

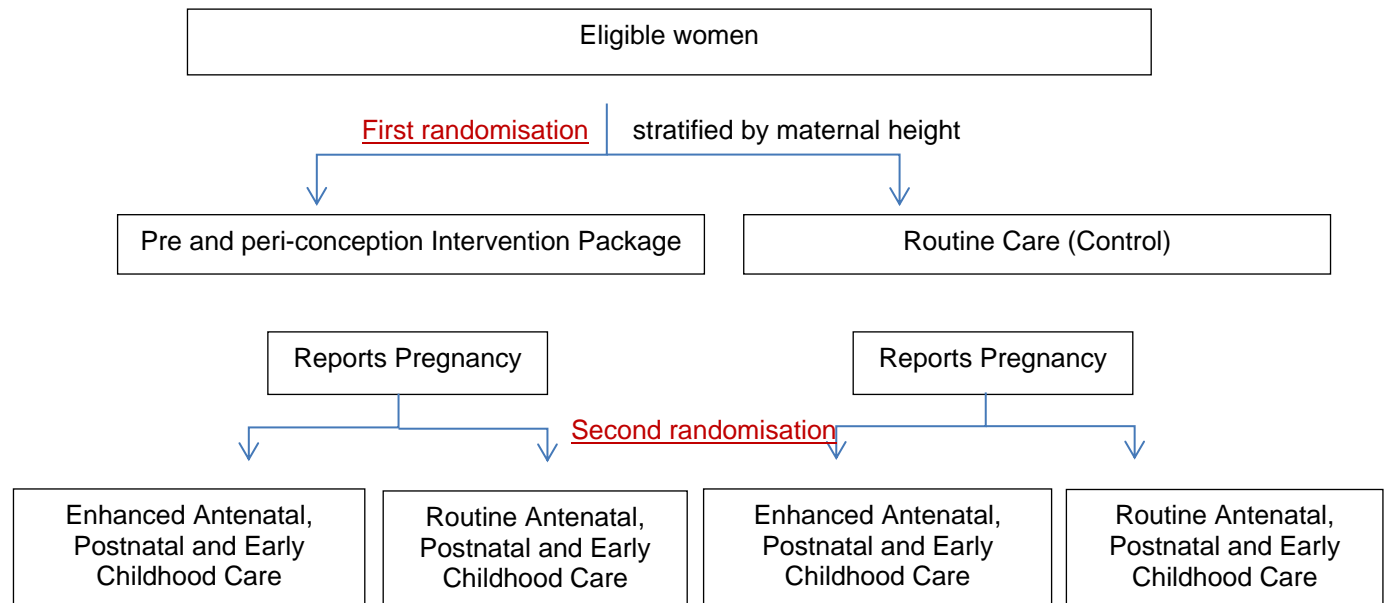
43 **SECTION 1: STUDY DESCRIPTION AND METHODS**

44 **Summary**

45 This is an individually randomized study with a factorial design, being conducted among married women
 46 aged 18-30 years living in urban and peri-urban low-mid socioeconomic neighbourhoods in South Delhi.

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48 **Study design and objectives**



The two randomizations will result in four groups (Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D) which will eventually receive the following

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D (Control Group)
Pre- and Peri-conception Intervention Package	Pre- and Peri-conception Intervention Package	No Pre- and Peri-conception Intervention Package	No Pre- and Peri-conception Intervention Package
and	and	and	and
Enhanced Antenatal and Postnatal and Early Childhood Care	Routine Antenatal and Postnatal and Early Childhood Care	Enhanced Antenatal and Postnatal and Early Childhood Care	Routine Antenatal and Postnatal and Early Childhood Care

49 Briefly eligible women are identified through a door-to-door survey. Those who consent for participation
 50 are enrolled (first randomization) and followed up until they are confirmed to be pregnant or have
 51 completed 18 months of follow up post-enrolment. Once pregnancy is confirmed, consent is taken
 52 (second randomization) from the women for her and her infant's participation in the trial.

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54 **Inclusion criteria**

55 Women aged 18–30 years, married and living with their husband, with no or one child and wish to have a
56 child, and consent for participation in the study.

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58 **Exclusion criteria**

59 Families who plan to move out of the study area or live in temporary housing (households without
60 concrete roof, toilet, water connection and legal electricity) are excluded as they are likely to be relocated
61 by the government in the near future.

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63 **Objectives**

64 **Primary Objectives**

65 To determine the effect of integrated and concurrent delivery of interventions to improve health, nutrition,
66 WASH and psychosocial status:

67 - during pre- and peri-conception period alone (**pre- and peri-conception intervention package**)

68 - during pregnancy and early childhood (**enhanced antenatal, postnatal and early childhood
69 care**) and

70 - throughout pre- and peri-conception period, pregnancy and early childhood (**pre- and peri-
71 conception intervention package and enhanced antenatal, postnatal and early childhood care**)

72 at birth on low birth weight (LBW), preterm birth, small for gestational age (SGA), birth weight and length,
73 and at 24 months on length for age z scores (LAZ) and stunting, compared to routine care.

74 To assess whether the effect of these interventions differs by maternal stature (<150 cm or ≥150 cm)

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76 **Secondary Objectives**

77 To determine the effect of the package on nutritional status, morbidity and neurodevelopment in children

78 To determine the effect of the package on nutritional status and morbidity in the pre- and peri-conception,
79 pregnancy and postpartum periods in women.

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81 **Outcomes**

82 The preconception outcomes will be measured at the end of 18 months of follow up of preconception
83 period or when the women will get pregnant. Outcomes in the pregnancy period will be measured at 26-
84 28 and 35-37 weeks of gestation. Outcomes of children will be measured at birth or day 7 of life,
85 1,3,5,6,9,12,15,18,21 and 24 months of age.

86 The primary outcomes at birth are proportion LBW (birth weight <2500 g); preterm birth (ultrasound-
87 confirmed gestational age at birth < 37 completed weeks); SGA (birth weight centile <10th using
88 INTERGROWTH-21st standards); mean birth weight and length At 24 months age, these are mean
89 length-for-age z scores (LAZ) and proportion stunted.

