



# CHILEAN EXPERIENCE IN CHILD UNDERNUTRITION AND STUNTING

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#### **ANTECEDENTS**

GROW GREAT

Optimal nutrition the first 1000 days of life

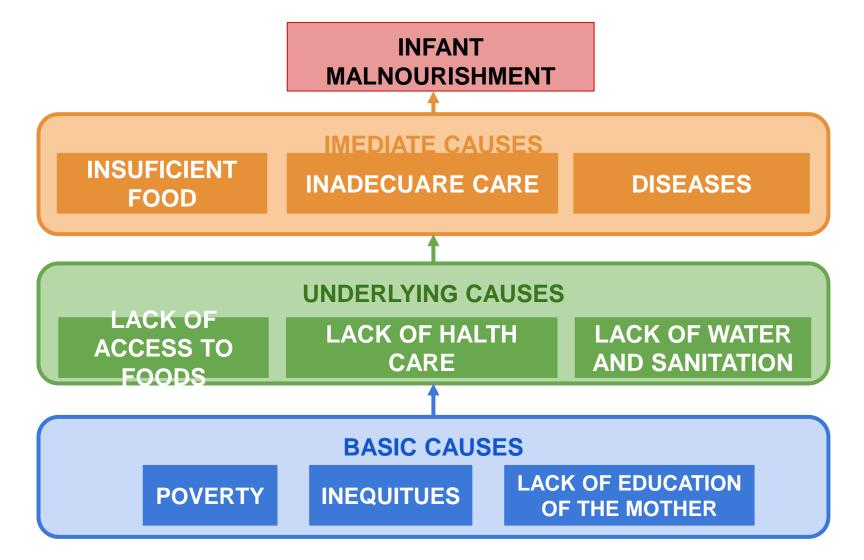
- Associated with less Infant Mortality
- Well nourish Children learn better at school
- Well nourish adults and healthy are more productive
- A better nutrition is the entry point to end poverty have a better quality of life and sustainable development of a country

Chronic
Malnourishment in
Children

Probably one of the best indicators to capture the most important dimension of social problems of the country, including poverty social exclusion and low coverage of social and health services.

# CAUSES OF MALNOURISHMENT IN CHILDREN





# HISTORY OF CHRONIC MALNOURISHMENT IN CHILE

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First half of XX century

Food insecurity and high malnourishment of mother and children

Infant Mortality was over 200 per 1000 newborn.

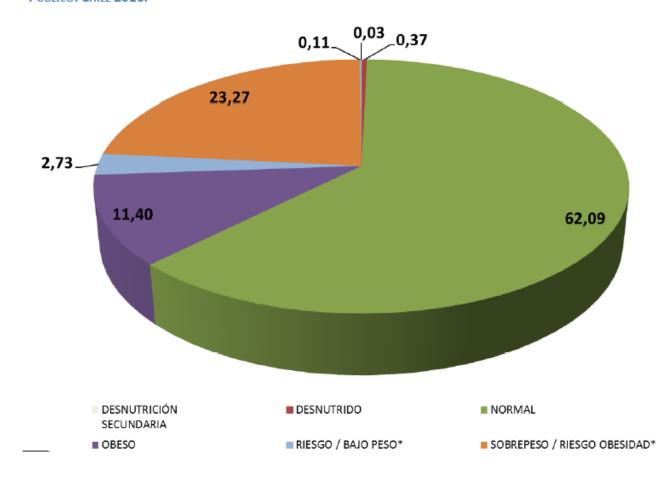
Economic situation of the country not very encouraging with a gross internal product of US\$1.800year 1950, very similar to the average of LAC

The state initiates strategies, plans and programs in Health, nutrition and other activities to increase the level of education, social protection and economic development of the country

### NUTRITIONAL STATUS OF CHILE 2016



Gráfico № 1: DIAGNÓSTICO NUTRICIONAL DE LOS MENORES DE 6 AÑOS. POBLACIÓN BAJO CONTROL EN EL SISTEMA PÚBLICO. CHILE 2016.

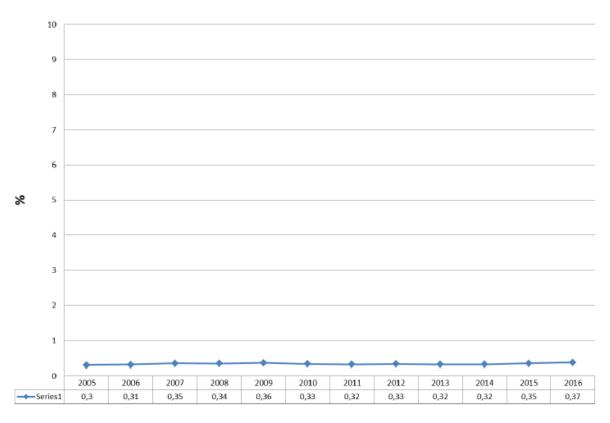


# INFANT MALNOURISHMENT IN CHILE TODAY



 La prevalencia de desnutrición en los niños controlados en el sistema público de salud se mantiene estable desde el año 2005 al año 2016, con valores bajo el 1%.

