Program and Policy Options for Preventing Obesity in Low, Middle, and Transitional Income Countries: background research and program evaluation Brazil

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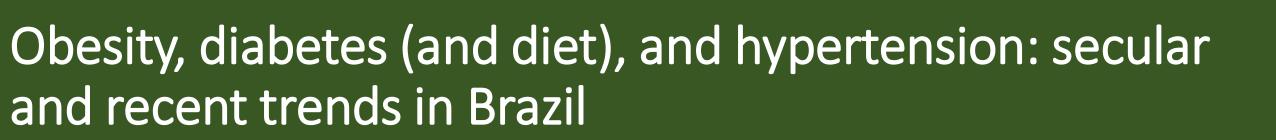
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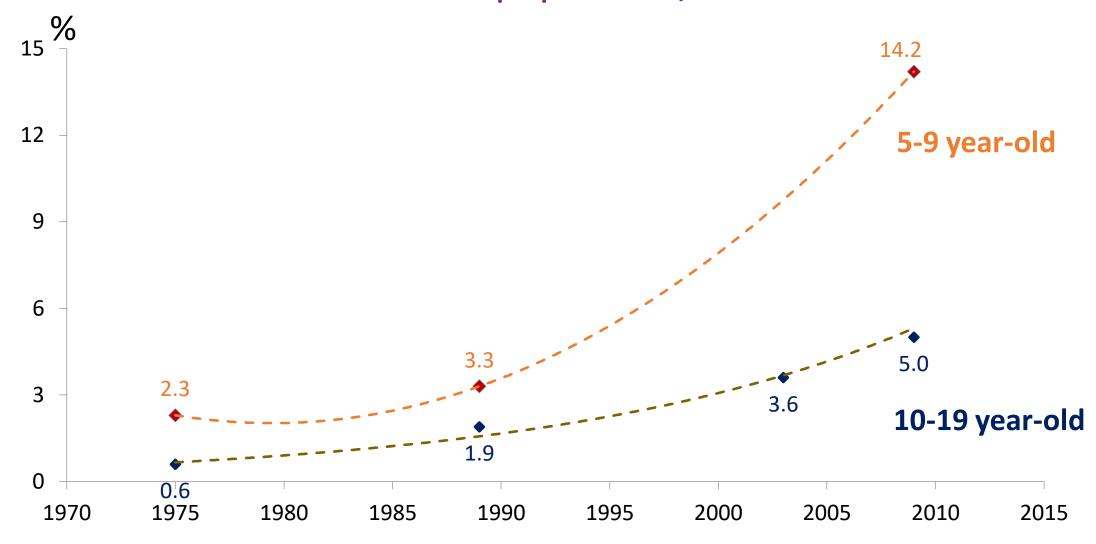


Outline

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- Background in economics research
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- Future actions

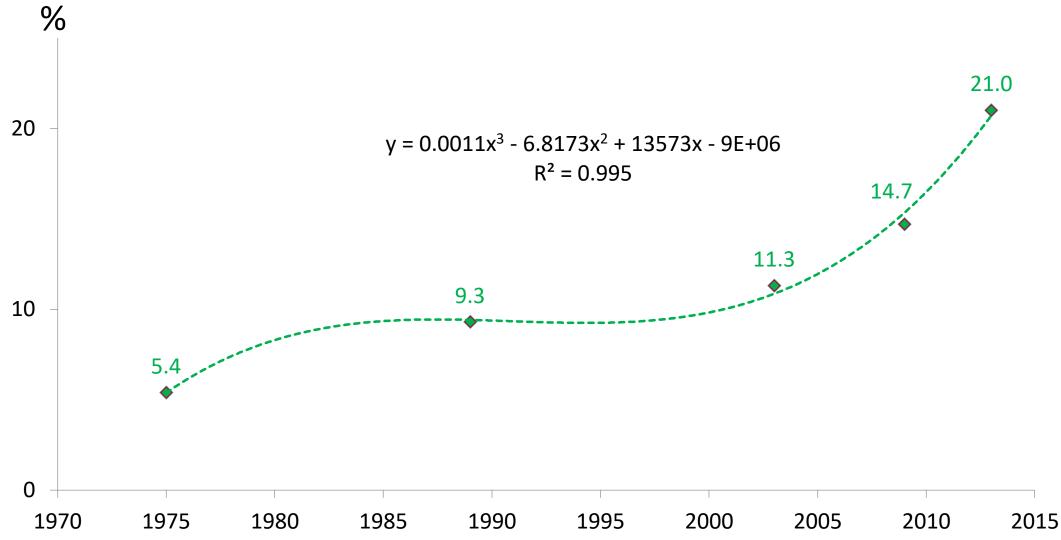


Secular trends in the prevalence (%) of obesity **Brazilian child and adolescent population, 1975-2009**



Sources: 1975, 1989, 2003, and 2009 national anthropometric surveys (WHO standards for obesity)

Secular trends in the prevalence (%) of obesity Brazilian adult population, 1975-2013

