

# Egypt's MMS Pilot: Transforming Maternal & Child Health

## THE CHALLENGE

- Maternal and child malnutrition in Egypt contributes to low birth weight, stunting, stillbirths, and congenital malformations.
- Current supplementation (Iron & Folic Acid only) addresses limited deficiencies, leaving gaps in maternal and neonatal health.
- By not meeting the first 1,000 days nutritional needs, both mothers and children face lifelong health risks.

## OUR APPROACH – The MMS Pilot

- We will pilot multiple micronutrient supplementation (MMS) in two governorates (Minya and Marsa Matrouh), reaching 50,000 women of reproductive age through 1,500 clinics and communities.
- The pilot will:
  - Provide MMS to women before and during pregnancy to improve maternal and newborn health.
  - Strengthen the health system by testing digital supply chains, provider training, and updated service protocols.
  - Engage communities with awareness campaigns to increase understanding and uptake of MMS.
  - Generate evidence and lessons for scaling up nationwide under MOHP leadership.

## IMPACT OF MMS

- **Improved maternal health: reducing anemia, micronutrient deficiencies, and maternal mortality.**
- **Healthier babies: lower rates of low birth weight, stillbirth, and congenital malformations.**
- **Stunting prevention when extended to infants after 6 months.**
- **Cost-effective solution aligned with Egypt's Vision 2030 & SDGs.**

**Invest in the MMS Pilot to give every mother and child in Egypt the nutrition they deserve—and lay the foundation for national scale-up that saves lives for generations.**

