Mr. Johnson during meeting to discuss.
- Next steps in defining operational scenarios
- Next steps for determining packaging costs (determining final cost of new products): Call Mr. Johnson during meeting to discuss. (Mr. Bagriansky and Ms. Reese Masterson have some costing for this)
- Next steps (timeline) for posting anything (what exactly, in what form?) on the website, and what would be presented in KC and beyond
- Next steps for engaging industry partners in discussing feasibility of proposals: Hopefully we'll have some feedback already from some of the industry partners before this meeting to better focus this discussion and prepare for KC.
- Next steps for engaging political partners (USDA and beyond) in determining what needs to be done differently 'system-wide': Call Mr. Randall to discuss during meeting.

9:00 AM Conference call with Dr. Schlossman

- Process issues: Dr. Schlossman's and Ms. Chambliss's role relating to systems, committees, review panels, etc.
- Program guidance, including the CRG and other sources
- Next steps for engaging industry partners in discussing feasibility of proposals: Hopefully we'll have some feedback already from some of the industry partners before this meeting to better focus this discussion and prepare for KC.
- Next steps for engaging political partners in determining what needs to be done differently 'system-wide': Conference in Mr. Randall to discuss.

Attendees

Name	Affiliation
Patrick Webb	Tufts University, PI
Beatrice Rogers	Tufts University, co-PI
Irwin Rosenberg	Tufts University
Jessica Tilahun	GF&N
Anuradha Narayan	Helen Keller International
Amelia Reese	Tufts University
Nina Schlossman (by phone)	GF&N
Quentin Johnson (by phone)	Quican, Inc.
Jack Bagriansky (by phone)	JBPHN, LLC

**Food Aid Quality Review
Author Retreat II
Harpwell, ME
August 24-26, 2010**

Agenda for Author Retreat Meetings

DAY1: Review current draft recommendations

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM: Breakfast

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM: MORNING SESSIONR (Led by Dr. Rogers & Dr. Webb)

- Review and edit list of recommendations provided by Dr. Rogers
- Review and edit list of recommendation provided by Dr. Webb

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM: Lunch

1:30 PM – 5:30 PM: AFTERNOON SESSION (Led by Dr. Schlossman)

- Review list of recommendations (from Mr. Johnson)
- Discuss Ch. 5, Optimizing Processes

DAY 2: Discuss follow-on studies; Draft Decision Tree

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM: Breakfast

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM: MORNING SESSION (Led by Dr. Webb)

- Review potential follow-on study topics and decide upon a draft list to present to USAID

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM: Lunch

1:30 PM – 5:30 PM: AFTERNOON SESSION (Let by Dr. Webb)

- Draft a Decision Tree based on initial graphics provided by Dr. Webb and Ms. Narayan

DAY 3: Discuss FAQR Next Steps and processes

8:00 AM – 8:30 PM: Breakfast

8:30 AM – 1:30 PM: MONRING SESSION (Led by Dr. Webb)

Discuss the Food Aid Quality Review process, including:

- upcoming meetings
- draft deadlines
- website material

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM: Lunch

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM: Make a plan to address next steps; meet individually as needed

*The meeting room will be available for anyone who wishes to stay late to work.

Attendees

Name	Affiliation
Patrick Webb	Tufts University, PI
Beatrice Rogers	Tufts University, co-PI
Irwin Rosenberg	Tufts University
Jessica Tilahun	GF&N
Nina Schlossman	GF&N
Amelia Reese	Tufts University
Anuradha Narayan (by phone)	Helen Keller International
Quentin Johnson (by phone)	Quican, Inc.
Jack Bagriansky (by phone)	JBPHN, LLC

**Food Aid Quality Review
Third Interagency Meeting**
USDA Premises - Washington, DC
September 21, 2010

Agenda

Brief Overview of Food Aid Quality Review Progress

Dr. Patrick Webb

Presentation of Draft Recommendations

Dr. Patrick Webb, Dr. Beatrice Rogers, and Dr. Nina Schlossman

Recommendations fall into the following three categories:

Product: formulations, food technology concerns, nutritional concerns, etc.

Process: procurement, guidance, other systemic issues, etc.

Programming: rations, programming models, monitoring and evaluation, guidance, etc.

Question & Answer Session

All Participants

Comments and input to recommendations are welcome

Brief Updates on Relevant Developments

Representatives from each Agency/Office

Attendees

USAID			
Canahuati	Judy	FAQR Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR)	USAID/DCHA/FFP/PTD
Moore	Sylvia	Operations Team Leader, Program Operations Division	USAID/DCHA/FFP/POD
Moody	Stephen	Food Technologist	USAID/DCHA/FFP/PTD
Skoric	Dale	Division Chief, Policy and Technical Division, FFP	USAID/DCHA/FFP/PTD
Chung	Eunyong	Agreement Officer's Technical Representative (AOTR) FANTA2	USAID/GH/HIDN/NUT
Quick	Tim	Senior Nutrition Advisor, Office of HIV/AIDS	USAID/GH/HIDN/NUT PEPFAR

USDA			
Finley	John	National Program Leader in Human Nutrition	USDA/ARS/NFSQ
Feustel	Dorothy	Branch Chief, School Feeding and Humanitarian Branch	USDA/FAS/OCBD
Sheikh	Pat	Deputy Administrator, Office of Capacity Building & Development, FAS	USDA/FAS/OCBD
Alberghine	Paul	Program Specialist (Health and Nutrition)	USDA/FAS/OCBD/FAD
Croushorn	Ron	Division Director of Food Assistance Division, FAS	USDA/FAS/OCBD/FAD
Harding	Amy	Traffic Management Specialist, FAS	USDA/FAS/OCBD/FAD
Holzaepfel	Erica	Mickey Lehland International Hunger Fellow, Office of Capacity Building & Development	USDA/FAS/OCBD/FAD
Marsh	Cleveland	Assistant to the Deputy Administrator Commodity Operations	USDA/FSA
Lovo	David		USDA/FSA/DACO/CPPAD
Christine	Gouger	Procurement Support Branch	USDA/FSA/DACO/KCCO
Daly	Erin	Policy Section Leader, NIFA, Office of Extramural Programs	USDA/NIFA
Lewis	Edwin C.	National Program Leader, International Programs USDA - National Institute of Food and Agriculture	USDA/NIFA
Larew	Hiram	Deputy Administrator, International Programs of Science and Education, NIFA	USDA/REE/NIFA/SERD
NIH			
Raiten	Dan	Health Scientist Administrator	NIH/NICHD
Tufts/FAQR			
Chambliss	Mary	Consultant, FAQR	Tufts University
Reese	Amelia	Research Coordinator, FAQR/Tufts	Tufts University
Rogers	Beatrice	Co-Principal Investigator, FAQR/Tufts	Tufts University
Ross	Stephen	Research Assistant, GF&N	GF&N/Tufts
Schlossman	Nina	Consultation Coordinator, FAQR, Washington DC; President, GF&N	GF&N/Tufts
Tilahun	Jessica	Research and Program Coordinator; M&E Specialist, FAQR/GF&N	GF&N/Tufts
Webb	Patrick	Principal Investigator, FAQR/Tufts	Tufts University

ⁱ Fliege et al, Recommendations for optimization of fortified and blended food aid products from the US. *Nutrition Reviews*, 68:5, 290. January, 2010