PAHO/WHO: advocating for NCD prevention and control

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• NCDs and social determinants
• Who resolutions/United Nations Declaration
• Challenges
NCDs account for 63% of all deaths: primarily cardiovascular diseases, cancers, chronic respiratory diseases and diabetes, are responsible for 63% of all deaths worldwide.

80% of NCDs deaths occur in low and middle-income countries.

More than 9 million of all deaths attributed to NCDs occur before the age of 60.
• NCDs are largely preventable.
• Noncommunicable diseases are preventable through effective interventions that tackle shared risk factors, namely: tobacco use, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity and harmful use of alcohol

• Eliminating major risks could prevent most NCDs.
• If the major risk factors for noncommunicable diseases were eliminated, at around three-quarters of heart disease, stroke and type 2 diabetes would be prevented; and 40% of cancer would be prevented.
• NCDs are not only a health problem but a development challenge as well.
• Noncommunicable diseases force many people into, or entrench them in poverty due to catastrophic expenditures for treatment. They also have a large impact on undercutting productivity.
High sugar, saturated fats and salt consumption
Smoking
Physical inactivity
Harm alcohol consumption

NCDs mortality and morbidity
Economia de mercado y globalización → Ambiente que promueve más consumo de energías y inhibe el gasto calórico → High sugar, saturated fats and salt consumption → Smoking → Physical inactivity → Harmful use of alcohol → NCDs mortality and morbidity → Barriers to health care → Individual Life styles → NCDs mortality and morbidity → Barriers to health care
Eat healthy, don’t smoke, be active, relax and please take your medication!
DNA Social determinants of health
Complexity

DNA

Individual – community - society

Social determinants of health

Health System

Health-disease-care
Physical and social context in which we live
Social Determinants of health
Global economy

Globalization

Urbanization

Priorities for development

Environment that promotes a non healthy lifestyle

Conditions that create barriers for health care accessibility

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It is not only an individual option, it is a socially, economically and culturally shaped choice
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Changes on the total calories coming from food groups in Brazil, between 1987 y 2003, Brazil

C.A. Monteiro et.al, Reunion CARMEN, Lima, 2009
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PROCESADOS
INGREDIENTES
CULINARIOS

UPF 30% free sugar

UPF 30% saturated fat

UPF trans fatty acids

UPF 15% more salt

UPF 45% less fiber

ALIMENTOS POCO O NADA PROCESADOS

ULTRA-
PROCESADOS
Effects of Soft Drink Consumption on Nutrition and Health: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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In a meta-analysis of 88 studies, we examined the association between soft drink consumption and nutrition and health outcomes. We found clear associations of soft drink intake with increased energy intake and body weight. Soft drink intake also was associated with lower intakes of milk, calcium, and other nutrients and with an increased risk of several medical problems (e.g., diabetes).

Study design significantly influenced results: larger effect sizes were observed in studies with stronger methods (longitudinal and experimental vs. cross-sectional studies). Several other factors also moderated effect sizes (e.g., gender, age, beverage type). Finally, studies funded by the food industry reported significantly smaller effects than did non–industry-funded studies. Recommendations to reduce population soft drink consumption are strongly supported by the available science. (Am J Public Health. 2007;97:667–675. doi:10.2105/AJPH.2005.083782)

Soft drink consumption has become a highly visible and controversial public health and public policy issue. Soft drinks are viewed by many as a major contributor to obesity and related health problems and have consequently been targeted as a means to help curb the rising prevalence of obesity, particularly in children. Soft drinks are especially targeted due to the fact that they displace other foods and beverages and, hence, nutrients; whether they contribute to diseases such as obesity and diabetes; and whether soft drink marketing practices represent commercial exploitation of children.3–5

The industry trade association in the United States (the American Beverage Association) maintains that consumption of non-carbonated fluids is related to weight stability, not body weight. However, carbonated beverages have been shown to be associated with excess energy intake, which contributes to weight gain. The science is clear, and the evidence has been accumulating for over a century. The cause-and-effect relationship between increased sugar consumption and increased weight is well established.
Reducing Consumption of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages Is Associated With Reduced Blood Pressure

A Prospective Study Among United States Adults

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Background—Increased consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages (SSBs) has been associated with an elevated risk of obesity, metabolic syndrome, and type II diabetes mellitus. However, the effects of SSB consumption on blood pressure (BP) are uncertain. The objective of this study was to determine the relationship between changes in SSB consumption and changes in BP among adults.

Methods and Results—This was a prospective analysis of 810 adults who participated in the PREMIER Study (an 18-month behavioral intervention trial). BP and dietary intake (by two 24-hour recalls) were measured at baseline and at 6 and 18 months. Mixed-effects models were applied to estimate the changes in BP in responding to changes in SSB consumption. At baseline, mean SSB intake was 0.9±1.0 servings per day (10.5±11.9 fl oz/d), and mean systolic BP/diastolic BP was 134.9±9.6/84.8±4.2 mm Hg. After potential confounders were controlled for, a reduction in SSB of 1 serving per day was associated with a 1.8-mm Hg (95% confidence interval, 1.2 to 2.4) reduction in systolic BP and 1.1-mm Hg (95% confidence interval, 0.7 to 1.4) reduction in diastolic BP over 18 months. After additional adjustment for weight change over the same period, a reduction in SSB intake was still significantly associated with reductions in systolic and diastolic BPs (P<0.05). Reduced intake of sugars was also significantly associated with reduced BP. No association was found for diet beverage consumption or caffeine intake and BP. These findings suggest that sugars may be the nutrients that contribute to the observed association between SSB and BP.

Conclusions—Reduced consumption of SSB and sugars was significantly associated with reduced BP. Reducing SSB and sugar consumption may be an important dietary strategy to lower BP.

Clinical Trial Registration—URL: http://clinicaltrials.gov. Unique identifier: NCT00000616.

(Circulation. 2010;121:2398-2406.)
10 percent rise in ast food prices would,

- increase probability of frequent F&V consumption by 3%,
- reduce BMI by 0.4% and
- lower probability of being overweight by 5.9%

Powell, et al., Advances in Health Economics and Health Services Research, 2007
$11 billion is spent yearly advertising convenience foods, snacks and alcoholic beverages.
Research shows that food advertising geared to children is extensive, and a significant amount of the marketing is for foods with a high content of fat, sugar or salt, also shows that television advertising influences children’s food preferences, purchase requests and consumption patterns,
"The set of recommendations on marketing of food and non-alcoholic beverages to children should play a significant role in helping member states promote healthier patterns of eating as part of efforts to reduce childhood obesity"

"This is a priority for the Obama administration, in particular for the First Lady, who has raised awareness of childhood obesity and the importance of healthy eating."

U.S. Surgeon-General Regina Benjamin endorsed the plan at the WHO's WHA annual meeting:
TIPOS DE VÍCTIMAS FATALES DE ACCIDENTES DE TRÁNSITO, MUNICIPIO DE SAO PAULO, 1998-2003

Peatones y ciclistas
Ocupantes de Vehículos
Motociclistas

Fuente: CET, 2000 a 2003
60% of public space is built for cars