

UNIMMAP MMS

15 essential micronutrients
for pregnant women.



A society is only as healthy as its women and children. But for far too long, many pregnant women in low- and middle-income countries haven't had access to quality nutritional supplements. If they do receive supplementation, it's often in the form of just two micronutrients: iron and folic acid. At Kirk Humanitarian, we believe every woman and child—no matter where they live—has the right to **essential micronutrients during pregnancy**.

UNIMMAP MMS (United Nations International Multiple Micronutrient Antenatal Preparation Multiple Micronutrient Supplements) represents the best of multiple micronutrient supplementation for pregnant women. Use of UNIMMAP MMS as part of a comprehensive antenatal care program leads to healthier pregnancies for women and significantly improves birth outcomes for babies.



What is UNIMMAP MMS?

UNIMMAP MMS contains **15 essential micronutrients** for pregnant women, including iron and folic acid (IFA). IFA, the traditional standard of care for pregnant women in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), only contains those two nutrients. In addition to being a more complete product, UNIMMAP MMS is:

- **A safe, effective, quality product:** Kirk Humanitarian's UNIMMAP MMS is United States Pharmacopeia (USP)-verified, which means it has been produced to meet rigorous quality and internationally accepted regulatory standards. Its WHO/UNICEF formulation has consistently been proven more effective than other forms of MMS and IFA supplements. Notably, compared to IFA alone, **UNIMMAP MMS reduces the risk of infant mortality by 29%, low birth weight by 19%, and small for gestational age by 8% among anemic pregnant women.**
- **Affordable and cost-effective:** UNIMMAP MMS is shown to be highly cost-effective relative to other antenatal care interventions, including IFA. Additionally, Kirk Humanitarian has demonstrated that UNIMMAP MMS can be—and is being—produced at cost-parity with IFA from global suppliers.
- **For everyone:** The new UNIMMAP MMS is **now Halal-certified for use by Muslim women**. It is the first Halal-certified MMS product to be available in LMICs, representing a breakthrough in antenatal care for the world's large (25%) and growing Muslim population.

A Call to Action

For nearly 20 years, Kirk Humanitarian has worked to ensure a proven effective multiple micronutrient supplement is within reach of every pregnant woman, no matter where she happens to live. We have reached 20 million women with UNIMMAP MMS and over the next 12 months we are accelerating purchasing to reach an additional 8.4 million pregnant women. But our work is not done. Each year, there are more than 225 million pregnancies in LMICs alone. In each of the last five years, Kirk Humanitarian has procured increasing amounts of UNIMMAP MMS — in 2020 alone, we provided our partners with UNIMMAP MMS for 5.5 million pregnant women. We are proud of our efforts, but that amount represents just 2% of what is needed. We need you to join us and others to improve the health of women and children in LMICs.

The need is high, and the proof is clear: We must work to ensure that UNIMMAP MMS for pregnant women becomes a more integral component of quality antenatal care worldwide by **prioritizing greater supply, research, investment, and implementation programming.**

Join us in this global movement to help every woman have a healthy pregnancy and every child have a healthy start—no matter where they live. Visit kirkhumanitarian.org to join our growing movement to create a healthier and more equitable world.

