

Preventing Micronutrient Deficiencies in Women and Young Children: Latest Findings

Micronutrient deficiencies are a major, preventable public health nutrition problem in the developing world, affecting women of reproductive age and young children. Supplementation by a variety of means offers a practical, direct approach to prevention across all age groups. This mini-symposium will update attendees on the extent and coexistence of micronutrient deficiencies in lower income countries, and summarize experiences to date on the impact of micronutrient supplementation on the status and health of women and young children.

Session Chair & Co-Chair:

Klaus Kraemer, Switzerland and Juan Pablo Pena-Rosas, Switzerland

Session Topics and Speakers

Topic 1: *Introduction*

Speaker: JP Pena-Rosas, Switzerland

Topic 2: *Micronutrient Deficiencies in Women and Children: Where and to What Extent Do They Coexist?*

Speaker: Lisa Rogers, Switzerland

Topic 3: *Effectiveness of Weekly Iron/Folate in non-Pregnant Women of Reproductive Age*

Speaker: Tommaso Cavalli-Sforza, Philippines

Topic 4: *Impact and Coverage of Iron/Folate in Pregnant Women*

Speaker: Parul Christian, USA

Topic 5: *Multiple Micronutrient Supplementation in Pregnant Women: A Meta-analysis of 12 Trials*

Speaker: Barrie Margetts, UK

Topic 6: *Multiple Micronutrient Supplementation in Children: A Review of the Evidence*

Speaker: Deanna Olney, USA

Topic 7: *Multiple Micronutrient Powders: Preventing Deficiencies by Bringing Micronutrients into Home Meals of Children*

Speaker: Saskia de Pee, Italy

Topic 8: *Preventing anemia and micronutrient deficiencies in school children in Vietnam*

Speaker: Jacques Berger, France

Short Sessions

Commentary: Florentino Solon, Philippines