

Position of Dietary Diversity on Public Health Nutrition and Potential Interventions Omar Dary, USAID/GH/HIDN/NUT









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Modified from: UNICEF, Strategies for improving nutrition in developing countries, 1990; and Ruel, 2008.



Immediate determinants for "good nutrition"



Although nutrients (foods) are insufficient to assure "good nutrition", they are still essential.



Question 2a: Family ration?



Source: Olney, Leroy, Bliznashka & Ruel. Presentation in the Experimental Biology Meeting, San Diego, CA. April, 2016.



Child stunting (LAZ < -2)





Child anemia (Hb < 11 g/dL)





Content of vitamin B12 in breast milk from several countries

DOSE vs B12 in breast milk, by country



Source: Allen L. , Vitamin B₁₂ deficiency in Guatemala. USDA-ARS, WHNRC, Davis, CA, 2016.



The nutritional value of human milk reflects the current diet of the mother

Nutrients Type I (dependents)				Nutrients Type II (independents; stored?)			
Vit. B ₁	Vit. B ₂	Vit. B ₆	Vit.B ₁₂	Sufficient	Insufficient?		
Vitamin A & E		Vitamin D*		Folate, (Niacin)**	Iron, Zinc		
lodine		Selenium		Calcium	Copper		
Notes: * Can be synthesized from cholesterol and exposure to direct sunlight ** Can be synthesized from amino acids in protein (tryptophan)							

References: Allen LH, *Adv Nutr* 2012; **3**:362-369; and Allen LHGJ, en: Dealange FM WKJ (Ed). *Micronutrient deficiencies in the first months of life*. Basel: Karger Ag; 2003. pp 55-88.



Guatemala HL: More frequent consumed foods by PLW in Guatemala - Optifoods



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Population "Inadequacy" through nutrient density (< EAR/1000 kcal), applied to women– Guatemala 2006



Source : Menchú et al. (INCAP). ENCOVI-2006 Household survey, Guatemala; 2013.



Source: M. Woldt. FANTA/USAID. August 29th, 2013.

	Brea	astfed chil	dren	Non- breastfed children	Women		
	6–8 m	9–11 m	12–23 m	12–23 m	Pregnant	Lactating	
Iron	\triangle				\triangle		
Zinc	\triangle				•	•	
Vit. B-12				•	\diamond	\diamond	
Folate						•	
Calcium ?							

- Not possible to meet nutrient requirement with local foods, including fortified foods
- Not possible to meet nutrient requirement unless consume fortified cereals
- > Not possible to meet nutrient requirement unless consume liver
 - Possible to meet nutrient requirements with local foods



Supply of iron, zinc, vitamin B_{12} and folate by different food groups

Minerals/ Others	Milk	Eggs	FMP ¹	Cereals, roots tubers	Pulses nuts seeds	ProVA fruits & vgt.	Other fruits & vgt.	Oil, ref. flours, sugar
Iron		(+)	++1	(++)	(+++)	(++)	(++)	-
Zinc	-	-	+++	(+)	(++)	(+)	(+)	-
Vit. B-12	++	++	+	-	-	-	-	
Folate (B-9)	-	+	+	+	++++	+	++	-
Fiber	-	-	-	XX	XX	Х	XX	-
Phytates	-	-	-	Х	XX	-	-	-
Polyphenols	-	-	-	-	XX	-	-	-
Oxalates	-	-	-				XX	-
	Notes: ¹ FMP = Fish, meat, poultry; X = relative density, non-nutrient; + = Relative density of the micronutrient.; () low absorption in humans							



Strategies for increasing micronutrient intakes





Comparison of micronutrientdelivering strategies

Characteristic	Diet	Food Fortification	Supplementation				
Principle	Increase nutrient content through selection and appropriate combination of foods	Incorporation of micronutrients to the edible vehicles during the manufacturing process	Syrups/tablets/powders of micronutrients consumed with/without foods (home- "fortification")				
Impact	Additional quantity and quality of the supplied micronutrients (very little to do with the mechanism of delivery)						
PROGRAMMATIC EFFICIENCY (Sustainability)							
Feasible	\checkmark	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{\sqrt{2}}$				
Easy to deliver	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{\sqrt{*}}$	\checkmark				
Accessed by consumers	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\star}}}$	\checkmark				
Practical to monitor	\checkmark	$\sqrt{\sqrt{*}}$	$\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{1}}}$				
Viable <u>total</u> cost.	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{\sqrt{*}}$	\checkmark				

* If centralized and reasonable-developed food industries are involved.



Guatemala HL: Degree of acceptability of Optifood recommendations



- Retos de costo, particularmente para papilla de Incaparina, pero también era problema para frijoles, huevos y papas (en Quiché).
- Preferencia para servir solamente el caldo de vegetales de hojas verdes y de frijol, y atol líquido en vez de papilla –lo cual disminuía el éxito de las RBAs de vegetales de hojas verdes, frijoles y de papilla.

Source: P. Dominguez, Webinar FANTA/USAID – INCAP. June 28th, 2016. <u>http://www.incap.int/index.php/es/registro</u>