GRÁFICO № 7: PREVALENCIA DE DESNUTRICIÓN DEL MENOR DE SEIS AÑOS. POBLACIÓN EN CONTROL EN SISTEMA PÚBLICO. CHILE. 2005-2016.



# UNDERNUTRITION CHILE 1960-2009

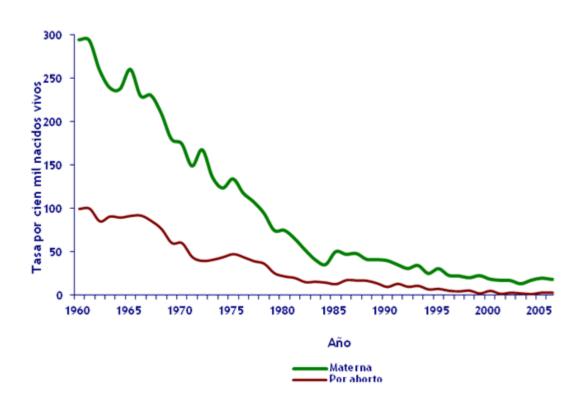


YEAR	Desnutrición Leve % -2DE a <-1 DE	Desnutrición Moderada % -3 DE a < -2 DE	Desnutrición Grave % < -3DE	Total %
1960	31,1	4,1	1,8	37,0
1970	15,8	2,5	1,0	19,3
1980	10,0	1,4	0,2	11,5
1990	7,7	0,2	0,1	8,0
2000	2,6	0,2	0,1	2,9
2009	2,4	0,4	-	2,8

### INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY



Mortalidad Materna Global y por Aborto, Chile 1960-2005



### DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION



#### Cobertura nacional de agua y alcantarillado en Chile, 1970-2000

Año	Agua Potable	Alcantarillado
	%	
1970	72,3	41,2
1980	92,5	65,3
1990	97,3	78,1
1994	98,9	88,7
2000	99,2	93,0

#### **MAIN STRATEGIES**



SOCAIL POLICIES

Priority to defat hunger and malnourishment as a policy of the State

Continuity of the intervention over different governments from different political parties.

Strong participation of the Universities and the Scientific societies.

Social Movement on favor of a quality of nutrition

CONCRETE ACTIONS

#### Primary Health Care with a health TEAM

Creation of the National Program of delivering nutritional products linked to health control activities . Natality control

Increase in the educational level of the population Increased availability of drinking water and sewerage Public-private partnerships in search of technological and productive

#### POLICIES DEVELOPMENT

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Since the middle of XX century public policies were developed focusing in ending malnourishment in Children.

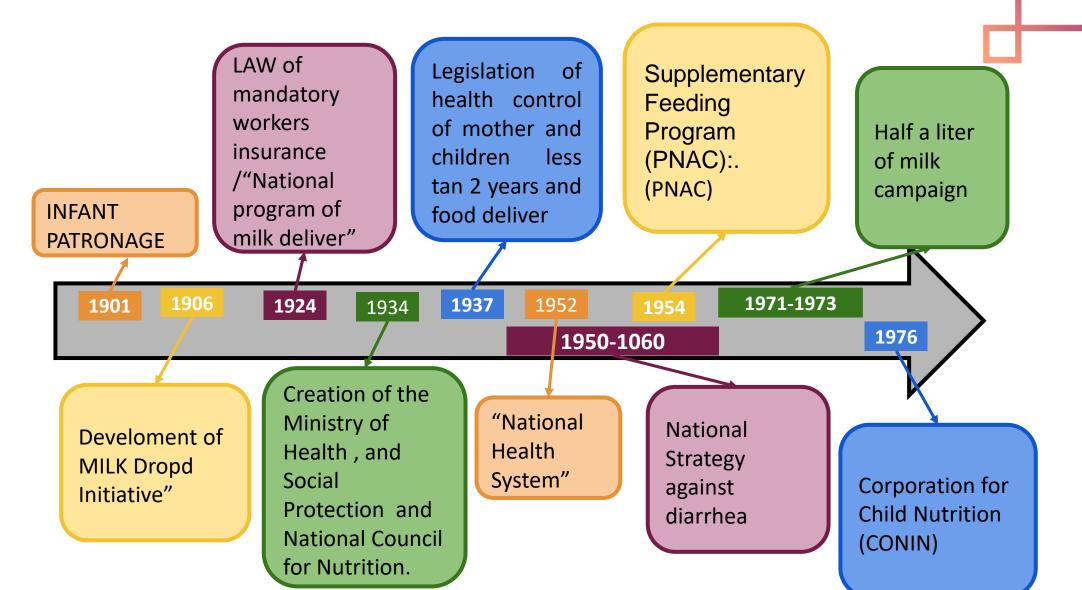
Supplementary
Feeding Program
(PNAC): Delivery of food to all children served in health

More frequent health controls and reinforced food deliver to children at risk of malnourishment or mild malnutrition (secondary prevention)

Hospitalization in rehabilitation centers of The Corporation of Child Nutrition (CONIN) for those infants with moderate to sever malnutrition (tertiary prevention)

#### **HISTORY OF CHILEAN POLICIES**

**GROW GREAT** 



### OTHER IMPORTANT MILESTONES

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- 1. Family Planning programs and increase in the educational level of the mother allowed significant reduction in fertility rates a trend that was attenuated in the 90s
- 2. There was also a significant impact in maternal mortality
- 3. From the 602 school population feeding programs were developed,
- 4. Vaccination programs.
- 5. Nursery networks developed
- 6. Breast feeding
- 7. Food fortification: iron, flour,
- 8. Food programs.