90 The list of secondary outcomes along with the timing of measurements during the pre- and peri-
91 conception, pregnancy and postnatal periods are provided below (Table 1 and 2).

92 The key secondary outcomes for children are proportion stunted at 6 and 12 months, wasted and
93 underweight at 6, 12 and 24 months, weight, and length trajectories from birth to 24 months, body
94 composition (in a subsample) at 1 month of age and neurodevelopment at 6, 12, 18 and 24 months (in a
95 subsample), micronutrients and anemia status at 24 months, morbidity and hospitalization from birth to 24
96 months The key secondary outcomes for women are micronutrient and anemia status, depressive
97 symptoms and infections at the end of pre- and peri-conception, during pregnancy and postpartum
98 period.

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101 **Table 1. Secondary outcomes in women and timing of measurement**

	Time Points						
	End of pre-conception period or reporting of pregnancy	Gestational age 26-28 weeks	Gestational age 35-36 weeks	At birth or day 7	Month 2	Month 6	Month 12
Birth interval	✓						
Body mass index	✓					✓	✓
Weight Gain		✓	✓				
Symptoms of reproductive tract infections	✓		✓				
Depressive symptoms	✓				✓		✓
Inflammatory markers (C-reactive protein, Alpha-acid glycoprotein) in a subsample	✓		✓			✓	
Micronutrient status (vitamin A, D, B12, zinc, iron, folate and selenium) in a subsample	✓		✓			✓	
Anemia status	✓		✓			✓	
Thyroid status	✓						
Diabetes status	✓						
Postpartum morbidity				✓			
Pregnancy outcomes, still birth				✓			

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109 **Table 2. Secondary outcomes in children and timing of measurement**

	Time points										
	At birth or day 7		Month 3	Month 5	Month 6	Month 9	Month 12	Month 15	Month 18	Month 21	Month 24
Attained length (length-for- age z score)					✓		✓				
Attained weight (weight-for-age z score)					✓		✓				✓
Stunted (length-for- age <-2 SD of the WHO Child Growth Standards)					✓		✓				
Underweight (weight-for-age z score <-2 SD of the WHO Child Growth Standards)					✓		✓				✓
Wasted (weight-for-height z score <-2 SD of the WHO Child Growth Standards)					✓		✓				✓
Weight and length trajectories	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Head circumference	✓						✓				✓
Mid-upper arm circumference					✓		✓				✓
Body composition in a sub sample		✓									
Caregiver reported development outcomes in a sub sample							✓				✓
Cognitive, language and motor scores in a sub sample											✓
Mother-infant bonding in a sub sample					✓		✓		✓		
Micronutrient status (vitamin A, D, B12, zinc, iron, folate and selenium) in a subsample											✓
Anemia status											✓
Inflammatory markers: C-reactive protein, Alpha acid glycoprotein in a sub sample											✓
Morbidity: Severe infection in neonatal period, 2 weeks prevalence of diarrhea, pneumonia, dysentery		✓	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓
Hospitalizations		✓	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓
Early initiation of breastfeeding	✓										
Exclusive breastfeeding		✓		✓							
Continued breastfeeding							✓		✓		✓
Complementary feeding: 24 dietary recalls in a sub sample						✓	✓		✓		✓

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111 **Adverse events**

112 Adverse events to supplements will be documented. The adverse events for this study are severe
 113 allergic reactions to supplements, and deaths due to any cause which will be presented by study
 114 groups.

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116 **Sample size**

117 **Assumptions**

118 • All sample size calculations are based on 90% power and 95% confidence level except for
 119 prematurity for which the power is 80%.

120 • The assumed effect sizes are larger for the combined effect of preconception, pregnancy and
 121 early childhood interventions because of delivery of multiple interventions in which the individual
 122 interventions have shown some evidence of impact.

123 • Available literature suggests that the largest impact of a single intervention during pregnancy
 124 on mean difference in birth weight was ~50 g (0.1 SD), and reduction of LBW was~15% (1, 2). The
 125 largest impact of a single intervention during pregnancy and/or post-natal period on mean difference
 126 in attained length ~ 0.4 cm (0.1 SD) and reduction in stunting at 24 months of age ~15% (3). We
 127 assumed at least 1.5 times higher effect size for the impact of either preconception or pregnancy and
 128 early childhood interventions compared with control. We assumed at least 2 times higher effect size
 129 for combined effect of preconception, pregnancy and early childhood interventions compared to
 130 control.

131 **Table 3: Sample size matrix for effect of preconception interventions alone (A+B vs C+D) or**
 132 **pregnancy and early childhood interventions alone (A+C vs B+D)**

	Main effect size	Sample size per two groups
Linear growth at 24 months - Mean LAZ - Proportion stunted (30%)	0.15 SD (Absolute value 0.65 cm at 24 months) 25% relative reduction	935 772
Birth weight/birth length Proportion LBW (25%)	0.15 SD (Absolute value 75 g birth weight and 0.35 cm birth length) 25% relative reduction	935 918
Preterm birth (12%)	25% relative reduction	2193
SGA at birth (36%)	25% relative reduction	558

133 **Table 4: Sample size matrix for combined effect of preconception, pregnancy and early**
 134 **childhood interventions (A vs D)**

	Main effect size	Sample size per group
Linear growth at 24 months - Mean LAZ - Proportion stunted (30%)	0.20 SD (Absolute value 0.80 cm at 24 months) 30% relative reduction	527 491
Birth weight/birth length Proportion LBW (25%)	0.20 SD (Absolute value 100 g birth weight and 0.45 cm birth length) 30% relative reduction	527 624
Preterm birth (12%)	30% relative reduction	1100
SGA at birth (36%)	30% relative reduction	381

135 We aim to get 1100 live births and 600 children in each group in each group (groups A, B, C, D)

136 The sample size of 2400 (600 children in each group) at 24 months will allow us to detect an
 137 interaction odds ratio (IOR) of ≥ 1.70 to 1.85 in proportion of stunted children among short
 138 mothers (height <150 cm) and proportion of stunted children among tall mothers (\geq height 150 cm)
 139 between control (Routine care) and the full package intervention group with 80% power and 95%
 140 confidence.