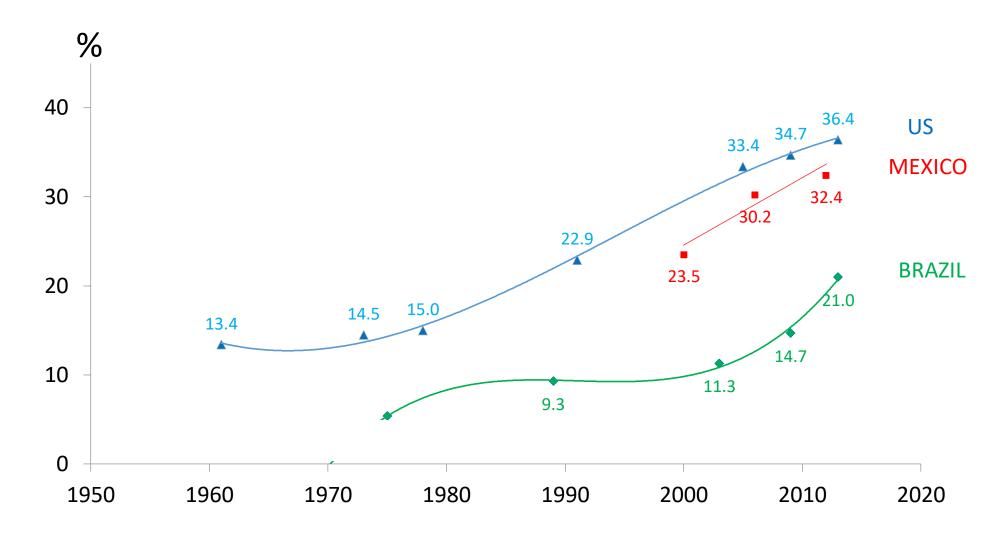


Sources: 1975, 1989, 2003, 2009 and 2013 national anthropometric surveys

Prevalence of obesity among adults. Brazilian National Health Survey, 2013

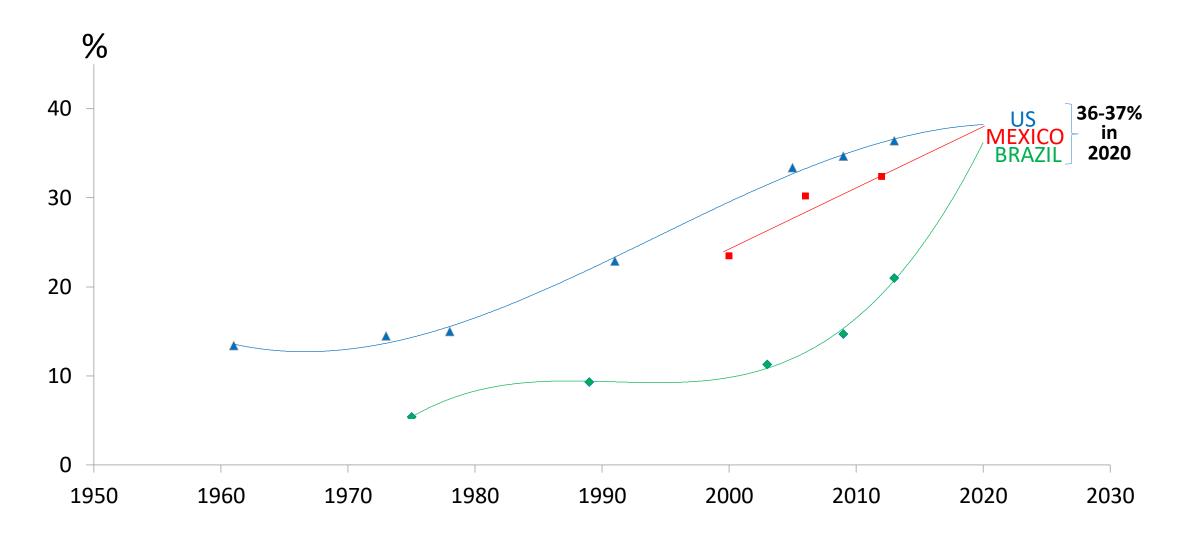
- Obesity: 20.8% (95% CI 20.2,21.4) ~ 26.6 million Brazilian adults
 - Women: 24.3 (95% CI 23.5,25.1)
 - Men: 16.8 (95% CI 16.0,17.6)

Secular trends in the prevalence (%) of obesity Brazilian, Mexican and US adult population



Sources: National anthropometric surveys

Secular trends in the prevalence (%) of obesity among adults (20 y+) ... with forecast for 2020

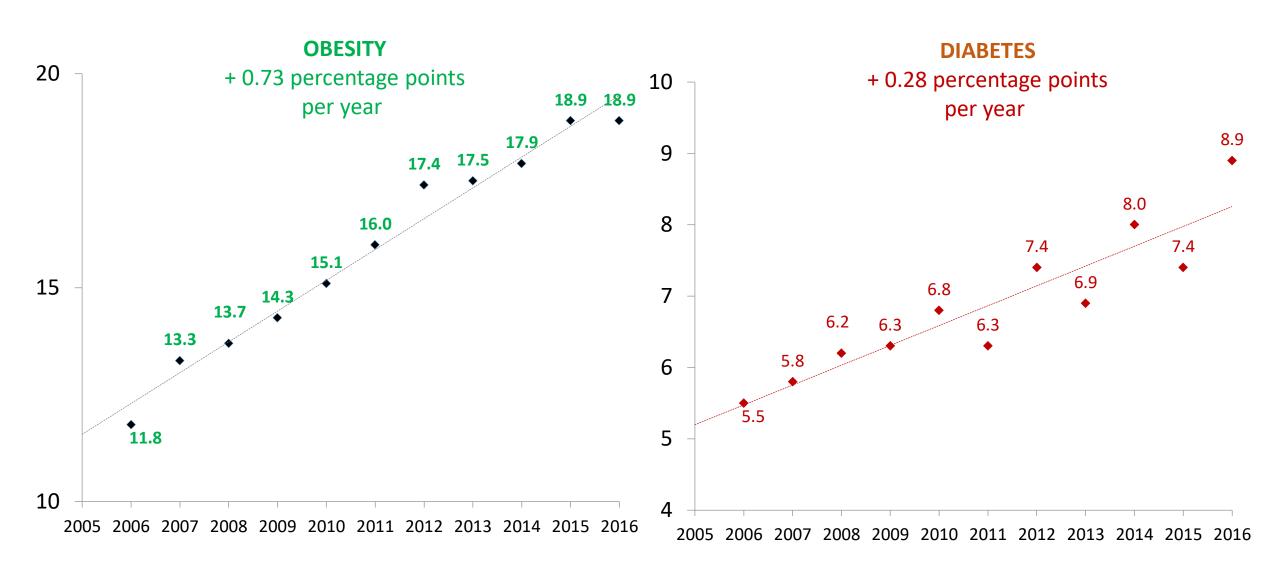


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Prevalence of diabetes among adults. Brazilian National Health Survey, 2013

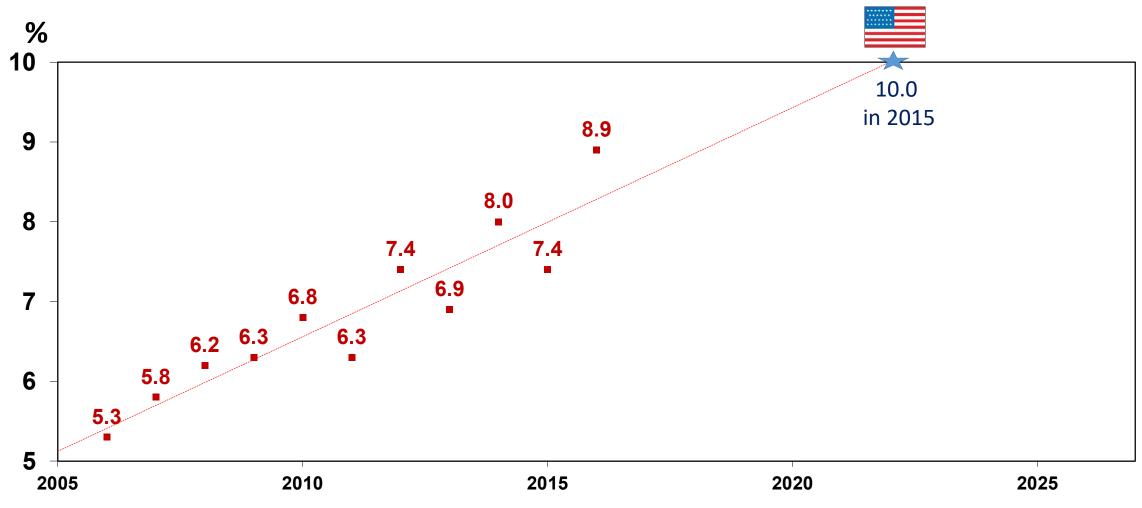
- Diabetes (self-reported): 6.2 % (95% CI 5.9,6.6) ~ 7.9 million Brazilian adults
 - Women: 7.0 (95% CI 6.6,7.5)
 - Men: 5.4 (95% CI 4.9,5.9)

Recent trends in self-reported prevalence (%) of obesity and diabetes Brazilian adult population in 27 state capitals: 2006-2016

