



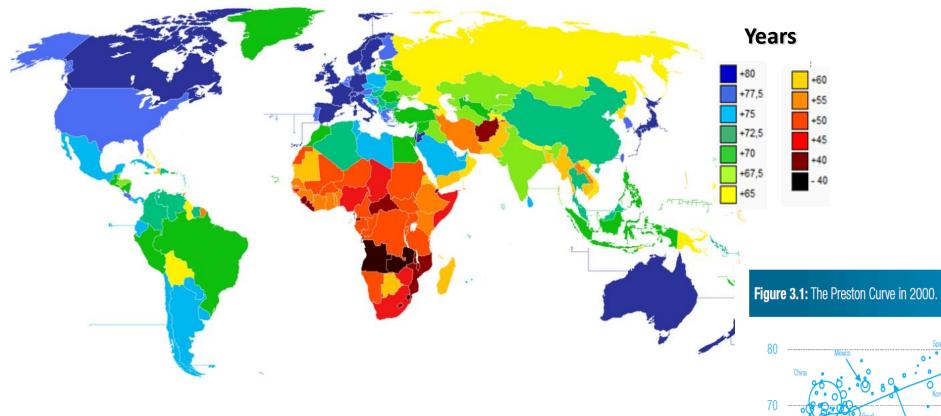
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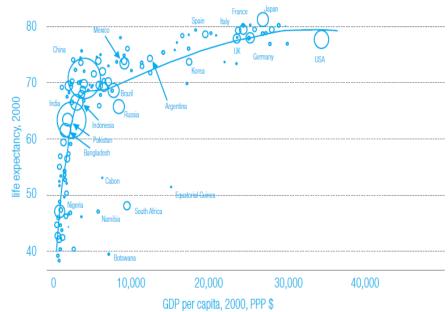
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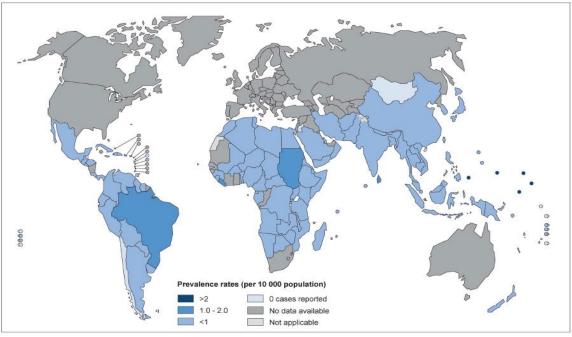
Life Expectancy at Birth





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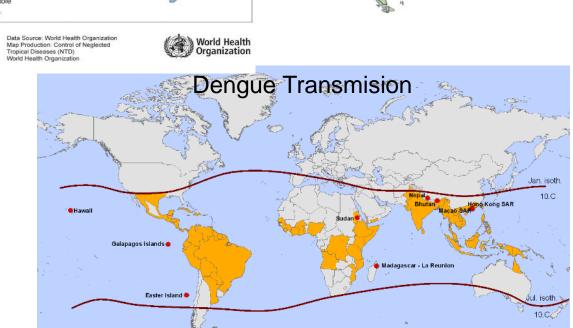
Leprosy prevalence rates, data reported to WHO as of beginning January 2011

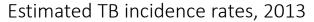


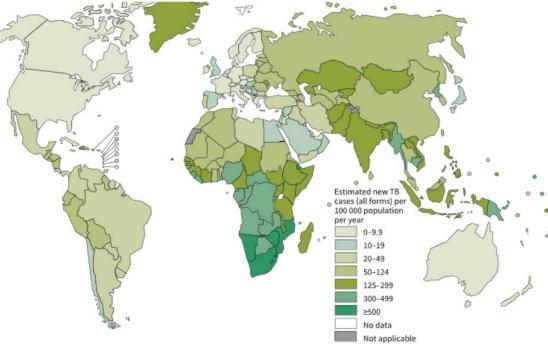
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Geographic extension of dengue, 2000-2007

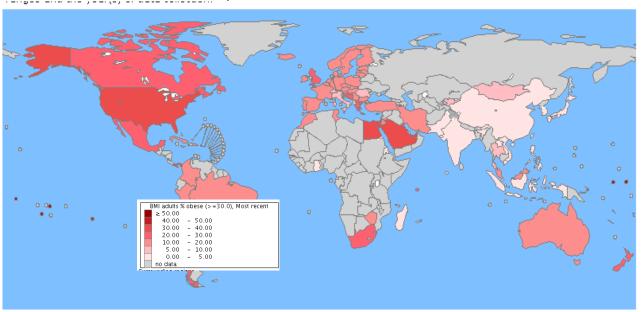
Risk of dengue transmission





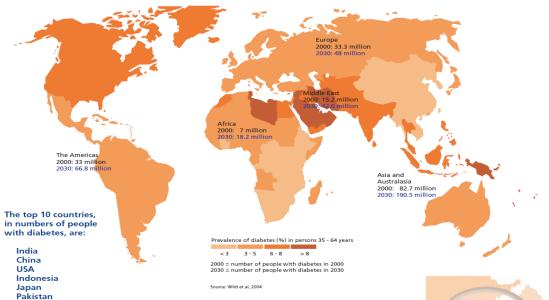


Obesity in the World

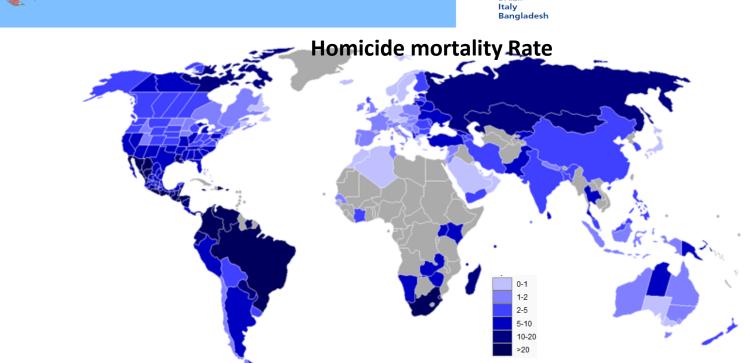


Prevalence of diabetes

Russia Brazil



Year			2000	2030	
Rankii	ng Country	People	with	diabetes	(millions
1	India	115	31.7	79.4	
2	China		20.8	42.3	
3	United States of Ame	rica	17.7	30.3	