141 We propose to enroll and randomize a total of 13500 eligible women (6750 in preconception group
 142 and 6750 in routine care group). Assuming 45% of women will get pregnant and randomized post
 143 pregnancy and ~30% loss prior to second randomisation and 5% between pregnancy and live birth
 144 (moving away, refusals, abortions, stillbirths, maternal deaths), we will have 1100 live births in each of
 145 the four groups at birth. During the 2 years follow up, we are assuming a 20% loss (non-availability,
 146 child deaths, refusals) and this will give us at least 600 children per group at 24 months.

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148 **Sample size for neurodevelopment**

149 We calculated the sample size based on the assumption that pregnancy and early childhood
 150 interventions (Group A+C) will lead to a 0.15 SD (2.25 points) increase in the neurodevelopment
 151 scores assessed by BSID-III, compared to standard/no pregnancy and early childhood interventions
 152 (B+D). We further assumed that combined preconception, pregnancy and early childhood
 153 interventions (Group A) will lead to 0.20 SD (3.0 points) increase in the neurodevelopment scores
 154 compared to control (Group D). All calculations done assuming ~10% refusals, power of 80% and
 155 two-sided alpha of 0.05. We propose to conduct neurodevelopment assessments in the sample of
 156 1712 children.

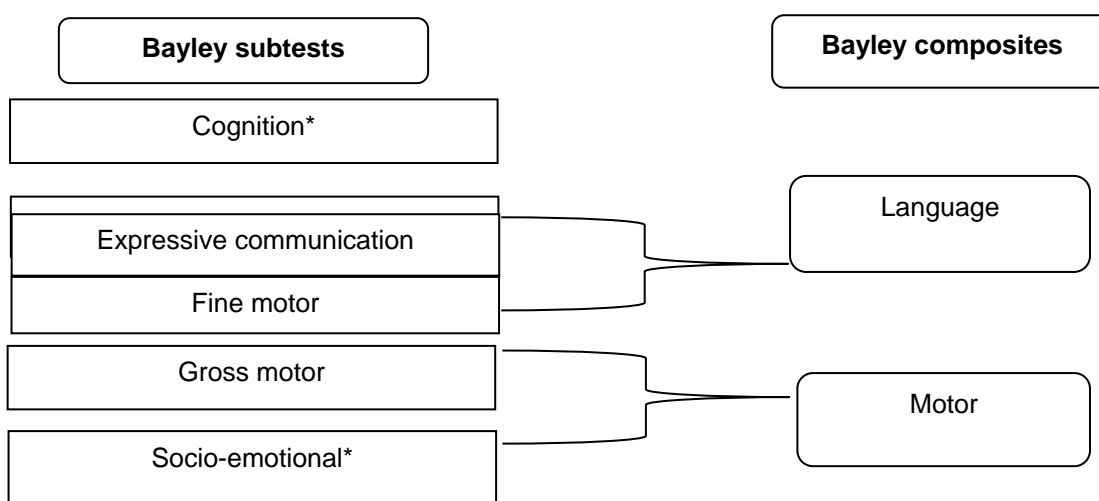
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158 **Note on the neurodevelopment tools proposed to be used**

159 **Bayley Scales of Infant and Toddler Development (BSID), 3rd edition:** This is a comprehensive
 160 assessment tool of developmental functioning in infants and toddlers aged 1-42 months. The tool is
 161 directly administered to the child to assess cognitive, language and motor development whereas
 162 socioemotional and adaptive behaviour is assessed using parent/caregiver completed rating scale.
 163 The scores are reported either as scaled scores (mean 10, SD 3; range 1 to 19) or as composite
 164 scores (mean 100, SD 15; range 40 to 160). The figure below shows the structure of the Bayley-III
 165 tool.

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167 **Figure 1. Bayley-III Structure**



*Composite score equivalents available

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171 *Adaptation*

172 We have previously done adaptations, prior to using BSID-III, in similar study settings. For the
173 adaptation, the test items were reviewed by the team of psychologists with respect to their cultural
174 relevance. Subsequently, necessary modifications were identified, discussed and incorporated. While
175 conducting the adaptations, care was taken to match the style of the original item. For items that
176 required translation in the local language i.e., Hindi, the translation was done by psychologists fluent
177 in the local language and with a thorough understanding of the cultural context. An individual that was
178 not a part of the study team, performed the back-translation. The adapted materials were piloted on
179 approximately 15–20 infants and children. Standardization exercises were conducted and the inter-
180 rater agreement was excellent (Intraclass correlation, ICC ranged between 0.92-0.99).

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182 **Ages and stages questionnaire (ASQ-3):** The Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ-3) is a
183 comprehensive parent-reported assessment tool that evaluates five key domains of child
184 development: communication, gross motor, fine motor, problem-solving, and personal-social skills.
185 This questionnaire is specifically designed to monitor and track developmental progress in children
186 from birth up to 5 years of age. In the study, ASQ-3 assessments were conducted at the children's
187 homes by a team of trained and standardized researchers. The assessment took place at two specific
188 points in the child's life: once at 12 months and again at 24 months of age. The questionnaire contains
189 age-appropriate questions tailored to each developmental domain, allowing parents to report on their
190 child's skills and behaviors in communication, gross motor skills, fine motor skills, problem-solving
191 abilities, and personal-social interactions. Each of the 5 domains has 6 questions where the mother is
192 expected to answer "Yes", "No" or "Not Yet". 10 Points are given for "Yes"; 5 points for "No" and 0
193 points for "Not Yet". The score obtained within each domain can range from 0 to 60.

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195 **Mother-child bonding assessment:** Adapted version of the Observation of Mother Child Interaction
196 (OMCI) tool developed by Rasheed and Yousafzai has been used to collect data on mother child
197 interaction at 6, 12 and 18 months of child age. The tool consisted of questions pertaining to maternal
198 and child behaviours. During the home visit for observing the interaction, the trained and standardized
199 outcome team members counted each behaviour and then coded that behaviour as either 0: never
200 occurred, 1: occurred infrequently (1–2 times), 2: sometimes occurred (3–4 times), or 3: occurred
201 frequently (5+ times). A separate maternal and child score was calculated based on the responses for
202 the items. The negative items were reverse coded so that higher scores reflected more positive and
203 responsive mother-child interactions. Child and maternal scores were also combined to create a total
204 score.