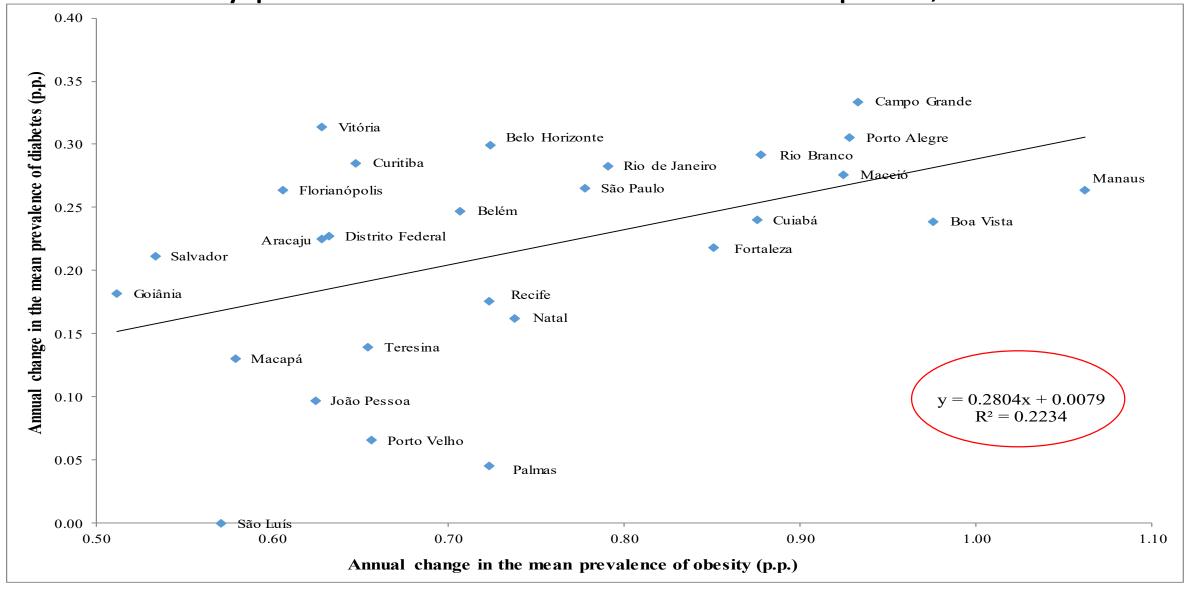


Recent trends in self-reported prevalence (%) of diabetes Brazilian adult population in 27 state capitals: 2006-2016

... with forecast for 2022



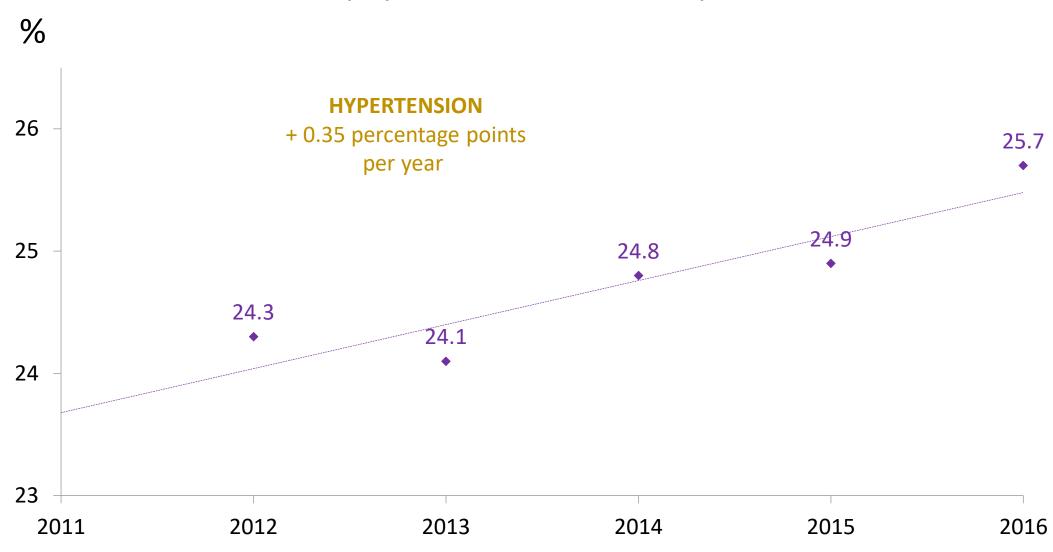
Annual change in diabetes prevalence regressed on the annual change in obesity prevalence in 27 Brazilian state capitals, 2006-2016

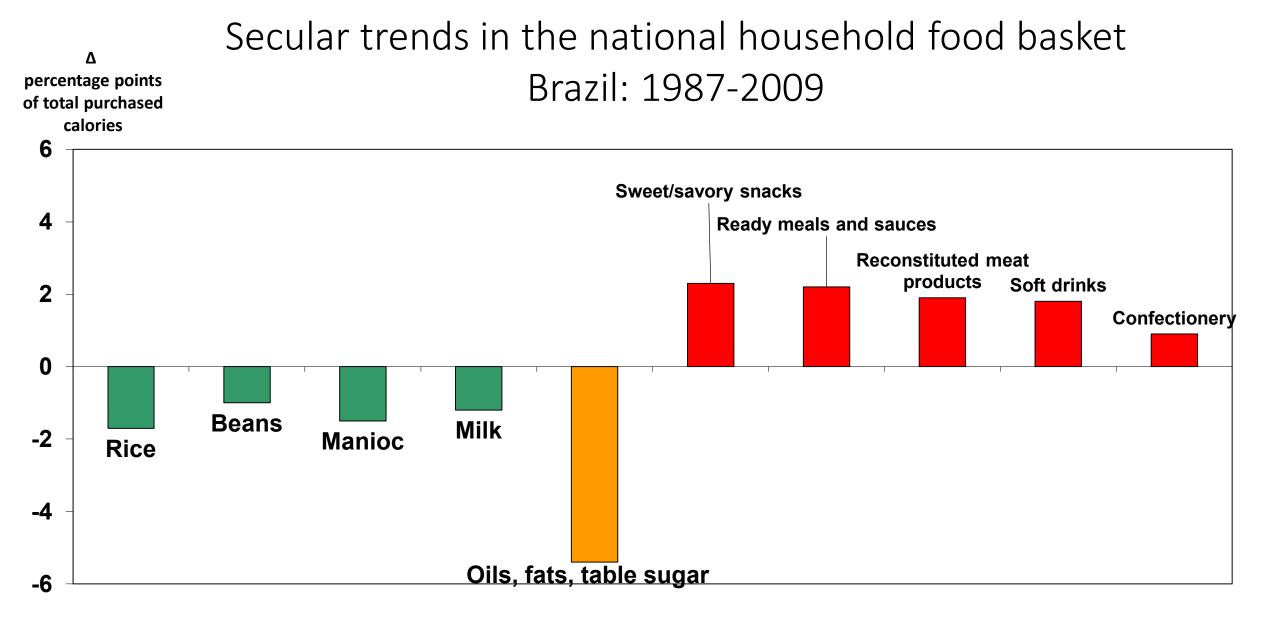


Prevalence of hypertension among adults Brazilian National Health Survey, 2013

- Hypertension: 32.3 % (95% CI 31.6,33.1) ~ 41.2 million Brazilian adults
 - Women: 31.7 (95% CI 30.8,32.6)
 - Men: 33.0 (95%CI 32.0,34.1)