An assessment of progress towards universal health coverage in Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS)

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Overview of financial health protection programmes in BRICS countries

	Brazil	Russia	India	China	South Africa
Out-of-pocket spending on health (% of total health expenditure, 2011) ⁵²	57.8%	35%	59%	35%	7%
Gini index (year)53	54.7 (2009)	40.1 (2009)	33.4 (2005)	47 (2007)	63.1 (2009)
GNI per head (US\$, 2011)54	\$11420	\$20560	\$3590	\$8390	\$10710
Annual GDP growth rate (5 year average; 2007–11) 55	4.4%	2.8%	7.8%	10.4%	2.8%
Public expenditure on health (% of GDP, year) ⁵²	3·3% (2005), 4·1% (2011)	3·2% (2005), 3·7% (2011)	0·9% (2005), 1·2% (2011)	1·8% (2005), 2·9% (2011)	3·4% (2005), 4·1% (2011)
Private expenditure on health (% of GDP, 2009) ⁵²	4.9%	1.9%	2.8%	2.3%	5.1%
Health expenditure (% total of GDP, 2010) ⁵²	9%	5.1%	4.1%	5.1%	8.9%
BRICS=Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. GNI=gross national income. GDP=gross domestic product.				<i>Marten</i> et al,	2014

The BRICS countries show substantial, and often similar, challenges in moving towards UHC. On the basis of a review of each country, the most pressing problems are:

- raising insufficient public spending;
- stewarding mixed private and public health systems;
- ensuring equity;
- meeting the demands for more human resources;
- managing changing demographics and disease burdens;
- addressing the social determinants of health.

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"The challenge is ultimately political, requiring continuous engagement by Brazilian society as a whole to secure the right to health for all Brazilian people"