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206 **Home Observation for Measurement of the Environment (HOME) inventory tool:** The quality of
207 stimulation, support and opportunities for learning available for children at home was assessed
208 through Home Observation for Measurement of the Environment (HOME) inventory tool. It has a set
209 of 45 items, responses for which are either marked through observation or through interview with the

210 caregivers. The responses are coded as either 0 (not observed/reported during visit) and 1
211 (observed/reported during visit). A higher attained overall score reflects better stimulation at home.
212 Data collection is to be done by trained independent outcome team members through home visits.

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214 **SECTION 2: STATISTICAL PRINCIPLES**

215 **Trial population**

216 Married women aged 18-30 years fulfilling the eligibility criteria and when they will become pregnant
217 and are randomized again and their babies.

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219 **Recruitment**

220 A CONSORT flow diagram will be used to summarise the following:

221• Number of women screened

222• Ineligible at screening with reasons

223• Eligible and randomised

224• Eligible but not randomised with reasons

225• Lost to follow-up

226 The numbers (with reasons) of losses to follow-up (drop-outs and withdrawals) over the course of the
227 trial will be summarised by randomization group.

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229 **Analysis population**

230 The primary analysis will be performed according to the intent-to-treat principle. The intention-to-treat
231 population will include all randomised participants according to the intervention they were randomised
232 to receive.

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234 **Primary comparisons**

235 We will conduct three pre-specified comparisons for all primary and secondary outcomes;

236 1. Effect of preconception interventions: groups that received preconception interventions (A+B)
237 compared to the groups that did not receive preconception interventions (C+D)

238 2. Effect of pregnancy and early childhood interventions: groups that received pregnancy and early
239 childhood interventions (A+C) compared to the groups that did not receive pregnancy and early
240 childhood interventions (B+D)

241 3. Effect of combined preconception, pregnancy and early childhood interventions: group that
242 received interventions during preconception, pregnancy and early childhood (A) compared to the
243 control group (D)

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245 **Interaction assessment for factorial design**

246 We will examine for interaction between the intervention package delivered during preconception and
247 during pregnancy and early childhood periods on primary outcomes at birth and 24 months. We will
248 create two dummy variables for receiving preconception interventions (0=No, 1=Yes) and pregnancy
249 and early childhood interventions (0=No, 1=Yes). We will include a multiplicative interaction term of
250 these two variables in the generalized linear model to assess the interaction between two intervention
251 groups. Interaction will be significant if the p value of interaction term will be <0.05.

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254 **Comparability of participants across the groups**

255 We will compare means, and proportions by different groups to check whether the randomization
256 schemes resulted in comparability of different groups. Characteristics both at first and second
257 randomization will be compared to check imbalances across the groups. We will present mean age of
258 women, mean height of women, proportion of women with height <150 cm, women education, women
259 occupation, religion, wealth index of the household, women BMI, family having BPL card, family
260 having health insurance, and place of birth. As per the Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials
261 (CONSORT) guidelines, we will not perform significance tests to compare baseline characteristics
262 among the intervention groups. Characteristics with a 20-25% relative difference between groups
263 will be adjusted in the final model.

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265 **Main effects**

266 We will use generalized linear models of the Poisson family with a log-link function for binary
267 outcomes to calculate incidence rate ratio (IRR). Generalized linear models of gaussian family with an
268 identity-link function will be used for continuous outcomes to calculate mean difference (MD). The
269 final models will be adjusted for potential confounders.

270 We will also display comparisons of individual groups and assess interaction between preconception
271 interventions and pregnancy and early childhood interventions for all primary outcomes.

272 LAZ and WAZ scores from birth to 24 months will be created using Kernel weighted local polynomial
273 smoothing technique (a natural extension of the local mean smoothing of Nadaraya–Watson, local
274 polynomial regression involves fitting the response to a polynomial form of the regressor via locally
275 weighted least squares) for all three comparisons.

276 We will also estimate absolute risk reduction and their 98.3% confidence intervals for categorical
277 primary and secondary outcomes at birth and at 24 months.

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279 **Adjustment for multiplicity**

280 We will use 98.3% confidence intervals of effect sizes for all primary and secondary outcomes to
281 adjust for the three primary comparisons (significance level 0.05/3 or 0.017).

282 The study has multiple primary outcomes related to low birthweight (proportion LBW, SGA and
283 preterm, and mean birth weight and length) and stunting (proportion stunted and mean length for age
284 z-score at 24 months of age). Our *a priori* decision is not to adjust for multiple primary outcomes
285 because the primary outcomes are likely to be correlated, we are not addressing a universal null
286 hypothesis, and that formal adjustments for multiplicity are unlikely to enhance interpretation (4).

287 However, we will conduct a *post-hoc* sensitivity analysis where we will adjust p values for multiple
288 primary outcomes using the Holm-Bonferroni method (5). In this sensitivity analysis, we will adjust
289 for a total of 21 comparisons; seven primary outcomes (five at birth and two at 24 months) and three
290 two-group comparisons.

291 All summary statistics will be rounded presented to one decimal precision of the raw values, except
292 for the minimum and maximum values. These values will be presented with the same decimal
293 precision as the raw values and SD will be presented to 2 but if too small then to 3 decimal precisions
294 than the raw value. P-values will be presented to 3 decimal precisions.

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296 **Missing Data**

297 We will include all subjects in the analysis irrespective of duration or compliance to intervention,
298 provided the outcome data are available for primary outcomes. No imputation will be made for the
299 primary outcomes.

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301 **Adherence**

302 Compliance will be assessed for all interventions periodically during all periods; preconception,
303 pregnancy , postnatal and childhood . Compliance to nutritional interventions will be assessed based

304 on the percent days the intervention i.e., Iron folic acid tablets, multiple micronutrients, snacks, milk or
 305 egg was consumed. It will be defined as:
 306 % compliance = (number of IFA tablets taken / number of IFA tablets supposed to have been taken)
 307 *100%.
 308 The number of IFA tablets supposed to have been taken will be calculated for the duration of
 309 intervention (end of study intervention – start of study intervention).
 310 It will be summarised as descriptive statistics median, IQR) or mean (SD)
 311 The compliance to health, psychosocial intervention will be presented as proportion screened and
 312 proportion treated.