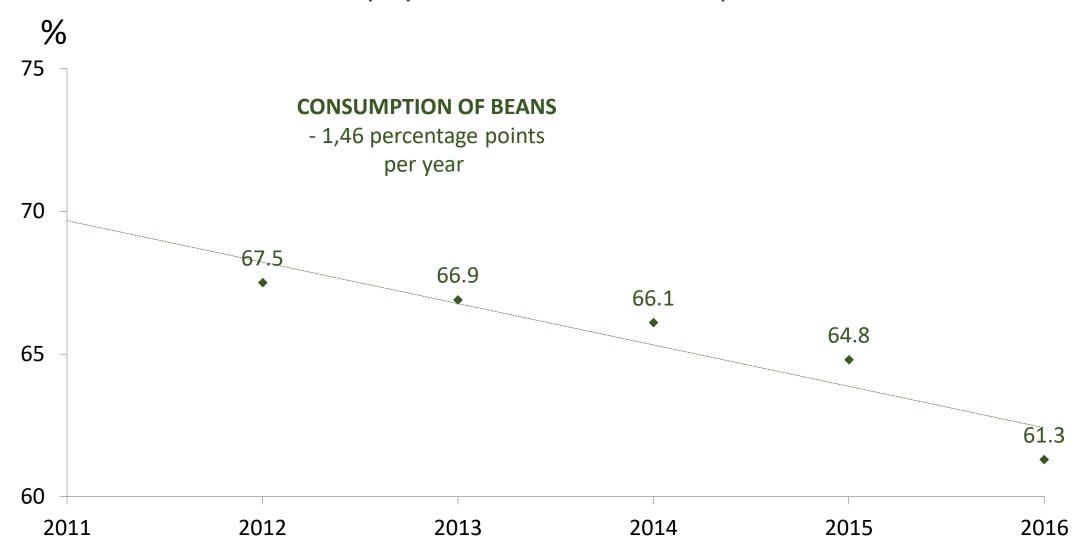
Recent trends in the prevalence (%) of self-reported hypertension Brazilian adult population of 27 state capitals: 2012-2016



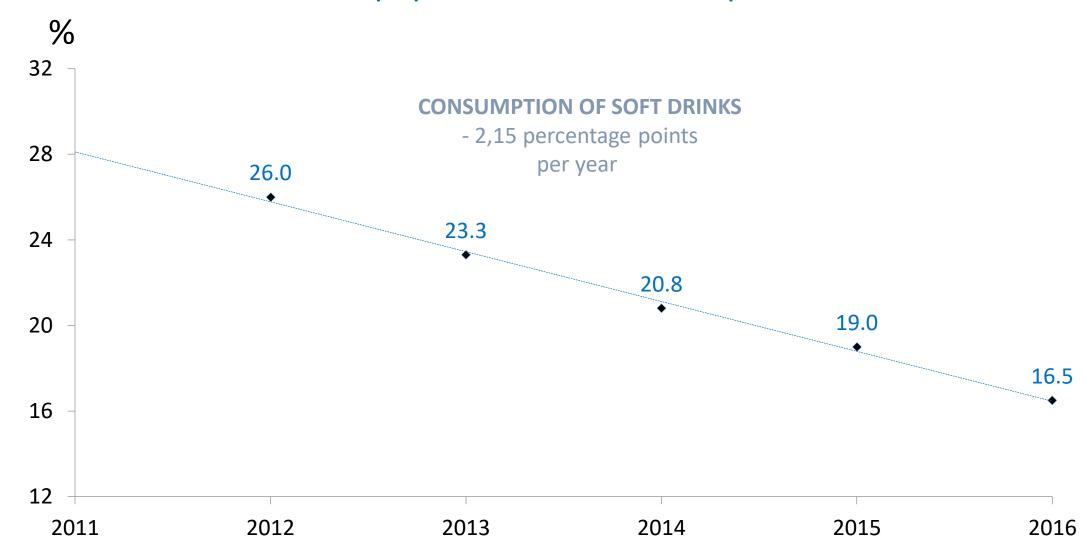


Source: Adapted from Martins et al 2013 Rev Saude Pub 47:656-65

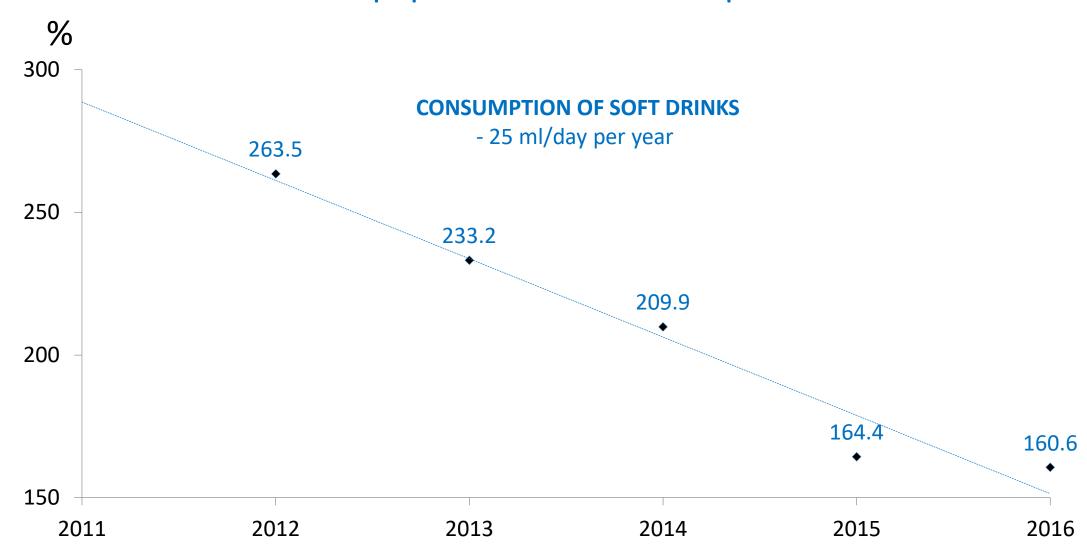
Recent trends in consumption of beans >= 5d/week Brazilian adult population of 27 state capitals: 2012-2016



Recent trends in consumption of soft drinks >= 5d/week Brazilian adult population of 27 state capitals: 2012-2016

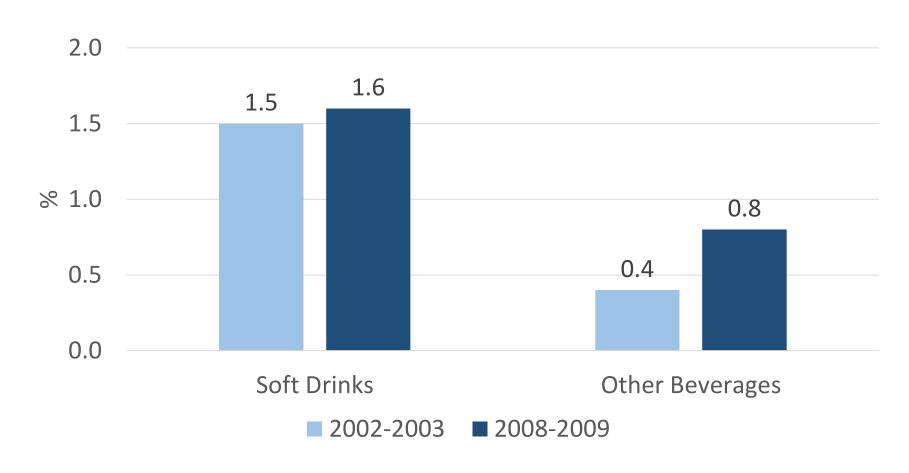


Recent trends in mean consumption of soft drinks (ml/day) Brazilian adult population of 27 state capitals: 2012-2016