#### HUMAN RESOURCES, RESEARCH AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT



The training of human resources (pre and postgraduate) related to food and nutrition has been prioritized, achieving an adequate level of knowledge and experience in professionals and technicians working I n primary care (nurses, nutritionists, midwives, doctors, paramedics)

University Research focus on nutrition INTA

#### MONITORING AND EVALUATION



efficient nutritional surveillance system The allowed since 1975 a continuous record of the nutritional status of 1.2 million children and pregnant women controlled in the public health system In addition, a system of information on the prevalence of birth weight was established in low maternity hospitals, which together with the information on infant mortality recorded in Chile since 1904, allowed for very strict monitoring of malnutrition in Chile

# NATIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING PROGRAM (PNAC):



It is created in 1954

It presents an uninterrupted history of more than half a century
Its purpose is "to contribute to maintain and improve the nutritional
status of the population" It points to the control of malnutrition problems,
with an initial emphasis on deficit malnutrition, then incorporating
problems of excess malnutrition It is universal in nature and
considers a set of preventive and recovery nutritional support
activities, through which food is distributed to children under 6,
pregnant women and nurses

# NATIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING PROGRAM (PNAC):



Food delivery is made through the establishments of the Primary Health Care network Currently, the PNAC distributes a year close to 16 million kilos of various foods throughout the country, where dairy products represent 98% of the total volume





Hace 50 años

Hoy

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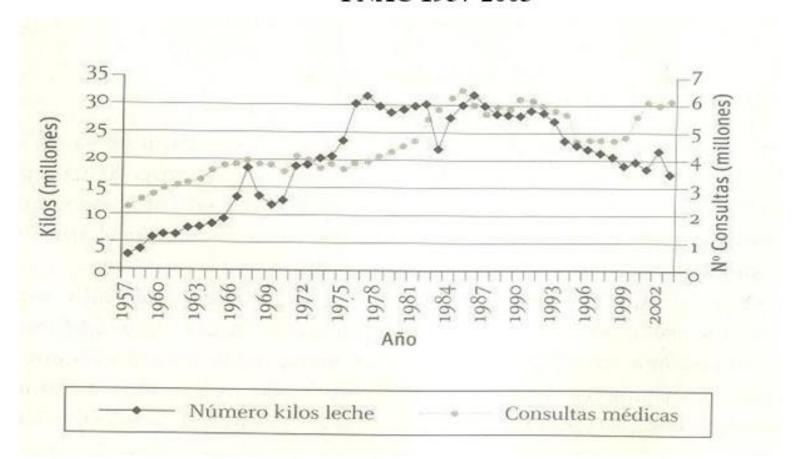
Consultas de salud por enfermeras y cantidad de alimentos entregados,



# PROGRAMA NACIONAL DE ALIMENTACIÓN COMPLEMENTARIA (PNAC)



Consultas infantiles por Médico y cantidad de alimentos distribuidos a través del PNAC 1957-2003



#### **LESSONS LEARNED**



- > PUBLIC POLICIES OF THE STATE.
- > SUSTEINABILITY OF INTERVENTIONS.
- > STREGHTHENING OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
- > COMMUNITY PARTICIPATIONA INVOLVING KEY
- > STAKE HOLDERS AND CIVIL SOCIETY.
- > PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS IN THE SEARCH FOR
- > TECHNOLOGICAL AND PRODUCTIVE SOLUTIONS.
- > HEALTH: UNIVERSAL HEALTH CHECKS AND FAMILY PLANNING.
- > INCREASE THE EDUCATIONAL LEVEL OF THE POPULATION.
- > INCREASED AVAILABILITY OF DRINKING WATER AND SEWERAGE.
- > MONITORING SYSTEMS TO ASSESS COMPLIANCE WITH
- > THE PROPOSED GOALS
- > SUPPLEMENTARY FOOD PROGRAMS

# ¿IS IT POSSIBLE TO ERRADICATE CHILD MALNUTRITION?

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- > Yes, but together, among several institutions, and with different actions sustained over time.
- > The greatest impact is achieved in interventions aimed at pregnant women,

lactation period and children under 3 years = damage reversibility stage. (1000 days).

- > Promotion, primary and secondary prevention.
- > Actions to cure.
- Virtuous circle of good nutrition

#### FINAL REFLECTION



The Chilean experience allows us to suggest that it is possible to eradicate child malnutrition before reaching good levels of economic development in the country, with state commitment, alignment of public policies, strengthening of the health system, political will and concrete actions to improve maternal and child health