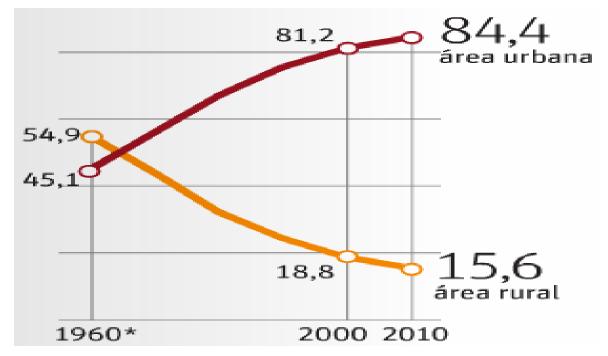


Brazil

Federative Republic (27 States and 5570 municipalities

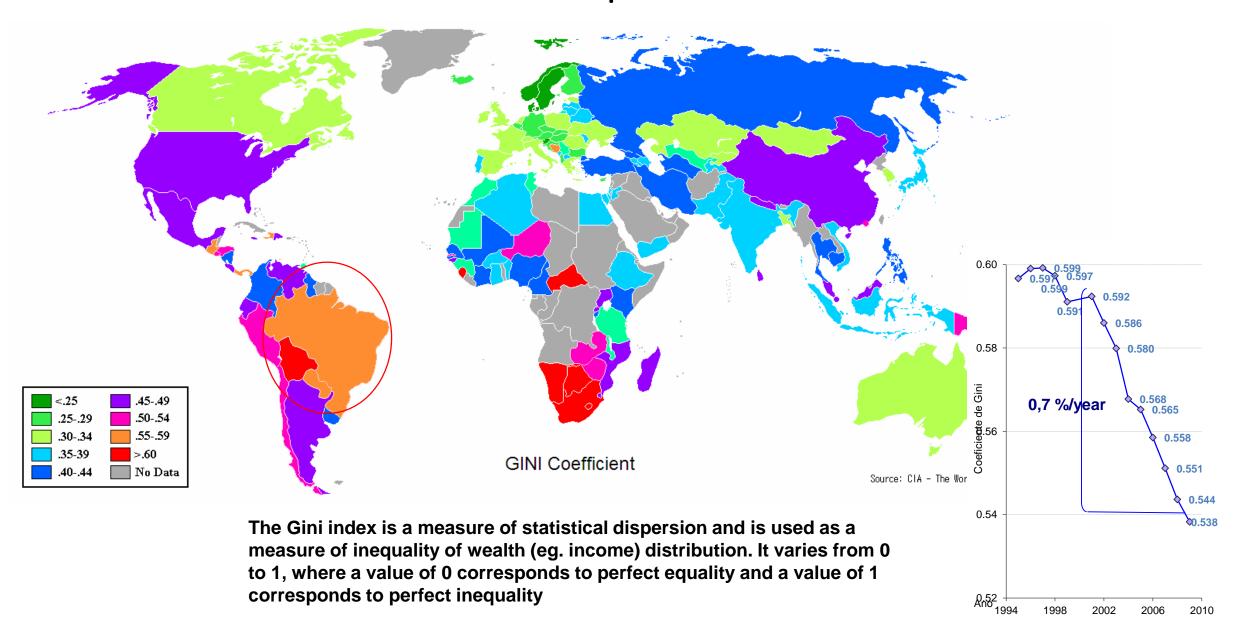
8,5 million Km²

203 million inhabitants

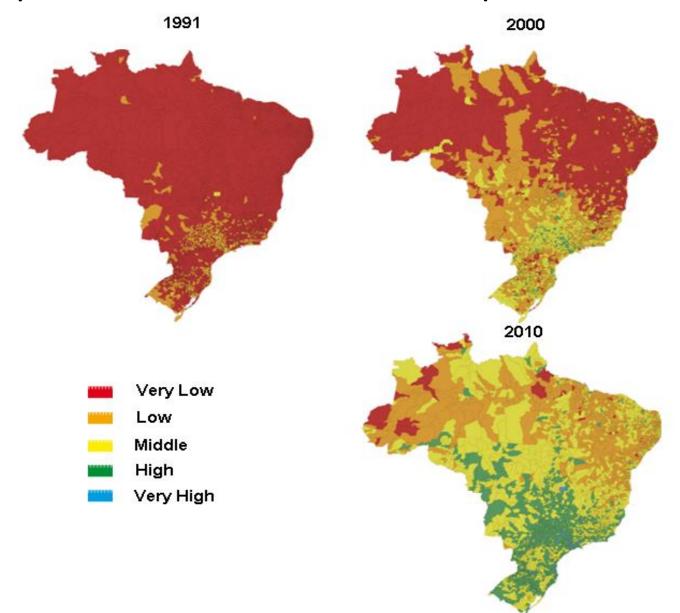


Brazil – Trends Urban-Rural population

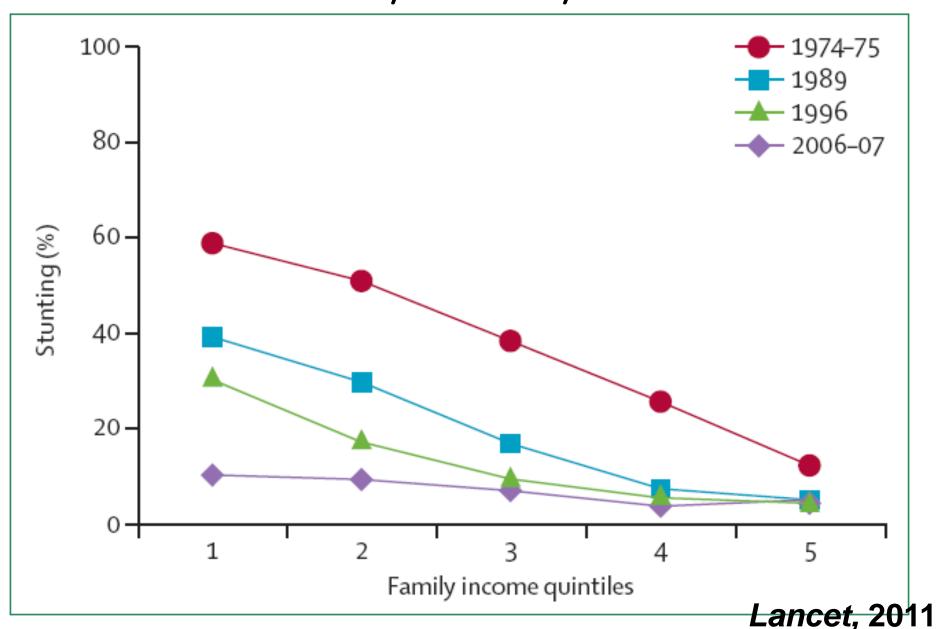
GINI Index – Social Inequalities



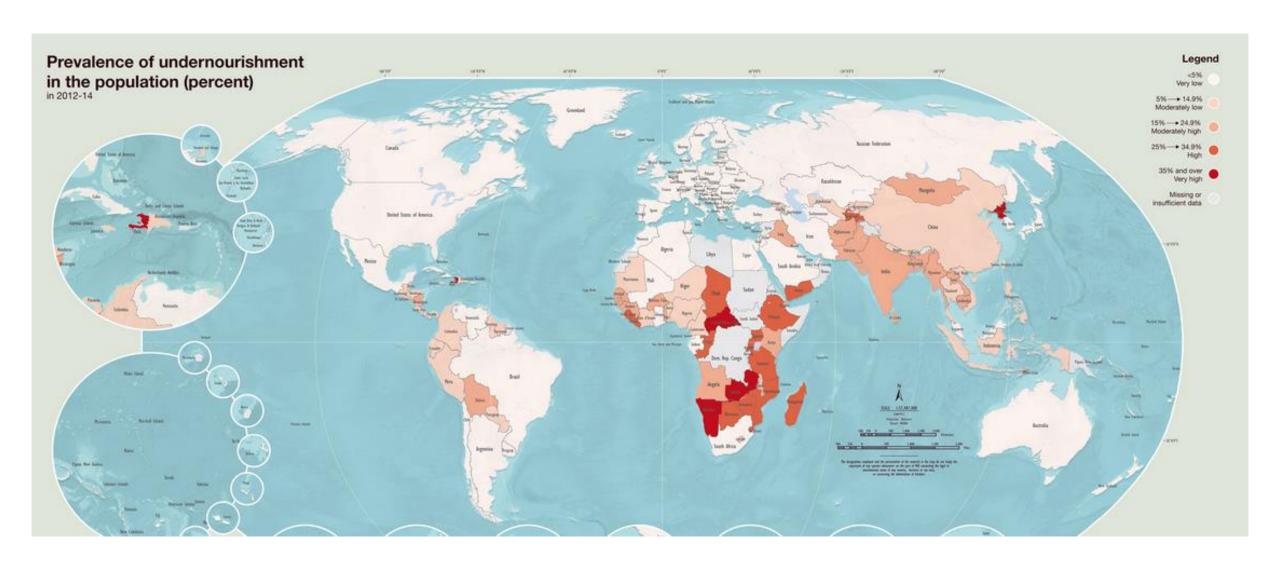
Human Development Index of Brazilian Municipalities 1991-2000-2010.



Prevalence of undernutrition- height deficit (<5 years) by family income, 1974/5 - 2006/7







Important Factors of Change

- Economic Growth
- Sustainable Increases in the Minimum Wage
- Low unemployment rates
- Improvement in Education
- Development of a comprehensive and equitable Health System
- Strong Social Protection Programs

The Health System - Introduction

• Since 1988, Brazil has developed a dynamic, complex health system (the Unified Health System; SUS), which is based on the principles of health as a citizen's right and the state's duty.