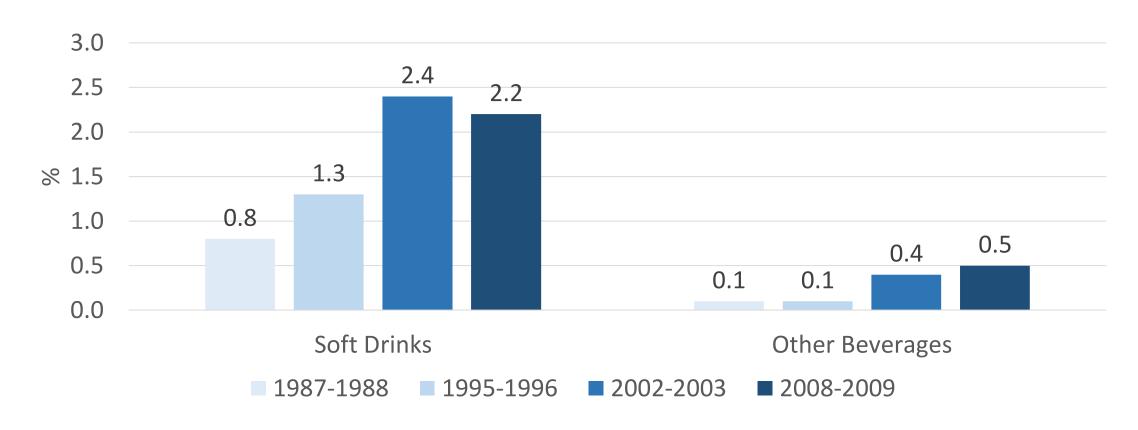


Economics research background

Household purchase of sugar sweetened beverages (% total calories acquired). Brazil, 2002/03 and 2008/09.



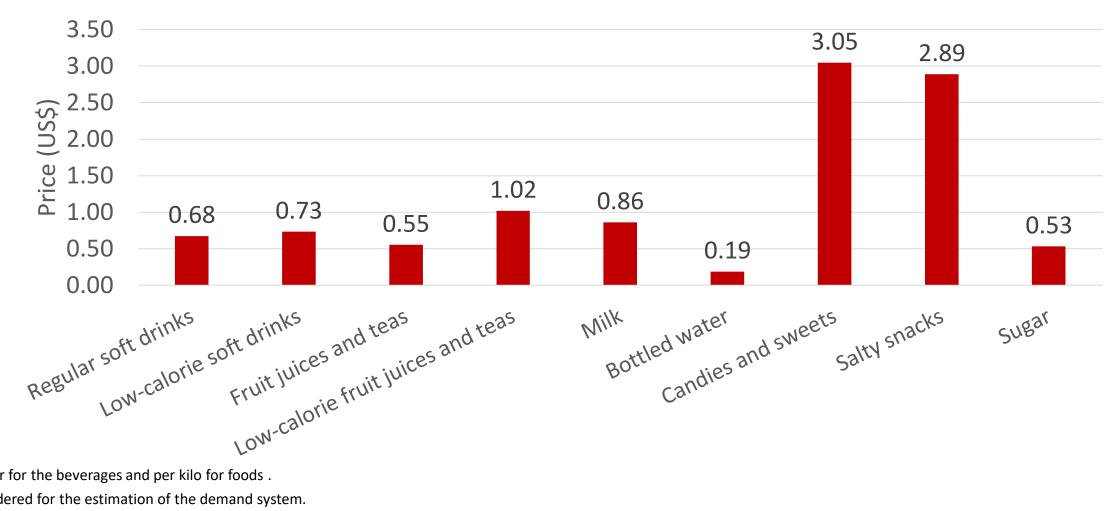
Household purchase of sugar sweetened beverages (% total calories acquired). Brazil, 1987/88 to 2008/09.



Methods

- National Household Budget Survey 2008/09:
 - 55,590 households:
 - Detailed information on the acquisition of 1.7 thousand foods and drinks acquired for household consumption during 1 week;
 - Sociodemographic information.
- Unit prices and budget shares were used for the estimation of a censored demand system (9 groups):
 - 2 stage QUAIDS;
 - Income, own-price and cross-price elasticity;
 - Total population and according to income levels.

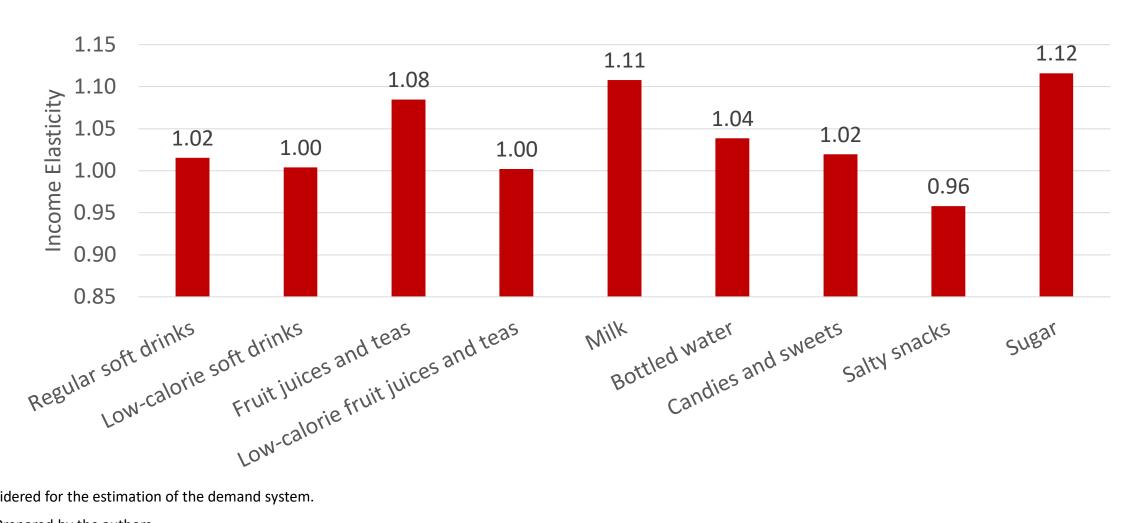
Price (US\$)* of selected beverage and food groups**. Brazil. POF-IBGE 2008/09.



^{*:} Per liter for the beverages and per kilo for foods.

