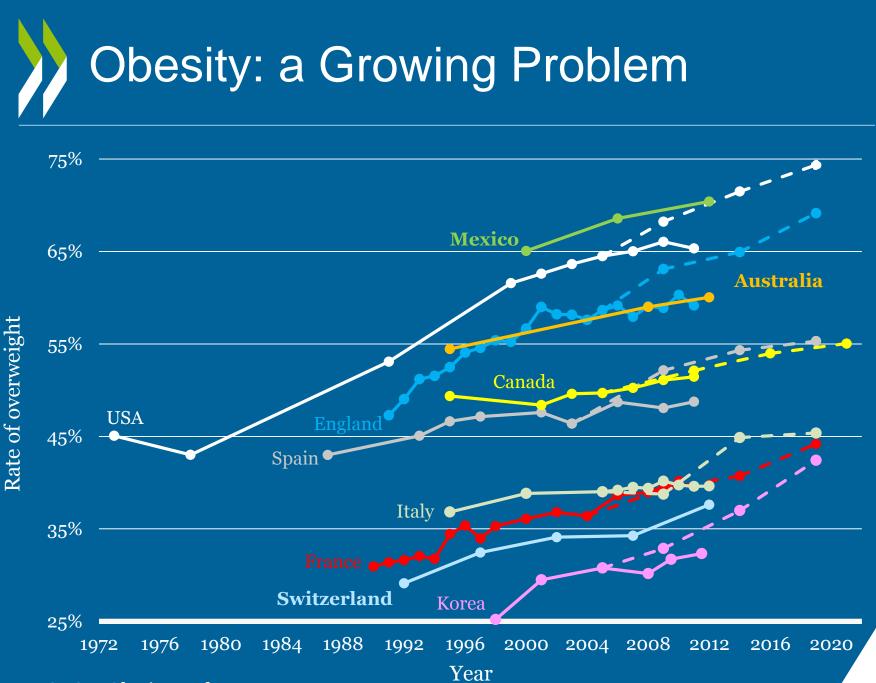
IMPROVING LIFESTYLES, TACKLING OBESITY: THE HEALTH AND ECONOMIC IMPACT OF PREVENTION

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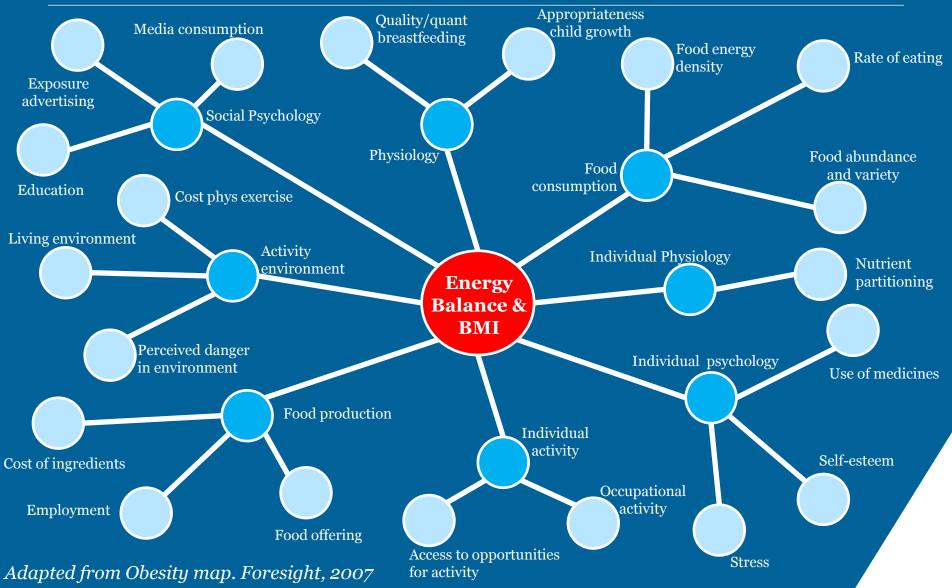


