





is the leading cause of preventable childhood blindness in Sri Lanka

WHO IS MOST AT RISK?

Children between 6 months and 5 years









WHY DO YOU NEED **VITAMIN A?**



It supports your growth and development



Helps maintain your immune system



Maintains eye health and enables your eyes to adapt to low light

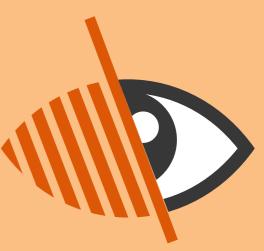
WHAT IF YOU DON'T GET ENOUGH?



Early signs of vitamin A deficiency are impaired vision and night-blindness



Your immune system is weakened and you're more prone to respiratory and digestive infections



Long-term deficiency can lead to scarring of your corneas and blindness



As a young child, your risk of severe illness, and even death, from common childhood infections such as measles, increases

HOW CAN WE PREVENT IT?

The World Health Organization aims to eliminate vitamin A deficiency. This can be done through a mixture of immediate interventions and long-term solutions:



Encourage breastfeeding, as it's the best way of protecting babies, since breast milk has high amounts of vitamin A



Increase intake of vitamin A through consumption of fruits, vegetables and greens naturally rich in vitamin A, such as mango, carrot and spinach



Treat deficient children with low-cost, high-dose supplements of vitamin A

WHAT IS NESTLÉ DOING?



servings

of micronutrient fortified food and beverages in 2017

Sources



products that are widely and regularly consumed, with vitamin A.

They include Nespray Everyday,

We are fortifying our

Nespray FortiGrow Full Cream Milk Powder, Nespray FortiGrow Ready-to-Drink, Nespray Nutri Up Ready-to-Drink, Nespray 1+, Nespray 3+, Lactogrow, Nangrow & Ceregrow



programmes

to teach people about the

We conduct educational

importance of micronutrients in their diet

http://www.nestle.lk/en/nhw/improving-our-products/micronutrient-fortification

For more information about our commitment to help reduce micronutrient deficiencies in Sri Lanka, visit:

Fortifying our future: A snapshot report on food fortification www.gainhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Fortifying-our-Future-A-SnapShot-Report-on-Food-Fortification1.pdf

www.who.int/vmnis/database/vitamina/x/en/ Micronutrient deficiencies: Vitamin A deficiency www.who.int/nutrition/topics/vad/en/

Global prevalence of vitamin A deficiency in population at risk: 1995-2005

Micronutrients - Iodine, vitamin A, iron, zinc, calcium, vitamin D and folate

www.unicef.org/nutrition/index_iodine.html Nestlé commitment: Help reduce the risk of undernutrition through micronutrient fortification

www.nestle.com/csv/nutrition/micronutrient-fortification

Investing in the future: United call to action on vitamin and mineral deficiencies www.unitedcalltoaction.org/documents/Investing_in_the_future.pdf

Vitamin and mineral nutrition information system: Prevalence of night blindness

Medical Research Institute 2006/2007 report

www.who.int/vmnis/database/vitamina/table3/en/

Food based dietary guidelines for Sri Lankans 2011

http://203.94.76.60/departmnt/NutritionDivision/Nutrition%20Guidelines/FBDG-English.pdf

Creating shared value: The Nestlé healthy kids programme http://www.nestle.lk/en/csv/nutrition/nestle-healthy-kids

Creating shared value: Nestlé nutri-corners

http://www.nestle.lk/en/csv/nutrition/consumer-information/nestle-nutri-corners