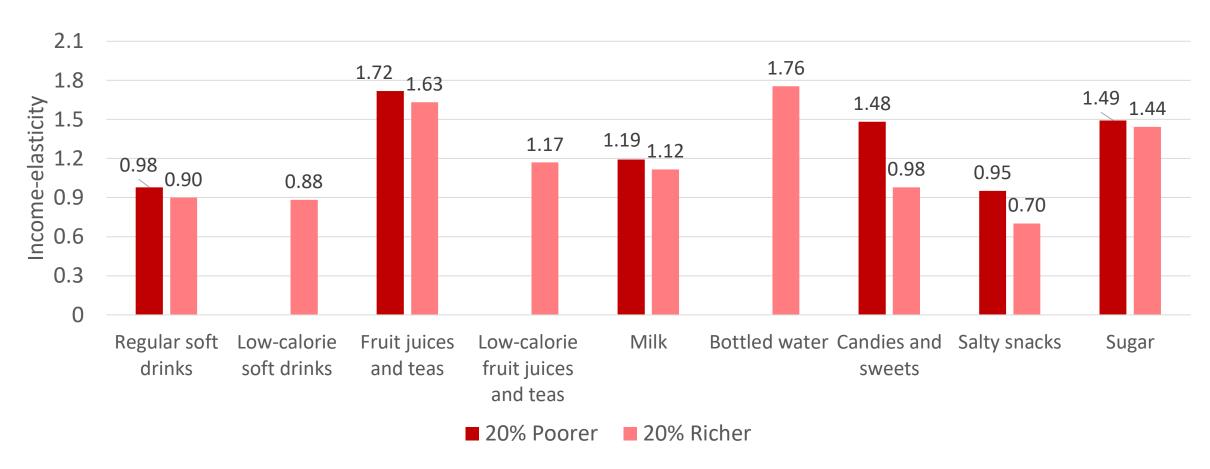
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Income-elasticity of selected beverage and food groups**. Brazil. POF-IBGE 2008/09.



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Income-elasticity of selected beverage and food groups**, according to income level. Brazil. POF-IBGE 2008/09.



^{**:} Selected among those considered for the estimation of the demand system.

Own and cross price elasticity (non-compensated) of the demand for selected beverage and food groups. Brazil. HBS-IBGE 2008/09.

Beverage and food groups	Own price elasticity (1% increase in the own price)	Cross price elasticity (1% increase in the price of soft drinks)
Regular soft drinks	-0,64	
Low-calorie soft drinks	-1,00	0,23
Fruit juices and teas	-1,06	0,33
Low-calorie fruit juices and teas	-1,00	0,29
Milk	-0,95	0,26
Bottled water	-1,07	0,30
Candies and sweets	-0,85	0,17
Salty snacks	-0,61	0,21
Sugar	-0,86	0,36

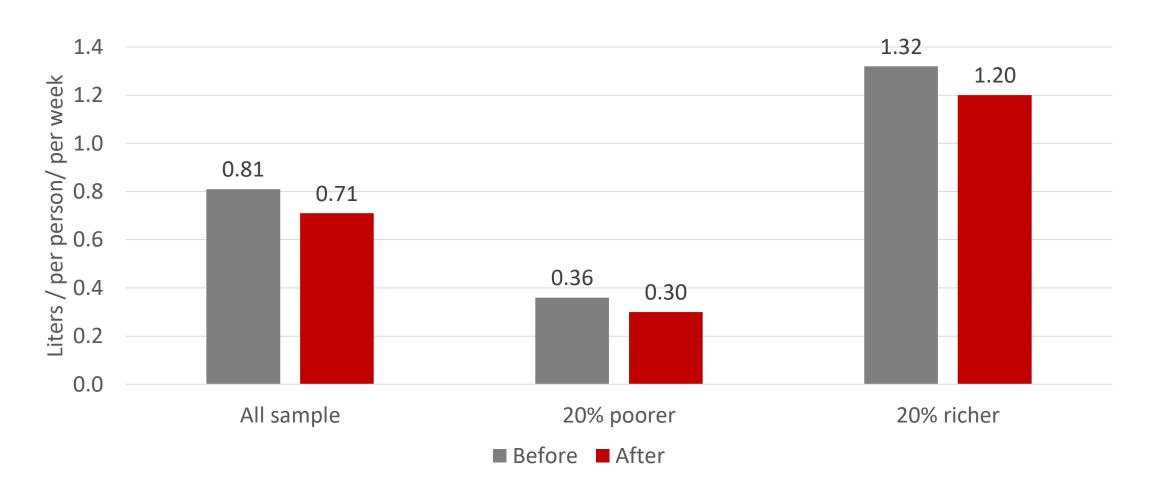
Obs: p<0,001 for all values.

Own and cross price elasticity (non-compensated) of the demand for selected beverage and food groups, according to income level. Brazil. HBS-IBGE 2008/09.

Beverage and food groups	20% POORER		20% RICHER	
	Own price elasticity	Cross price elasticity (1% increase in the price of soft drinks)	Own price elasticity	Cross price elasticity (1% increase in the price of soft drinks)
Regular soft drinks	-0,833		-0,453	
Low-calorie soft drinks	-0,989	0,258	-0,957	0,316
Fruit juices and teas	-1,241	0,334	-0,957	0,359
Low-calorie fruit juices and teas	-1,045	0,235	-0,994	0,387
Milk	-0,884	0,229	-0,888	0,299
Bottled water	-1,018	0,297	-1,109	0,426
Candies and sweets	-0,911	0,254	-0,692	0,266
Salty snacks	-0,998	0,074	-0,443	0,222
Sugar	-0,694	0,437	-0,888	0,382

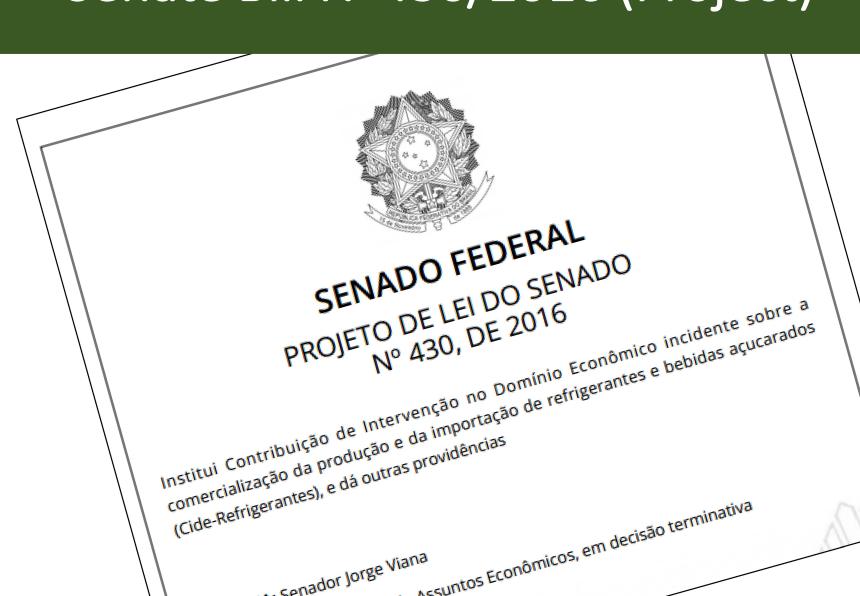
Obs: p<0,001 for all values.