• The SUS aims to provide comprehensive, universal, preventive and curative care through decentralized management and provision of health services, and promotes community participation at all administrative levels.

• The Brazilian Health Sector Reform occurred at the same time as democratization, and was spearheaded by health professionals and individuals in civil society movements and organisations.

Federal Constitution, art. 196 (1988)

 "health is a right of all citizens and a duty of the state, granted by social and economic policies aimed to reduce the risk of diseases and the universal and equitable access to actions and services to its promotion, protection and recovery".

Some special features of the Brazilian Unified Health System - SUS

- Social Participation
- Expansion of human manpower in health
- The "mix" public-private
- Capacity building for health research
- Mass media and health promotion
- Regulation and medicines
- Effective and equitable Primary Health Care The Family Health Program

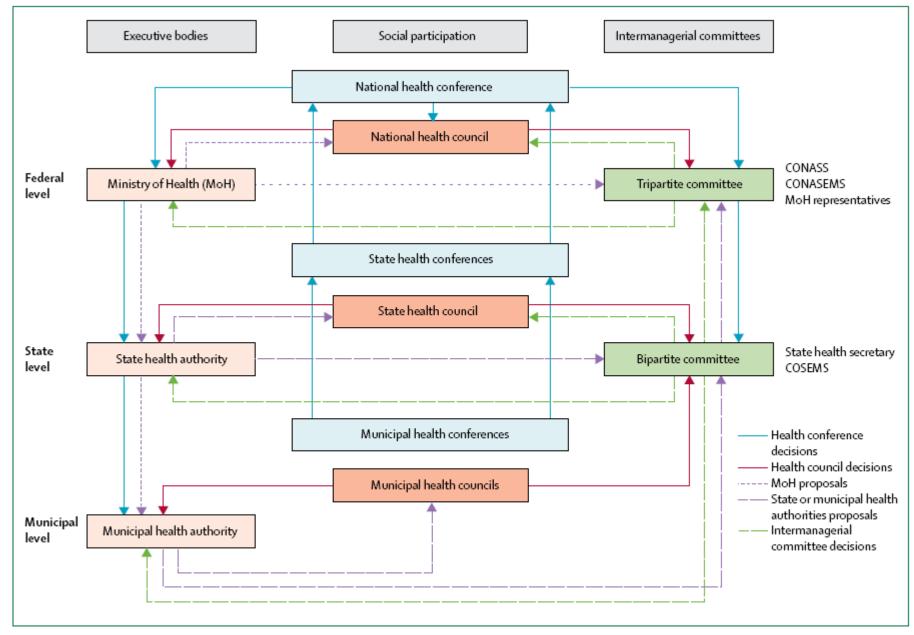


Figure 4: SUS policy-making and social participation process

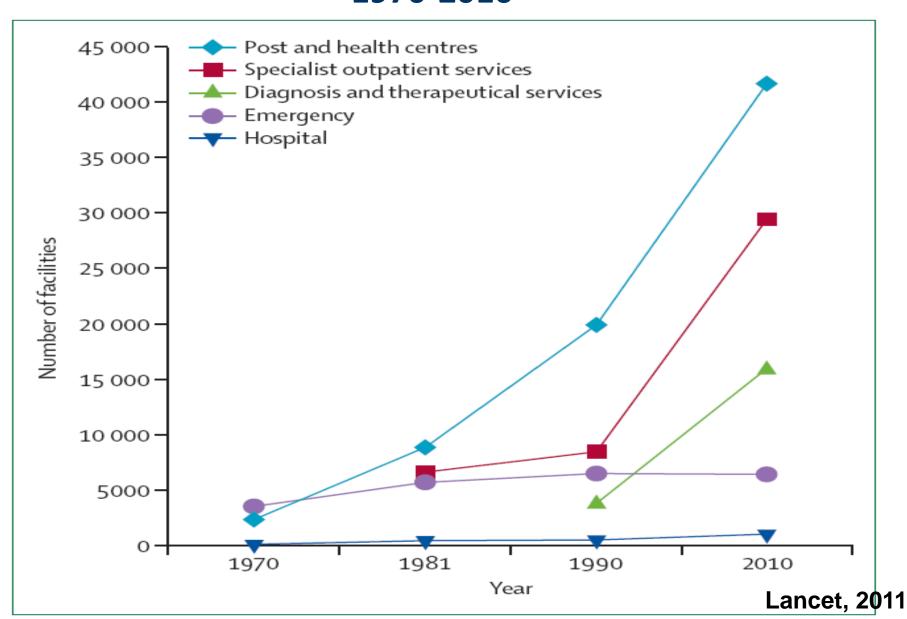
CONASS= national council of state officers. CONASEMS= national council of municipal health secretaries. CONSEMS= state council of municipal officers. Data from reference 47.

	R\$m (%)	% GDP
Taxes and social contributions	53329 (39-05%)	3.14
Federal	27181 (19-90%)	1.6
States	12144 (8-89%)	0.7
Municipalities	14 003 (10-25%)	0.8
Private	83 230 (60-95%)	4.89
Family spending66*	65325 (47-84%)	3.84
Employer company spending∞†	17 905 (13·11%)	1.05
Total	136559 (100%)‡	8-03

