

IFFN and FFI organized Master TOT Program on Wheat Flour Fortification in New Delhi

The India Flour Fortification Network (IFFN) and Flour Fortification Initiative (FFI) in collaboration with UNICEF, WFP, WHO, MI, GAIN, A2Z (US AID), WPPS and RFMFI organized first of its kind “Master Training of Trainers Program on Wheat Flour Fortification” in New Delhi on 22-24 March, 2010.

The main emphasis of this training program is to build technical capacity of flour fortification stakeholders and partners who, in turn, as trainers will provide training to the millers, government officials and other stakeholders in the respective states. The participants were drawn from the state governments, ministries of government of India, milling and biscuit manufacturing industries, UN and international development agencies and NGOs.

In the inaugural session, *Mr. Subrata Dutta, Coordinator* of India Flour Fortification Network (IFFN) discussed the purpose and objective of the training program and *Quentin Johnson, Technical Training Expert* of Flour Fortification Initiative (FFI) discussed the role of FFI in promoting wheat flour fortification across globally. Further discussing he added, quality assurance, monitoring and evaluation of flour fortification program hold the key importance that leads to the success of any flour fortification program. Before this, the participants drawn from different parts of India introduced themselves and their level of involvement in this initiative.

Experts from FSSAI, NIN, FFI, IFFN, WHO, GAIN, MI and PSI took 17 technical sessions during the 3-day training program followed by a field visit to a local roller flour mill.

In the valedictory session, all participants were awarded the certificate for participation by *Quentin Johnson* on behalf of FFI and *Subrata Dutta* on behalf of IFFN. In concluding remarks, *Mr. Vinod Kapoor* requested all the participants to take more proactive actions in promotion of wheat flour fortification in India.