Predicted impact of a 20% tax on regular soft drinks on its consumption. Brazil. HBS-IBGE 2008/09.



Taxation opportunity

Senate Bill Nº430/2016 (Project)



Contribution of intervention in the economic domain ("CIDE")

Contribution of intervention in the economic domain

- In Portuguese: CIDE;
- The Contribution of intervention in the economic domain are a special type of Brazilian taxes, of exclusive competence of the Union (Article 149 of the FC);
 - They are tributes of an extra-fiscal nature and linked to consumption.

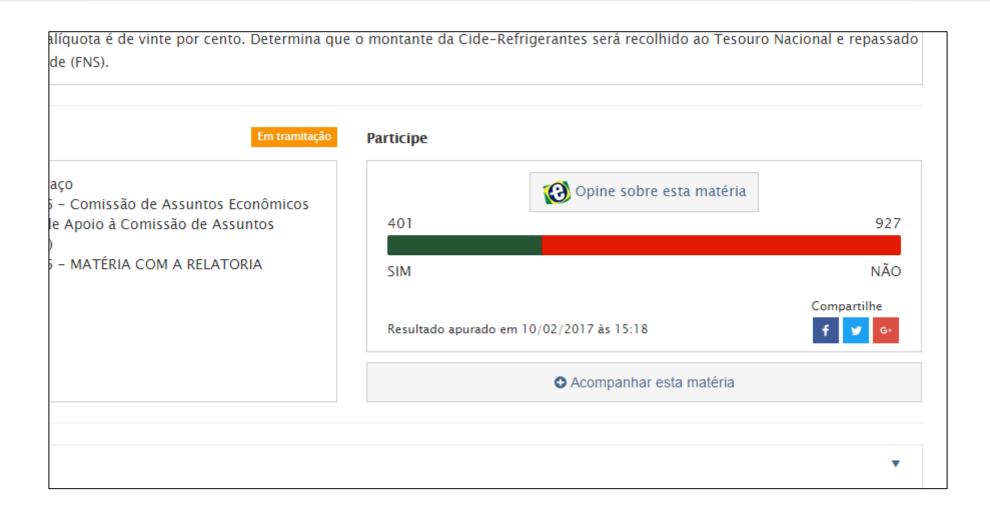
Senate Bill Nº430/2016 (Project)

 Affects sales and imports of soft drinks and other sweetened beverages;

 Revenues should be directed to use in public health (National Health Fund);

• 20% EXTRA TAX.

Senate Bill Nº430/2016 (Project)



In addition...

• Taxing exemptions for non-alcoholic beverages are being removed.

- States are already increasing state taxes for non-essential goods:
 - Including non-alcoholic beverages.

 Federal government is currently discussing the possibility of a major fiscal reform.

Brazilian National school feeding program Farm-to-school regulatory policy evaluation proposal

Brazilian National School Feeding Program

- Implemented in 1955, it is universal and free
- In 2014, it served 42.2 million public school students (75% of the total number of students in the country)
 - early childhood education, elementary school, high school, and basic education for adults.
- R\$ 3.7 billion (US\$ 1.2 billion) budget in 2014
- Strongly regulated and is the responsibility of the National Fund for Educational Development (FNDE), which is linked to the Ministry of Education

Brazilian National School Feeding Program timeline

Law n° 8.913, July 12, 1994. The National School Feeding Program management is decentralized.

Executive Order 1784, December 14, 1998 consolidates the decentralization of the Program. Executive Order 2178, June 28, 2011 establishes that basic foodstuff should be prioritized in the program and that 70% of the procurements should be basic foodstuff. "Basic foods" were not well-defined and executive order was not regulated.

Local and state sectoral school feeding program management councils (Conselhos de Alimentação Escolar) are instituted. Law nº 11.947, June 16, 2009 establishes that at least 30% of the Program budget should be used to purchase foods directly from family farms, better define "basic foods", and extends the coverage of the program to all basic education students.

This law also mandates that all cities and states that run their School Feeding Programs must be have a dietitian-nutritionist responsible for the program.

Resolution FNDE n° 26 June 17, 2013, establishes that a minimum of three servings (200 grams) of fruits and vegetables (not counting beverages) per week shall be included in school menus, prohibits the purchase of soda and a few other sugary drinks, it regulates the obligation that at least 70% of the food purchased by the Program should be basic foodstuff, and establishes recommended maximum values for added sugar, fat, saturated fat, trans fats, and salt.

Resolution CD/FNDE nº 4, April 2, 2015 further regulates food procurement from local farming and gives more precise instructions on how food procurement from local faming should be conducted.

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 The Family
 National Food and
 National
 System for Risk and Protective
 Creation of the
 New edition of the

The Family
Health Program,
later named
Family Health
Strategy initiated
nationwide
aiming to
empower primary
care actions.

National Food and Nutrition Policy recognizes overweight and obesity as key priorities for all life stages and social groups. National
Workers' Food
Program updated
its nutritional
requirements to
confront rising
obesity and NCD
levels and
established a
requirement for
nutritional
education at the
worksite.

System for Risk and Protective Factors for NCD through Telephone Interviews (Vigitel) implemented, providing annual estimates of the prevalence of diabetes, hypertension and NCD risk factors among adults living in all 26 state capitals and the Federal District.

The Brazilian Regulation for the Marketing of Food to Infants and Young Children was instituted.

Interministerial
Chamber of
Nutrition and
Food and
Nutrition
Security
(CAISAN).

Brazilian Dietary
Guidelines
released, based
exclusively on
food-based dietary
advice and
avoidance of ultraprocessed food and
drink products.

Farm-to-school regulations

Article 14 of 2009 Law 11,947:

"At least 30.0% of the foods in school meals should be purchased directly from family farms and local rural enterprises, giving priority to the resettled farmers (former landless people), traditional indigenous communities and quilombolas as a means of supporting local economic development."

They aim to provide both healthier school meals for children and economic security to small and medium-sized family farmers – which often struggle to survive in a global economy

By approving Article 14 of Law 11,947, Brazil became the first country to have a national law that requires a link between school feeding and agricultural production (Hawkes et al., 2016)

National School Feeding Program

Table 1 Number and Percentage of Municipalities, by Region and for Brazil, Which Received Funds From FNDE for School Feeding in the Period 2011–14

	2011 ^a		2012		2013		2014	
Regions	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
North	374	83.3	363	80.8	434	96.9	424	94.2
Northeast	1627	90.7	1623	90.5	1792	99.9	1780	99.2
Southeast	1624	97.4	1627	97.5	1655	99.3	1647	98.8
South	1180	99.3	1179	99.2	1184	99.6	1189	99.8
Midwest	440	94.6	436	93.8	456	98.1	453	97.2
Total and Brazil	5245	94.3	5228	94	5521	99.2	5493	98.7

Table 2 Participation of Family Farming in School Feeding Supply in the Period 2011-14, Brazil

	2011		2012		2013		2014	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Municipalities that purchased from family farming	3097	59.0	3484	66.6	3529	63.9	4229	77.0
Municipalities that did not purchase from family farming	2148	40.9	1744	33.4	1992	36.1	1264	23.0
Municipalities that purchased over 30%	1410	26.8	1576	30.1	1412	25.6	2168	39.5
Ratio of participation of family farming to the total national PNAE funds		10.8		14.5		16.8		23.3

Source: FNDE, elaborated by Schneider et al., 2016

International cooperation

Program of Brazil-FAO International Cooperation



School Feeding

Humanitarian Cooperation

Public Procurement within Rural Family Farming

Strengthening the Civil society

Strengthening the Cotton Sector

Agro-Environmental Policies

Food and Nutritional Security

Implementation of a Model for Public Procurement within Rural Family Farming for School Feeding Programs

Latin America is promoting measures aimed at reducing hunger and malnutrition; however, the complexity of this issue affects progress and achievements. For this reason, countries of the region have launched various initiatives to develop programs focused on improving the food and nutritional security of the population, based on a dynamic exchange of successful experiences through South- South Cooperation. Examples of such programs are the national initiatives of strengthening the School Feeding Programs and their connection with family farming.