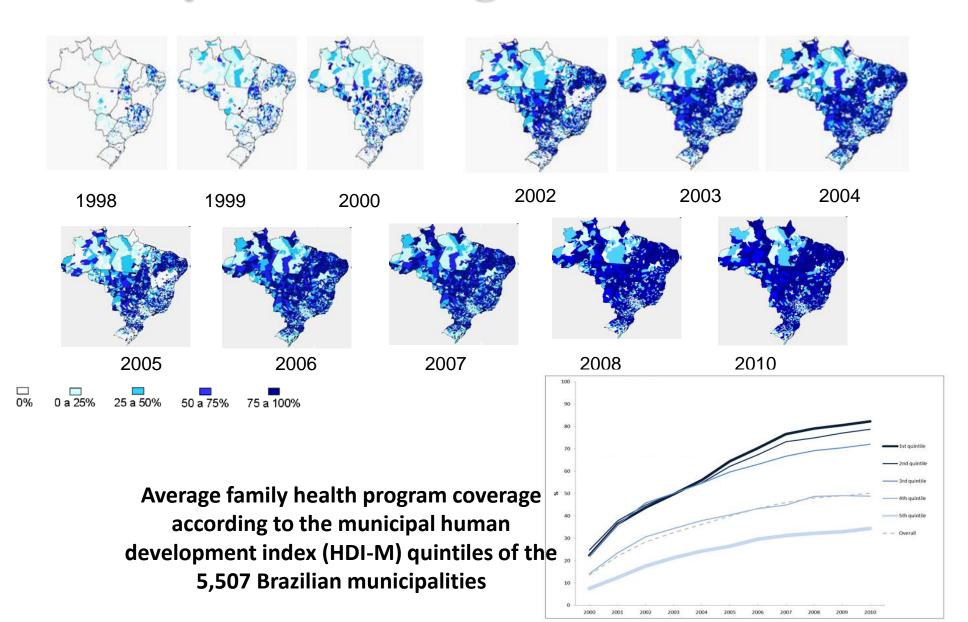
Data from references 6 and 7, unless otherwise stated. GDP=gross domestic product. *Estimated from the national household expense survey 2002–03 (corrected by the consumer-price inflation index). †Estimated from information on private health plan and insurance billing provided to the national health insurance regulatory agency. ‡GDP in 2006=R\$1.7 trillion.

Table 4: Estimated health spending in 2006

Expansion of the health-care facilities in Brazil,1970-2010



Family Health Program



Family Health Program (FHP)

FHP teams

- physician (1)

 1 team 1,000 families
- nurse (1) \square 1 CHW 150 families
- nursing staff (2)
- community health workers (CHW) (6)
- oral health professionals (1)

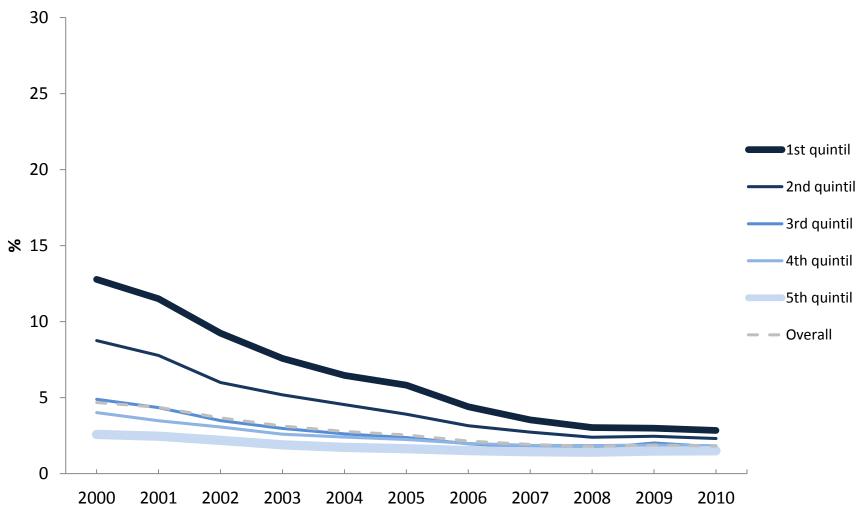
NASF multi-professional support teams

- NASF 1: at least five specialists linked to the minimum of 8 to 20 Family Health Teams.
- NASF 2: at least three specialists linked to the minimum of 3 Family Health Teams.

Impact of FHP: Summary

☐ Increase overall access and improve equity in Health Care
 ☐ Reduce overall childhood mortality and hospitalizations
 ☐ Reduce hospitalizations by causes sensitive to primary care
 ☐ Reduce mortality and hospitalizations by cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases

Trends in percentage of pregnant women without any prenatal visit at the moment of delivery according to quintiles of municipal HDI.



Data Source: MS/SVS/DASIS - Sistema de Informações sobre Nascidos Vivos - SINASC Barreto et al, 2014

RESEARCH AND PRACTICE

Impact of the Family Health Program on Infant Mortality in Brazilian Municipalities

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Despite stagration in economic growth, drift wars, and the EBV/AIDS epidemic, with the exception of a few countries in Altico and Asia. isfast morality continued to dedine throughout the 1990s in developing countries, although the rate of decline was less than in the 2 pressous decades.1 Although social and ecorunne factors are still fundamental determinants of these trends, even in contests of recession and economic crisis. De persistent reduction in infant. mortality draws attention to other factors. Suppost is increming for the idea that the decline in infact mortdity is the result of a troos range of determinants, more of which result from social policies fast view implemented during this periosi.2-4 However, although different actions by health systems offert infant mortality, lew-studies have evaluated the total impact of programs, such to primary health one ones, that combine a set of interventions aircel at verious risk factors."

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Some 1994, the Family Health Program (ITH) has been an important piller in the reorganization of the Unified National Health. System, whose organizational principles inskele universality and equity. By 2004, the program had been implemented in 82% of Brusil's 5560 municipalities, revering some-40% of the total nutional ascralation. The PERF is contined on a fately and community appreach in which multiprofessional teams tipduding physicians, nurses, community health agents, and oral health professionals? work under the principles of comprehensive care. 12

Objectives. We evaluated the effects of the Family Health Fregues (1941). whategy for neargestables of primary health-care at a nationwide level in the as letters mortality at a municipality level.

Methods: We collected distains PHP coverage and infant manality rates for of \$557 Scartlan municipal rises from 1990 to 2004. We performed a multi-arrive regression promise for painel document a negative binding response to all fland effects modes situal controlled for demographic legal, and economic upruc-

Western We observed a statistically apprint or negative association between FHP saverage and other monorey are. After we controlled for paternal ac-Foundation, the early enter in the relative reset for rate was \$2.0%, \$6.0%, and \$10.0% requestionly for the 2 levels of SHP or engage. The effect of the SHP was greater of municipalities with a righer within mornilly into and inworth man decisions. Index at the beginning of the study period.