Source: OECD, Obesity Update 2014



10 lessons we have learnt

1 Obesity is the Result of Complex Interactions

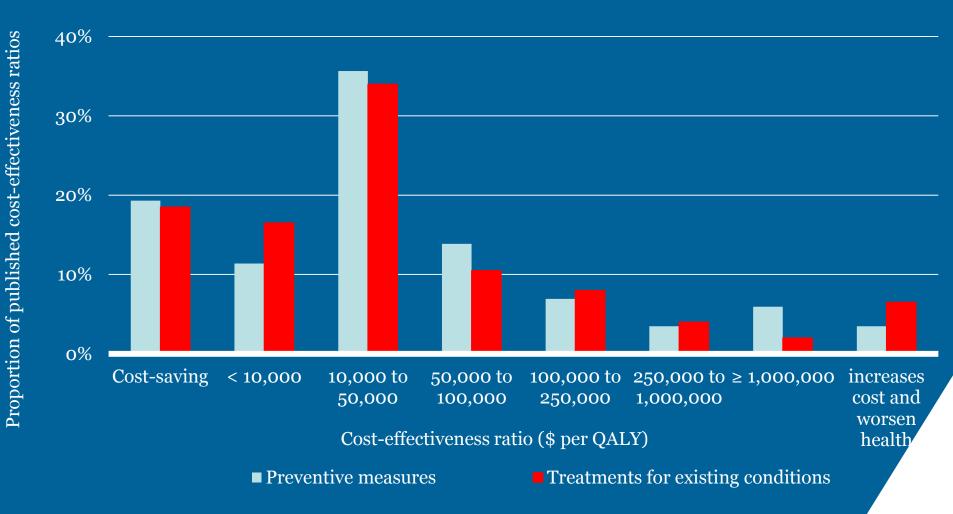


Policy-Makers Have Clear Questions

- Does prevention improve health?
- Does it reduce health expenditure?
- Does it improve health inequalities?
- Is it cost-effective?
- When will desired effect show up?

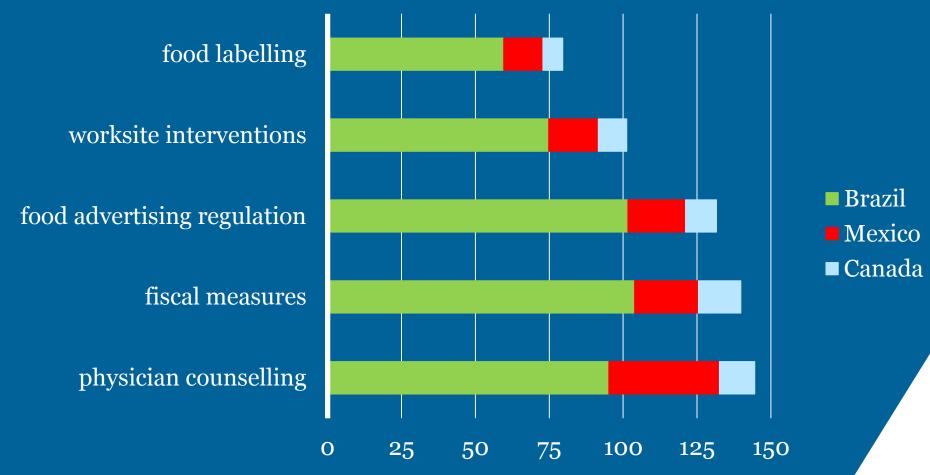
Prevention Should Be Assessed on a Fair Basis