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314 **Definitions used for analysis**

Outcome	Definition
Birth weight	Weight measured by study team on day 7 (up to + 6 days)
Birth length	Length measured by study team on days 1-7 (up to + 6 days)
Low birth weight	Birth weight <2500g
Preterm birth	Ultrasound confirmed gestational age at birth <37 weeks
Small for gestational age	Birth weight <10 th centile according to intergrowth standards-21
Length-for-age z score	Calculated based on length measured on days 1-7 (up to + 6 days) and at 6,12,24 months (up to 12 weeks)
Stunted	Length for age z score <-2SD by WHO Child Growth Standards
Gestational age	Calculated using crown to rump length (CRL) measured according to intergrowth standards if CRL is >15mm and <95mm. If CRL >95mm then head circumference and femur length will be used.
Spontaneous preterm	Spontaneous onset of labour before 37 completed weeks of gestation with intact membranes, without intervention from the caregiver.
Head circumference	Head circumference measured by study team on day 7 (up to + 6 days) and at 6,12, 24 months (up to 12 weeks)
Stillbirth	A baby who dies after 28 weeks of gestation, but before or during birth.
Weight-for-length z score	Calculated based on weight and length measured at 6,12, 24 months (up to 12 weeks)
Weight-for-age z score	Calculated based on weight measured at 6,12, 24 months (up to 12 weeks)
Wasted	Weight-for-length z score <-2SD by WHO Child Growth Standards
Underweight	Weight-for-age z score <-2SD by WHO Child Growth Standards
Mid-upper arm circumference	Mid-upper arm circumference measured by study team at 6,12, 24 months (up to 12 weeks)
Gestational weight gain	Weight gain from second randomization (pregnancy confirmation) to 26-28 weeks and 35-37 weeks of gestation
Exclusive breastfeeding	No other food or drink, not even water, except breast milk (including milk expressed or from a wet nurse), but allows the infant to receive ORS, drops and syrups (vitamins, minerals and medicines) in last 24 hours
Continued breastfeeding	Breastfeeding continued till 12 months of age
Possible serious bacterial infection	Reported one of the following – not able to breastfeed or feed, fever, cold to touch, lethargy or unconscious or convulsions or fast or difficult breathing or pneumonia (local term)
Local infection	Presence of skin infection or discharge from eyes or ears
Diarrhea	Reported by mother or caregiver Symptoms of dehydration and dysentery: Not able to drink, lethargy or unconsciousness, restlessness or irritability and sunken eyes; dysentery: blood in stool
Pneumonia	History of cough reported by the mother or difficult breathing or chest indrawing
Severe pneumonia	Pneumonia with one or more of the following danger signs – not able to

Outcome	Definition
	breastfeed or feed, fever, cold to touch, lethargy or unconsciousness or convulsions or stridor
Reproductive tract infection	Any symptoms of vaginal discharge, itching, burning, swelling, ulcer in genital region, swelling and pain lower abdomen
Hypothyroidism	Preconception: TSH >5.5 mIU/ml; Pregnancy: TSH ≥4.0 mIU/ml
Pre-diabetes or diabetes	HbA1c >5.7%
Hypertension	systolic blood pressure ≥140 mmHg and/or diastolic blood pressure ≥90 mmHg
Anemia	Preconception: Mild anemia: Hb 10 to 11.99 g/dL, Moderate anemia: Hb 8 to 9.99 g/dL, Severe anemia: Hb <8g/dL Pregnancy: Mild Anemia: hemoglobin 10-10.99 g/dL, Moderate Anemia: hemoglobin 7-9.99 g/dL, Severe Anemia: hemoglobin <7 g/dL Postnatal mother: Mild anemia: Hb 10 to 11.99 g/dL, Moderate anemia: Hb 8 to 9.99 g/dL, Severe anemia: Hb <8g/dL Children: Mild Anemia: hemoglobin 10-10.99 g/dL, Moderate Anemia: hemoglobin 7-9.99 g/dL, Severe Anemia: hemoglobin <7 g/dL
Months between previous birth to pregnancy	Interval (in months) between previous birth to current pregnancy
Months between marriage to pregnancy	Interval (in months) between marriage to current pregnancy
Depressive symptoms	PHQ-9 score ≥10 or suicidal ideation
Moderate to severe neurodevelopmental delay	Composite score of less than 85 on BSID-III assessment- for each of the domains i.e., cognition, motor, language and socio-emotional
Antepartum hemorrhage	Reported excessive bleeding from vagina occurring any time during pregnancy, before delivery that wet her clothes
Preeclampsia/ Eclampsia	Preeclampsia: Measured diastolic blood pressure ≥90 mmHg and/or systolic blood pressure ≥140 mmHg and proteinuria (by dipstick1-4+), Eclampsia: Preclampsia with convulsions before, during or after pregnancy
Postpartum hemorrhage	Reported excessive bleeding after delivery, with or without loss of consciousness

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316 Subgroup Analysis

317 We will conduct pre-specified sub-group analysis according to women's height (< 150 cm and ≥ 150
318 cm), BMI status at enrolment and at the time of pregnancy confirmation (<18.5, 18.5 to 24.99 and ≥25
319 to 29.99 and ≥30 kg/m² (based on WHO classification of BMI), years of education (1-5, 6-11, 12-14,
320 ≥15 years), high risk pregnancy and wealth quintile of the household. The relative measures of effect
321 within each of these subgroups will be presented as forest plots for three pre-specified primary
322 comparisons for primary outcomes at birth and 24 months. High risk pregnancy will be defined if a
323 woman has any of the following condition at the time of confirmation of pregnancy; moderate or
324 severe anemia or symptoms of reproductive tract infections or hypertension, or hypothyroidism or
325 diabetes or moderate to severe depressive symptoms (PHQ-9 score ≥10 or suicidal ideation) or
326 history of previous preterm birth, intrauterine deaths, lower segment caesarean section. We will use
327 generalized linear models as used for primary outcomes to assess the intervention effect.