Conclusions. The FMP road as important effect on reducing the select model. rate in Brasilian municipalities from 1996 to 2004. The FHF may also continue toward reducing health inequalities. (Am J Public Hovin, 2008-99-07-00, sin-10.2105/AJPH.2007.1274804

Each Fill team is responsible for permission. and sestematic followup of a given number of families resulting in a circumscribed area and for establishing ties of contributer a and shared 2004. The PEU strategy in Brazil and the responsibility. Proper actions in the FHP inchale premotion, presention, and care for Irraedireding prevatal over recorded and unde-5 one, incremination and other actions toward prevention, and comogeneous of inflictious elsences such as districts."

The year 2008 marks the 30th are increasy of the Alexa-Ata Declaration, which advocated printing health care based on the principles of community participation and the use of appropriated technology in health promotion and disease prevention and control. Worldwide, primary health our principles have received great attention, and the need to nearer and subspt these principles in different, contents has host stressed. Soveral international initiatives provide apport wittes to discuss and evaluate countries' efforts to provide health for all and produce recommendations about the role of primary health care gives the complexity of today's health challenges 12-16

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METHODS

We adopted an ecological and longitudinal approach in which we used a panel data or longitudinal rists readel. A panel rists set 10 contains observations on multiple oritins log. individuals, ction, countes), for which each entity is observed at 2 or more points in time. In our study, the municipality (county) was the and of analysis, and time-series data were asweekled from several databases for 1996 to

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EVIDENCE BASED PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY AND PRACTICE

Evaluation of the impact of the Family Health Program on infant mortality in Brazil, 1990-2002

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Objective: To use publicly available secondary data to assess the impact of Brazil's Family Health Program on state level infant mortality rates (IMR) during the 1990s.

Design: Longitudinal ecological analysis using panel data from secondary sources. Analyses controlled for state level measures of access to clean water and sanitation, average income, women's literacy and fertility, physicians and nurses per 10 000 population, and hospital beds per 1000 population. Additional analyses controlled for immunisation coverage and tested interactions between Family Health Program and proportionate mortality from diarrhoea and acute respiratory infections.

Setting: 13 years (1990-2002) of data from 27 Brazilian states.

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Main results: From 1990 to 2002 IMR declined from 49.7 to 28.9 per 1000 live births. During the same period average Family Health Program coverage increased from 0% to 36%. A 10% increase in Family Health Program coverage was associated with a 4.5% decrease in IMR, controlling for all other health determinants (p<0.01). Access to clean water and hospital beds per 1000 were negatively associated with IMR, while female illiteracy, fertility rates, and mean income were positively associated with IMR. Examination of interactions between Family Health Program coverage and diarrhoea deaths suggests the programme may reduce IMR at least partly through reductions in diarrhoea deaths. Interactions with deaths from acute respiratory infections were ambiguous.

Conclusions: The Family Health Program is associated with reduced IMR, suggesting it is an important, although not unique, contributor to declining infant mortality in Brazil. Existing secondary datasets provide an important tool for evaluation of the effectiveness of health services in Brazil.

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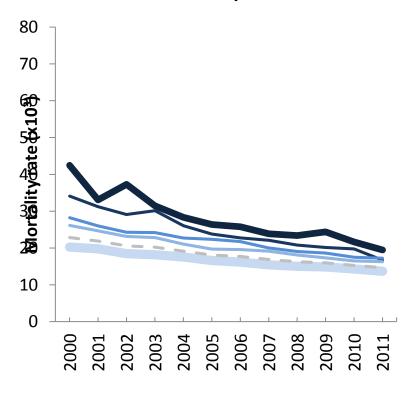
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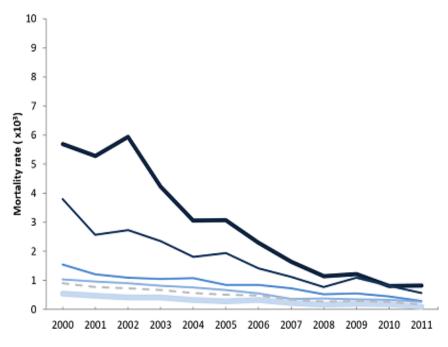
Fixed-Effects Models for the Bivariate Association Between Infant Mortality Rate and Family Health Program Coverage: Brazil, 1996–2004

	Infant M	lortality Rate	Neonatal Mortality	Postneonatal Mortality
Variables	Crude RR (95% CI)	Adjusted RR (95% CI)	Rate, RR (95% CI)	Rate, RR (95% CI)
FHP coverage				
No FHP ^a (Ref)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Incipient FHP ^b	0.84 (0.82, 0.85)	0.87 (0.86, 0.89)	0.90 (0.89, 0.92)	0.82 (0.80, 0.84)
Intermediate FHP ^c	0.77 (0.75, 0.79)	0.84 (0.82, 0.86)	0.86 (0.84, 0.89)	0.78 (0.75, 0.81)
Consolidate FHP ^d	0.68 (0.64, 0.73)	0.78 (0.73, 0.83)	0.81 (0.76, 0.88)	0.69 (0.62, 0.76)
Total fertility rate ≤2.4 children per childbearing-age woman		0.90 (0.87, 0.93)	0.92 (0.88, 0.95)	0.88 (0.84, 0.92)
Per capita income ≥ BR \$258.00		0.92 (0.89, 0.94)	0.93 (0.89, 0.96)	0.89 (0.85, 0.93)
Functional illiterates rate $\leq\!26.0\%$ of individuals aged $\geq\!15$ y		0.87 (0.84, 0.89)	0.89 (0.86, 0.92)	0.83 (0.79, 0.87)
Percentage of persons living in households with running water $\geq\!96.0\%$		0.91 (0.89, 0.93)	0.93 (0.90, 0.95)	0.88 (0.85, 0.91)
Gini inde $x^e \le 0.55$		1.18 (1.14, 1.22)	1.21 (1.16, 1.26)	1.10 (1.05, 1.16)
Local hospitalization		0.88 (0.82, 0.96)	0.88 (0.80, 0.96)	0.94 (0.84, 1.06)