Cost-effectiveness of Preventive measures and tratments



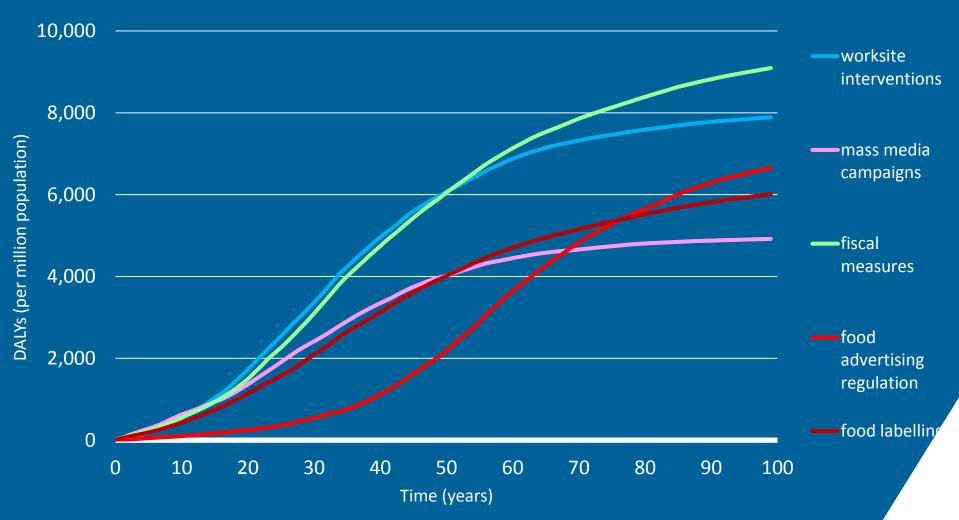


Life years in good health (thousands)



Source: OECD estimates from CDP model

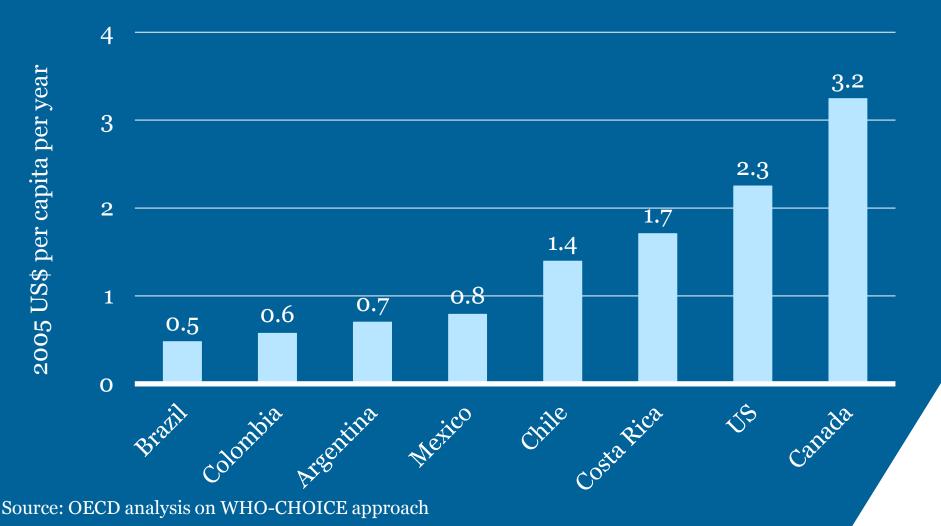
5 But Some Interventions Require Longer Timeframes (UK)