328 All analysis will be conducted using STATA, version 16.

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330 Data Safety Monitoring Committee (DSMC)

331 The Data Safety Monitoring Committee (DSMC) will be a technical body constituted by the WHO with
332 members who have expertise in epidemiology, paediatrics, nutrition, community health and statistics.
333 DSMC will be responsible for safeguarding the interests of study participants, investigators and
334 funders, assessing the safety and early efficacy of study interventions according to data available at a

335 predefined schedule, monitoring the study overall conduct and quality and protecting its validity and
336 credibility and making recommendations concerning continuation/terminate of study.
337 The DSMC will conduct one interim analysis when 50% of sample size for primary outcomes will be
338 achieved. The two sets of primary outcomes will be assessed at different time points, at birth and at
339 24 months. The DSMC will use prespecified conservative O'Brien-Fleming stopping rule ($P < 0.001$) for
340 early efficacy to have minimum impact on type 1 error in the final analysis (6).

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342 **Dummy figures and tables**

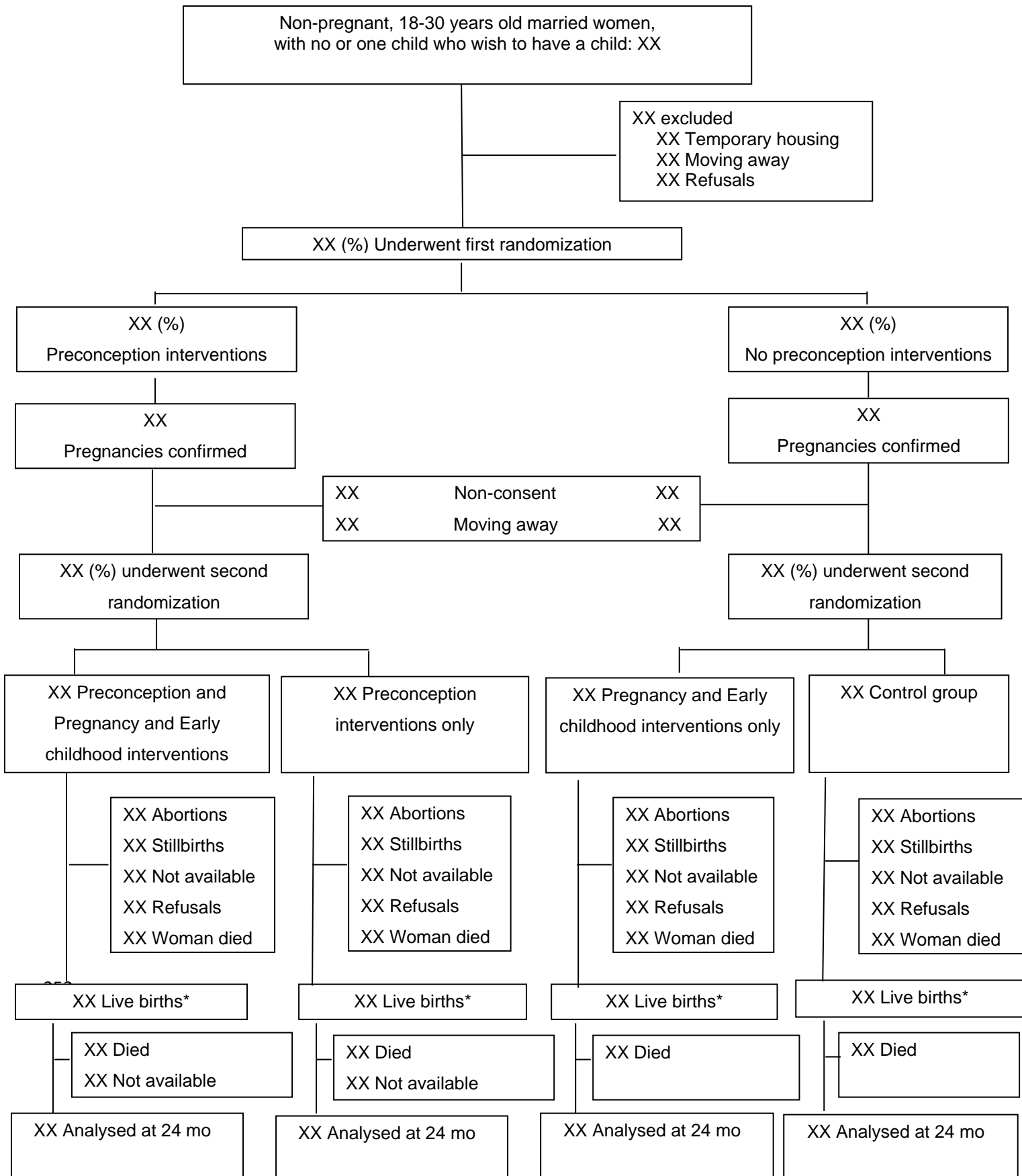
343 The dummy figures and tables of CONSORT flow diagram, baseline characteristics of enrolled
344 women at first and second randomization, pre-specified comparisons of primary and secondary
345 outcomes at birth and 24 months, and compliance to interventions during preconception, pregnancy,
346 post-natal and early childhood periods are given below. Other secondary outcomes will be presented
347 in similar way.