Under-five five overall mortality rates according to HDI quintiles of municipalities



Under-five mortality rates from diarrhoea according to IDH quintiles of municipalities



1st quintil

---2nd quintil

3rd quintil

-4th quintil

5th quintil

– Overall

Trends in Primary Health Care-sensitive Conditions in Brazil

The Role of the Family Health Program (Project ICSAP-Brazil)

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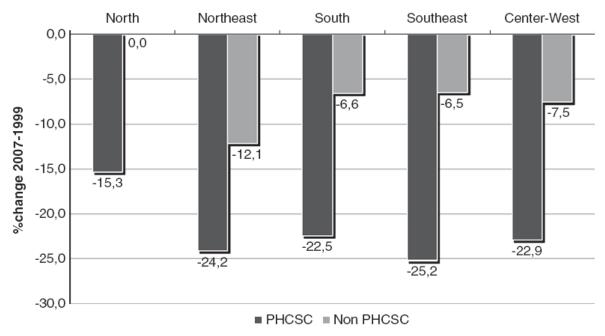


FIGURE 2. Percentage change between 1999 and 2007 in hospital admissions sensitive to primary healthcare (PHCSC) and nonsensitive (non-PHCSC) per 10,000 inhabitants aged below 80 years, by Brazilian Region. PHCSC indicates primary healthcaresensitive conditions.

Impact of primary health care on mortality from heart and cerebrovascular diseases in Brazil: a nationwide analysis of longitudinal data

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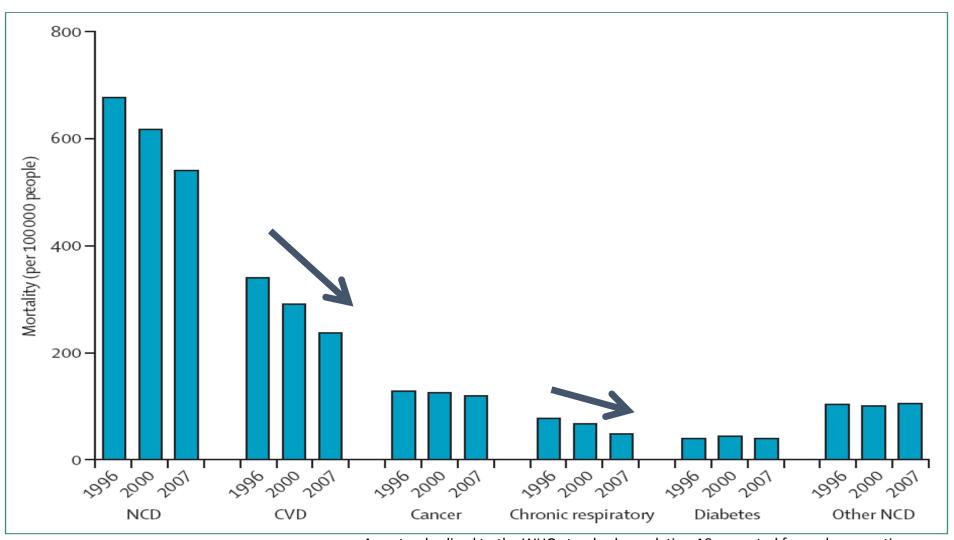
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Fixed effect negative binomial models for crude and adjusted association between standardised mortality rates and annual coverage with Family Health Program (FHP) in municipalities in Brazil, 2000-09

	Cerebrovascular diseases mortalityrate		Heart diseases mortality rate			
Variables	Crude rate ratio (95% CI)	Adjusted rate ratio (95% CI)	Crude rate ratio (95% CI)	Adjusted rate ratio (95% CI)		
FHP population coverage:						
No coverage	1	1	1	1		
Incipient (>0 to <30%)	0.94 (0.92 to 0.97)	0.98 (0.95 to 1.00)	0.93 (0.89 to 0.94)	0.98 (0.94 to 1.02)		
Intermediate (≥30% to <70%)	0.79 (0.76 to 0.81)	0.86 (0.83 to 0.89)	0.73 (0.70 to 0.76)	0.81 (0.78 to 0.85)		
Consolidated (≥70%)	0.71 (0.69 to 0.74)	0.82 (0.79 to 0.86)	0.66 (0.63 to 0.69)	0.79 (0.75 to 0.80)		

Trends in non-communicable disease mortality in Brazil 1996 - 2000 – 2007

Lancet, 2011



Age-standardised to the WHO standard population,18 corrected for under-reporting, with redistribution of ill-defined causes of death pro rata across non-external causes.

Social Potection Programs in Brazil





Bolsa Família Program (Conditional Cash Transfer)

+Great Expansion - 4.1 million families served in 2004 to 13.4 million in 2011 (MI, 2011), approximately 44 million people (23% of the population).

+Principal axes:

- Transfer income, which promotes immediate relief to poverty
- Conditionalities that encourage access to education and health
- Additional programs to create conditions for families be out of the program.
- +Intended for extremely poor households
- +Benefits: R\$ 32 to a maximum of R\$ 306.

