



Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Act of 2026 (H.R.9583)

The Problem: Global maternal and child mortality is a critical humanitarian crisis, with a woman dying every two minutes from pregnancy-related complications and millions of children under 5 dying annually from preventable conditions. Low-cost interventions like Multiple Micronutrient Supplements (MMS) are proven and effective, yet 260 million women in high-burden countries lack access to them.

The Solution: The Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Act of 2026 seeks to expand access to MMS and other evidence-based maternal and child health interventions by making maternal and child survival a primary objective of U.S. foreign assistance. The bill authorizes up to \$150 million annually from FY 2026–2030 to scale these interventions in priority countries.

Scaling access to MMS could save 600,000 lives and improve birth outcomes for 5 million babies. According to Rep. Young Kim, the legislation would also strengthen America's leadership abroad by expanding access to American-made MMS prenatal vitamins, supporting U.S. innovation and factory jobs while helping partner countries strengthen maternal and child health programs. A coalition of philanthropies has committed \$250 million to expand MMS access, allowing U.S. investments to leverage significant private funding.

Specifically, the bill:

- **Prioritizes investments** in the acquisition and distribution of MMS prenatal vitamins to address maternal and child health and malnutrition.
- **Increases coverage levels** for the target set of life-saving interventions within 10 to 15 priority countries to a level of at least 70% by 2030.
- Sets a goal of **reducing preventable maternal and deaths** in priority countries to 12% or less of total deaths by 2030.
- Supports programs that **advance U.S. diplomatic and economic interests** by helping build more stable and prosperous partner nations.

Supporters: The bipartisan Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Act of 2026 was introduced on July 2, 2026, by Rep. Young Kim (R-CA-40). Cosponsors include Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV-1) and Rep. Michael Lawler (R-NY-17).