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351 **Figure X. Screening, enrollment, randomization and follow up**



*X twins

Table X. Baseline characteristics of enrolled women at first and second randomization

Characteristics at enrolment	First randomization		Second randomization			
	Preconception interventions N=	No Preconception interventions N=	Preconception, pregnancy and early childhood interventions Group A N=	Preconception interventions only Group B N=	Pregnancy and early childhood interventions only Group C N=	Control group Group D N=
Mean (SD) Age of women – yr						
Mean (SD) Height of women – cm						
Height <150 cm – n (%)						
BMI category (kg/m ²) – n (%)						
≥25						
18.5 to 24.99						
<18.5						
Joint or extended family* – n (%)						
Women schooling ≥12 yr – n (%)						
Homemaker – n (%)						
Family has below poverty line card – n (%)						
Family covered by health insurance scheme – n (%)						
Place of births [‡] – n (%)						
Large hospitals						
Small hospitals or birthing centres						
Home births						
Twins – n (%)						

354 * Joint or extended family: Adult relatives other than the enrolled woman's husband and children living together in a household

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359 **Table X. Pre-specified comparisons of primary and secondary outcomes at birth**

Outcomes	Group A n=1290	Group B n=1276	Group C n=1093	Group D n=1093	Preconception intervention groups vs no preconception intervention groups A+B vs C+D		Pregnancy intervention groups vs no pregnancy intervention group A+C vs B+D		Preconception and pregnancy intervention groups vs no preconception and pregnancy intervention group A vs D	
					IRR (98.3%)	ARR (%) or MD (98.3%)	IRR (98.3%)	ARR (%) or MD (98.3%)	IRR (98.3%)	ARR (%) or MD 98.3%
Primary										
LBW [†]										
Preterm [†]										
SGA [†]										
Birth weight, g [‡]										
Birth length, cm ^{§‡}										
Secondary										
Spontaneous preterm [†]										
Stunting [†]										
Head circumference, cm [‡]										
Stillbirths [†]										

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361 [†]Adjusted incidence rate ratio (IRR), [§]Adjusted mean difference or absolute risk reduction adjusted for potential confounders
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363 **Group A:** Preconception, pregnancy and early childhood intervention; **Group B:** Only preconception intervention; **Group C:** Only pregnancy and early childhood
364 intervention; **Group D:** Control
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366 **Group A+B vs Group C+D:** Effect of preconception interventions: women who received interventions compared with those who did not receive preconception
367 interventions; **Group A+C vs Group B+D:** Effect of pregnancy and early childhood interventions: women who received these interventions compared with those
368 who did not receive these interventions; **Group A vs Group D:** Effect of preconception, pregnancy and early childhood interventions: women who received
369 interventions in these periods compared with those who received routine care
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373 **Table X. Primary and secondary anthropometry outcomes at 24 months of age**

Outcomes	Group A n=453	Group B n=439	Group C n=293	Group D n=271	Preconception intervention groups vs no preconception intervention groups A+B vs C+D		Pregnancy intervention groups vs no pregnancy intervention group A+C vs B+D		Preconception and pregnancy intervention groups vs no preconception and pregnancy intervention group A vs D	
					IRR (98.3%)	ARR (%) or MD (98.3%)	IRR (98.3%)	ARR (%) or MD (98.3%)	IRR (98.3%)	ARR (%) or MD (98.3%)
Primary outcomes										
Mean (SD) length-for-age z score										
Stunted – n (%) [†]										
Secondary outcomes										
Mean (SD) weight-for-length z score										
Wasted – n (%) [†]										
Mean (SD) weight-for-age z score*										
Underweight – n (%) [†]										
Mean (SD) mid-upper arm circumference – cm*										
Mean (SD) head circumference – cm*										

374 Adjusted mean difference (MD), Absolute risk reduction (ARR). [†]Adjusted Incidence rate ratio (IRR), adjusted for potential confounders

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380 who did not receive these interventions; **Group A vs Group D:** Effect of preconception, pregnancy and early childhood interventions: women who received
381 interventions in these periods compared with those who received routine care

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386 **Table X . Neurodevelopment outcomes assessed by BSID-III and ASQ-3 at 24 months of age**

Outcomes	Group A (n=)	Group B (n=)	Group C (n=)	Group D (n=)	Preconception intervention groups vs no preconception intervention groups A+B vs C+D	Pregnancy intervention groups vs no pregnancy intervention group A+C vs B+D	Preconception and pregnancy intervention groups vs no preconception and pregnancy intervention group A vs D
					MD (98.3% CI) †	MD (98.3% CI) †	MD (98.3% CI) †
BSID-III composite score							
Cognitive							
Language							
Motor							
Socio-emotional							
ASQ-3 score							
Communication							
Gross motor							
Fine motor							
Problem solving							
Personal social							

387 BSID-III: Bayley Scales of Infant and Toddler Development, 3rd edition; ASQ-3: Ages and Stages Questionnaire, 3rd edition; †Adjusted mean difference (MD)
388 (98.3% CI), adjusted for potential confounders

389 **Group A:** Preconception, pregnancy and early childhood intervention; **Group B:** Only preconception intervention; **Group C:** Only pregnancy and early childhood
390 intervention; **Group D:** Control

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393 who did not receive these interventions; **Group A vs Group D:** Effect of preconception, pregnancy and early childhood interventions: women who received
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400 **Table X. Neurodevelopment outcomes at 12 months assessed by ASQ-3, mother child bonding and child stimulation scores**

Outcomes	Group A (n=)	Group B (n=)	Group C (n=)	Group D (n=)	Preconception intervention groups vs no preconception intervention groups A+B vs C+D	Pregnancy intervention groups vs no pregnancy intervention group A+C vs B+D	Preconception and pregnancy intervention groups vs no preconception and pregnancy intervention group A vs D
					MD (98.3% CI) [‡]	MD (98.3% CI) [‡]	MD (98.3% CI) [‡]
ASQ-3 score							
Communication							
Gross motor							
Fine motor							
Problem solving							
Personal social							
Mother child bonding score (OMCI)							
At 6 months							
At 12 months							
At 18 months							
HOME score at 24 mo							

401 ASQ-3: Ages and Stages Questionnaire, 3rd edition;402 [‡]Model adjusted for potential confounders; OMCI - observation of mother-child interaction tool403 **Group A:** Preconception, pregnancy and early childhood intervention; **Group B:** Only preconception intervention; **Group C:** Only pregnancy and early childhood
404 intervention; **Group D:** Control405 **Group A+B vs Group C+D:** Effect of preconception interventions: women who received interventions compared with those who did not receive preconception
406 interventions; **Group A+C vs Group B+D:** Effect of pregnancy and early childhood interventions: women who received these interventions compared with those
407 who did not receive these interventions; **Group A vs Group D:** Effect of preconception, pregnancy and early childhood interventions: women who received
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415 **Table X. Risk of neurodevelopmental delay in children aged 24 months of age across the study groups**

