

Building the Capacity of Small Millers: Training Manual Developed

The training manual [Capacity Building of Small Millers](#) has been developed by the Micronutrient Initiative in collaboration with the National Fortification Alliance of South Africa whose members are from the Ministry of Health-Nutrition, Ministry of Trade and Industry, industry representatives and UNICEF.

The fortification of wheat and maize flour has been mandatory in South Africa since October 2003. In order to complement other activities from this initiative funds were made available to support small millers to enable them to comply with the legislation.

In 2006 consultants were contracted to identify all medium and small millers in six of the provinces in South Africa (Limpopo, Free State, Kwa Zulu Natal, North West, Eastern Cape and Mpumalanga). Field workers visited the millers to ascertain the millers' level of knowledge about fortification and their compliance with fortification regulations. Additional information about their current business, economic and marketing constraints was also collected.

A complete database was compiled for all provinces and the results from this review were used to develop [training materials](#) for small millers and develop a plan to support the small millers to comply with the fortification regulations.