Source: OECD estimates from CDP model

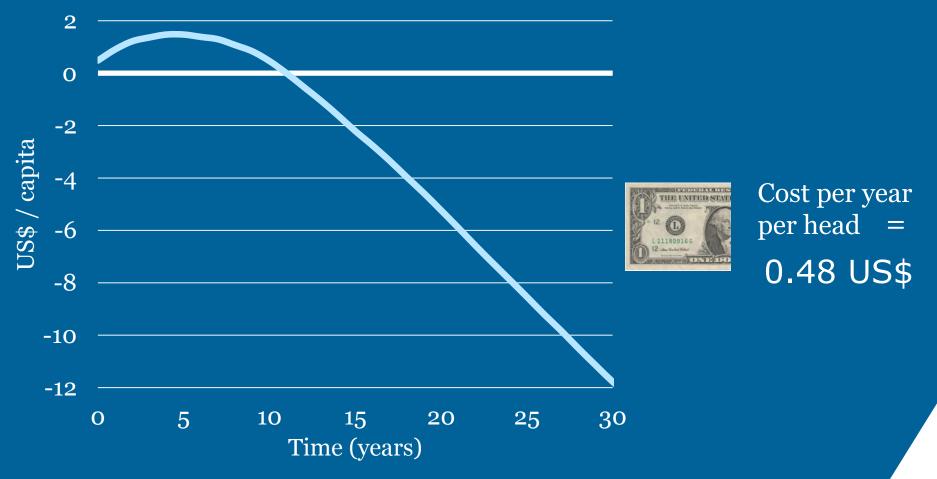


Cost of implementing a "regulatory" prevention package in the Americas



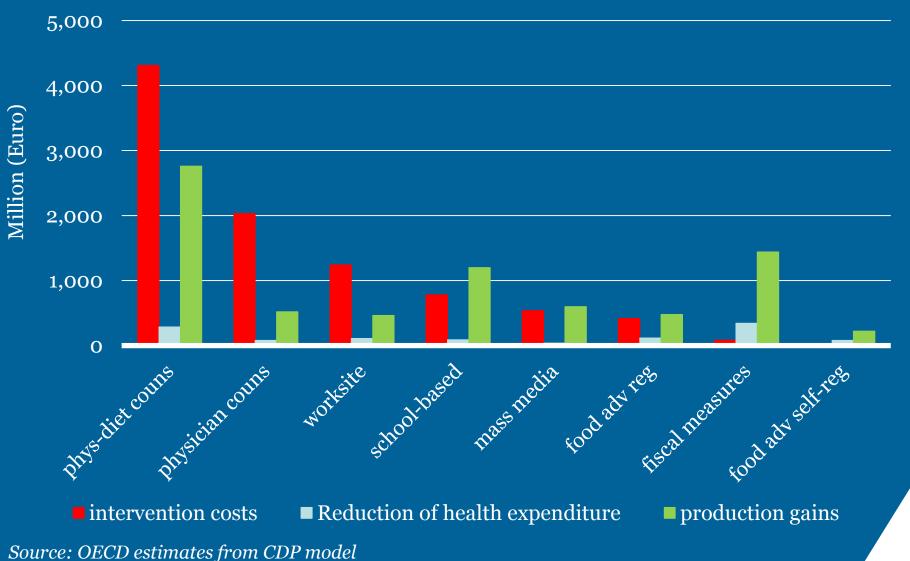
7 In Some Cases Savings on Healthcare Expenditure are Larger Than Costs

net cost of the intervention - Brazil



Source: OECD estimates from CDP model

Production Gains are Larger Than Savings on Healthcare Expenditure



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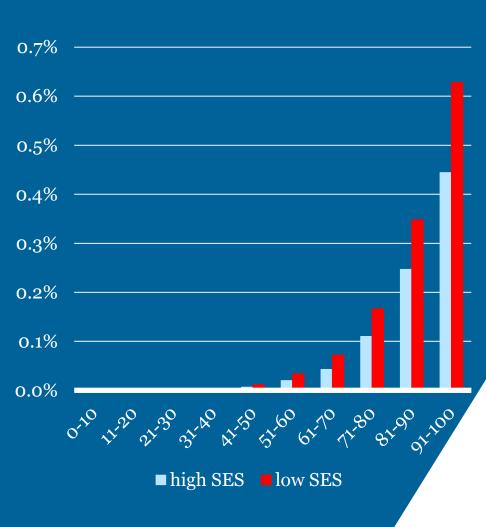
9 People with Low SES Pay More but Gain More

Different social groups have:

- Different risk profiles:
 - Larger benefits in those most at risk (~)

Different responses to interventions:

Larger benefits with a greater response



Fiscal measures

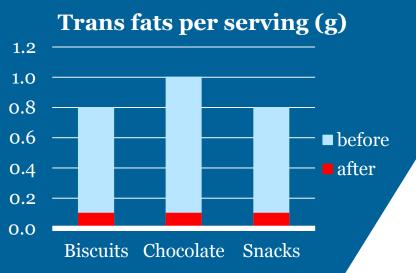
Source: OECD, Health Working Paper 48

10 Multi-stakeholder Approaches Have Challenges but Offer Opportunities

Reducing trans-fats in South Korea

- Collaboration between industry, universities, research institutes and government
- Content of trans fat to be compulsory on the label of child food products
- Government (KFDA) provides R&D support for the industry





Source: OECD, Fit not Fat, 2010

OECD Work on Preventing Obesity



- OECD Obesity update 2014 [The economic crisis & obesity]
- OECD/WHO-Euro/Europ. Observatory book
- OECD health working papers HWP 32, 45, 46, 48, [65], 66
- Lancet papers on NCDs and priority interventions
- WHO/OECD "Best buys" paper for the UN Summit on NCDs