Outcomes	Group A (n=)	Group B (n=)	Group C (n=)	Group D (n=)	Preconception intervention groups vs no preconception intervention groups A+B vs C+D		Pregnancy intervention groups vs no pregnancy intervention group A+C vs B+D		Preconception and pregnancy intervention groups vs no preconception and pregnancy intervention group A vs D	
					IRR (98.3% CI) †	ARR (%) (98.3% CI) †	IRR (98.3% CI) †	ARR (%) (98.3% CI) †	IRR (98.3% CI) †	ARR (%) (98.3% CI) †
Cognitive										
Language										
Motor										
Socio-emotional										

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417 BSID-III- Bayley Scales of Infant and Toddler Development, 3rd Edition; † adjusted for potential confounders; IRR-Incidence Rate Ratio; ARR- Absolute Risk
418 Reduction; neurodevelopmental delay defined as composite score of less than 85 on BSID-III assessment

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435 **Table X. Compliance to interventions during the preconception period**

	At Enrollment		At 12 month
SCREENING AND TREATMENT			
HEALTH			
Hypothyroidism			
Proportion screened (TSH), – n/total (%)			
Proportion with hypothyroidism prescribed treatment – n/total (%)			
Pre-diabetes or diabetes			
Proportion screened (HbA1c) – n/total (%)			
Proportion with pre-diabetes or diabetes prescribed treatment – n/total (%)			
Hypertension			
Proportion screened (blood pressure) – n/total (%)			
Proportion with hypertension prescribed treatment – n/total (%)			
Reproductive tract infection (RTI)			
Proportion screened (symptoms) – n/total (%)			
Proportion with RTI treated by physician – n/total (%)			
NUTRITION			
Anemia			
Proportion screened – n/total (%)			
Median (IQR) percent days iron consumed by anemic women, n=			
PREVENTIVE AND PROMOTIVE INTERVENTIONS	Enrollment to 6 months	6 to 12 months	12 to 18 months
NUTRITION			
Median (IQR) percent weeks ferrous fumarate plus folic acid consumed by women (anemia prophylaxis), n=			
Median (IQR) percent days multiple micronutrient consumed, n=			
Median (IQR) percent days egg or milk consumed by women with BMI <21 kg/m ² , n=			
Median (IQR) percent days snacks consumed by women with BMI <18.5 kg/m ² , n=			
PSYCHOSOCIAL INTERVENTION			
Proportion screened for depressive symptoms (PHQ-9)			
Proportion with depressive symptoms (PHQ-9 ≥10 or suicidal ideation) initiated treatment			
Proportion counselled for positive thinking and problem solving skills			
WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WaSH)			
Proportion of women received WaSH counselling			

436 Anemia: Hb <12 g/dL, Hypothyroidism: TSH levels were >5.5 mIU/L or if TSH levels were between 4.0 and 5.5 mIU/L and Anti-TPO Ab positive, Prediabetes:
 437 HbA1c between 5.7% and 6.4%, Hypertension: systolic blood pressure ≥140 mmHg and/or diastolic blood pressure ≥90 mmHg, Reproductive tract infection:
 438 Any symptoms of vaginal discharge, itching, burning, swelling, ulcer in genital region, swelling and pain lower abdomen
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441 **Table X. Compliance to interventions during pregnancy**

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HEALTH

Anemia

Proportion screened – n/total (%)

Proportion received treatment – n/total (%)

Urinary tract infections

Proportion screened – n/total (%)

Proportion provided treatment – n/total (%)

Reproductive tract infections

Proportion screened (symptoms) – n/total (%)

Proportion treated by physician – n/total (%)

Gestational Diabetes Mellitus

Proportion screened – n/total (%)

Proportion provided treatment – n/total (%)

Hypothyroidism

Proportion screened – n/total (%)

Proportion prescribed treatment – n/total (%)

Hypertension

Proportion screened (blood pressure) – n/total (%)

Proportion prescribed treatment – n/total (%)

NUTRITION

Median (IQR) percent days micronutrient supplement consumed, n=

Median (IQR) percent days iron-folic acid consumed n=

Median (IQR) percent days calcium and Vitamin D supplement consumed, n=

Median (IQR) percent days snacks consumed by women with BMI <25 kg/m², n=

Median (IQR) percent days egg or milk consumed by women with BMI <30 kg/m², n=

PSYCHOSOCIAL INTERVENTION

Proportion screened for depressive symptoms (PHQ-9) – n/total (%)

Proportion women received counselling on positive thinking and problem solving skills – n/total (%)

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WaSH)

Proportion women who provided water filter – n/total (%)

Proportion homes where hand washing stations were installed – n/total (%)

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Anemia: Hb <11 g/dL, Urinary tract infection: Urine culture microbial growth of 10⁵ CFU/ml, Reproductive tract infection: Any symptoms of vaginal discharge, itching, burning, swelling, ulcer in genital region, swelling and pain lower abdomen, Gestational Diabetes mellitus: 2 hr blood sugar ≥140 mg/dL in Oral Glucose Tolerance Test, Hypothyroidism: TSH levels were >2.6 mIU/L, Hypertension: Systolic blood pressure ≥140 mmHg and/or diastolic blood pressure ≥90 mmHg

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Table X. Compliance to interventions in mothers during the postnatal period

INTERVENTION	
NUTRITION	n=
Median (IQR) percent days micronutrient supplements consumed	
Median (IQR) percent days iron-folic acid consumed	
Median (IQR) percent days calcium and vitamin D supplement consumed	
Median (IQR) percent snacks consumed	
Median (IQR) percent days milk consumed	
PSYCHOSOCIAL	
Women screened for depressive symptoms (PHQ-9), n (%)	
Women who received counselling on positive thinking and problem-solving skills, n (%)	

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Table X. Compliance to interventions in children from birth to 24 months

Received counselling for danger signs – n/total (%)

Birth to 6 months

Received lactation counselling

Median (IQR) percent days vitamin D consumed, n=

Median (IQR) days Iron consumed (for low birth weight), n=

6 to 24 months

Median (IQR) days iron consumed, n=

Median (IQR) days milk cereal mix consumed, n=

Received early child play and responsive care – n/total (%)

Received play mats – n/total (%)

Received potty – n/total (%)

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