Strengthening the School Feeding Programs and supporting the local socioeconomic development, through local procurement from family farms is an opportunity to offer the farmers a market (of school food programs) and to offer the students of the schools a variety of healthy, fresh food that respects the local food culture.

Project Factsheet

Objective: Contribute to increasing the food and nutritional security of rural communities in El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras and Paraguay, through the School Feeding Programs; strengthened and coordinated with the production of local and regional family farms.

Geographic areas to benefit:

El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Paraguay.

Símbolo: TCP/RLA/3406

Program of Brazil-FAO International Cooperation



School Feeding

Sustainable Schools

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Activation of RAA

Strengthening School Feeding Programs in the Framework of the Zero Hunger Initiative in Latin America and the Caribbean 2025

The experience in Brazil of its National School Feeding Program (PNAE, for its acronym in Portuguese) has been recognized for over 60 years, especially by developing countries, as a point of reference for its sustainability, quality, progress and challenges; thus allowing for the provision of necessary support to the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.

The lessons learned in Brazil with school feeding were based on several key elements, such as program coverage; systematization and continuity of supply; quality of food offered at the schools; comprehensive program regulations; nutritional recommendations; public oversight; procurement of food from family farming; construction of on-site and virtual support systems; monitoring and evaluation; decentralized management; mechanisms and educational tools for food and nutrition through school gardens, among others. The scope of this collaborative implementation includes the participation of 5,570 municipalities and 27 states, assisting 43 million students per day for 200 school days. The PNAE also highlights the model of school feeding as part of the human right to food, prompting discussion on the processes of food assistance still present in many countries.

Project Factsheet

Objective: To strengthen the institutionalization of school feeding programs and the associated food security policies, through regional and national mechanisms.

Parteners: Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Granada, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Símbolo: GCP/RLC/180/BRA

More information

Sustainable Schools

Brazilian National School Feeding Program farm-to-school regulatory policy evaluation

• Aim 1: Explore to what extent municipal and state-level determinants (such as participatory democracy and incentives and policies that support local farming agriculture) help explain the compliance with the farm-to-school regulatory policy that states that at least 30% of the foods must come from family farming as well as differences in the implementation rate.

• Aim 2: Evaluate the impact of a farm-to-school regulatory policy on dietary intake of Brazilian public middle-school students living in Brazilian state capitals and the Federal District.

 Outcome: annual percentage of the food procurement from family farming in each municipality and state

• Exposure:

- measures of participatory democracy related to the implementation of the farmto-school regulatory policy (presence and characteristics of local and state sectoral school feeding program management councils (Conselhos de Alimentação Escolar))
- presence of incentives and policies that support local agriculture

 Secondary data on federal transfers to 5,526 municipalities (out of a total of 5,570 municipalities in the country), the Federal District and all 26 states for food procurement as part of the Brazilian National School Feeding Program from 2011 to 2015

- Year and municipality/Federal District or year and state fixed-effect models will be used:
 - for the 26 states
 - for the municipalities/Federal District

 Pooled cross-sectional analysis using food procurement data in the 26 state capitals and the Federal District

 Data: Publicly available survey data of Brazilian 9th graders attending public schools across all 26 state capitals and the Federal District (2009, 2012 and 2015 National School-Based Health Surveys (PeNSE))

 PeNSE surveys are based on the Global School-Based Student Health Survey and the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System

Sample

- 45,597 students from 1,109 schools in 2009
- 44,269 students from 1,048 schools in 2012
- 36,250 students from 940 schools in 2015

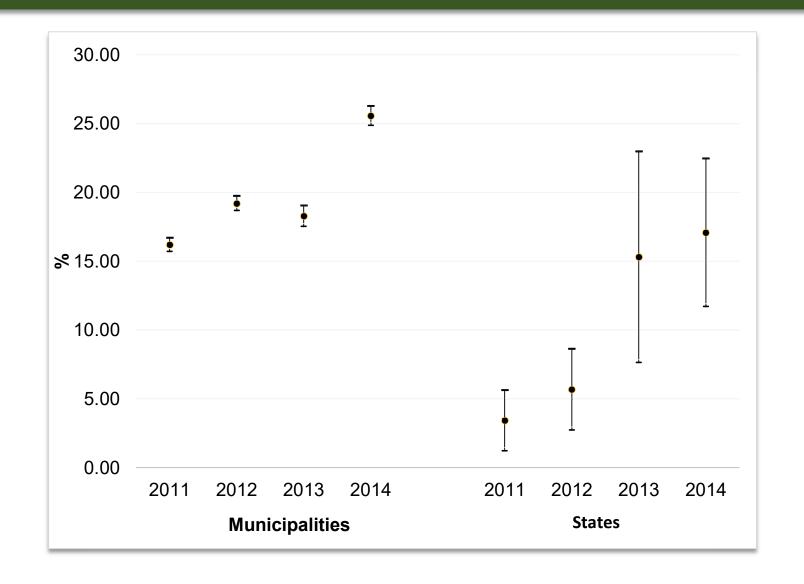
Outcome

Consumption of fruits, vegetables, and beans

Exposure

 Annual percentage of the National School Feeding Program municipal purchases that come from family farming in each year of the study

Federals transfers for food procurement from family farming



*Bars denote mean (95%CI)

Source: FNDE

State capitals and the Federal District

	Weighted federal transfers for food procurement from family farming (%)						
Year	Median	p25	p75				
2011	0.68	0.00	4.71				
2012	1.75	0.00	8.24				
2013	10.09	1.84	21.02				
2014	14.92	5.01	25.87				

Source: FNDE

Questions

- Discuss whether evaluations of regulatory measures of school feeding programs are worth pursuing
 - Including other program regulations (restriction of a few processed foods)

 If these evaluations are worth pursuing, discuss the availability of other secondary datasets considering the strong limitations of the National School-Based Health Surveys (PeNSE))

Other suggestions

Future actions

NUPENS/USP

- 1. Estimate price elasticities for nonessential foods
- 2. Effect of regulatory policies that ban sales of sugar-sweetened beverages and snacks inside schools on students' dietary intake
- 3. Update on obesity and diabetes cost and propose simulations of effects of a potential tax on obesity and diabetes

In-country partners (ACT and IDEC)

- 1. School food environment regulation
- 2. Food labelling (including FOP) under discussion
- 3. Marketing restrictions