

## Ministerial Declaration on Scaling Up Multiple Micronutrient Supplementation (MMS) for Maternal and Child Health

We, the Ministers of Health and representatives of national governments, in recognition of the urgent need to improve maternal nutrition and birth outcomes worldwide, declare our commitment to promote access to and support the use of WHO-approved multiple micronutrient supplements<sup>1</sup> (MMS) during pregnancy. This life-saving intervention will improve birth outcomes, reduce maternal and infant mortality, and lay the foundation for healthier and more prosperous generations.

Maternal undernutrition is a global health crisis, contributing to maternal deaths, stillbirths, and poor child development outcomes. With up to one billion anaemic and micronutrient deficient women in low-to-middle income countries, the need for effective prevention has never been greater, and never more in reach. We hereby join in this multination pledge to adopt, scale-up, and sustain antenatal MMS delivery through national health systems.

### Call to Action

We, the undersigned Ministers of Health and representatives of national governments, call on global and regional stakeholders, multilateral organizations, and development agencies to:

- Champion MMS within antenatal care systems as a global priority in achieving maternal and child health targets under the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Support national efforts to integrate MMS into maternal health programs and antenatal care services.
- Facilitate financial and technical assistance to ensure equitable access to MMS, particularly in low-resource settings, and strengthen the antenatal care platforms and health systems critical to supporting healthy pregnancies.

By signing this Ministerial Declaration, we commit to taking decisive action to ensure that every pregnant woman, regardless of geography or socioeconomic status, has access to MMS as part of a comprehensive package of antenatal care services.

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Signed:

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<sup>1</sup> The term multiple micronutrient supplements (MMS) refers to the United Nations International Multiple Micronutrient Antenatal Preparation (UNIMMAP) formula.