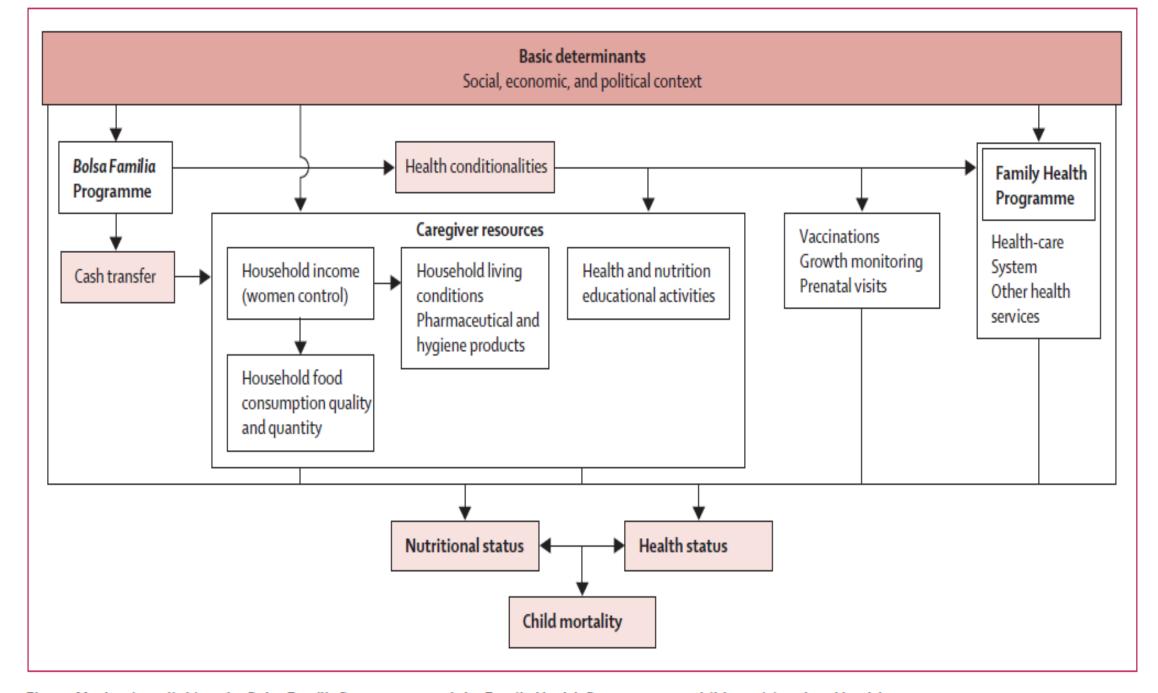


Figure: Mechanisms linking the Bolsa Familia Programme and the Family Health Programme to child nutritional and health outcomes

Effect of a conditional cash transfer programme on childhood mortality: a nationwide analysis of Brazilian municipalities



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Summary

Background In the past 15 years, Brazil has undergone notable social and public health changes, including a large reduction in child mortality. The *Bolsa Familia* Programme (BFP) is a widespread conditional cash transfer programme, launched in 2003, which transfers cash to poor households (maximum income US\$70 per person a month) when they comply with conditions related to health and education. Transfers range from \$18 to \$175 per month, depending on the income and composition of the family. We aimed to assess the effect of the BFP on deaths of children younger than 5 years (under-5), overall and resulting from specific causes associated with poverty: malnutrition, diarrhoea, and lower respiratory infections.

Methods The study had a mixed ecological design. It covered the period from 2004–09 and included 2853 (of 5565) municipalities with death and livebirth statistics of adequate quality. We used government sources to calculate all-cause under-5 mortality rates and under-5 mortality rates for selected causes. BFP coverage was classified as low $(0 \cdot 0 - 17 \cdot 1\%)$, intermediate $(17 \cdot 2 - 32 \cdot 0\%)$, high $(>32 \cdot 0\%)$, or consolidated $(>32 \cdot 0\%)$ and target population coverage $\geq 100\%$ for at least 4 years). We did multivariable regression analyses of panel data with fixed-effects negative binomial models, adjusted for relevant social and economic covariates, and for the effect of the largest primary health-care scheme in the country (Family Health Programme).

Findings Under-5 mortality rate, overall and resulting from poverty-related causes, decreased as BFP coverage increased. The rate ratios (RR) for the effect of the BFP on overall under-5 mortality rate were 0.94 (95% CI 0.92-0.96) for intermediate coverage, 0.88 (0.85-0.91) for high coverage, and 0.83 (0.79-0.88) for consolidated coverage. The effect of consolidated BFP coverage was highest on under-5 mortality resulting from malnutrition (RR 0.35; 95% CI 0.24-0.50) and diarrhoea (0.47; 0.37-0.61).

Interpretation A conditional cash transfer programme can greatly contribute to a decrease in childhood mortality overall, and in particular for deaths attributable to poverty-related causes such as malnutrition and diarrhoea, in a large middle-income country such as Brazil.

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	BFP models		FHP models		FHP and BFP (adjusted)
	Crude	Adjusted	Crude	Adjusted	-
BFP population coverage					
Low (0·0-17·1%)	1.00	1.00			1.00
Intermediate (17·2–32·0%)	0.91 (0.90-0.93)	0.93 (0.91-0.95)			0.94 (0.92-0.96)
High (>32-0%)	0.82 (0.80-0.85)	0.86 (0.83-0.89)			0.88 (0.85-0.91)
Consolidated (>32-0% and TPC ≥100% for at least 4 years)	0.76 (0.72-0.80)	0.81 (0.76-0.85)			0.83 (0.79-0.88)
FHP municipality population coverage					
No FHP (0-0%)			1.00	1.00	1.00
Incipient (<30%)			0.97 (0.92-1.02)	0.98 (0.94-1.03)	0.99 (0.94-1.04)
Intermediate (≥30%)			0.89 (0.85-0.93)	0.91 (0.87-0.96)	0.93 (0.88-0.97)
Consolidated (≥70% and implemented for at least 4 years)			0.81 (0.77-0.86)	0.85 (0.80-0.90)	0.88 (0.83-0.93)
Income per person (monthly, >BR\$380)*		0.94 (0.92-0.97)		0.93 (0.91-0.96)	0-95 (0-92-0-97)
Proportion of municipality population eligible for BFP* >22·4%		1.07 (1.02-1.11)		1.10 (1.06-1.15)	1.07 (1.03-1.12)
Proportion of individuals living in households with inadequate sanitation* <16.7%		1-10 (1-05-1-15)		1-11 (1-06-1-16)	1-10 (1-05–1-15)
Proportion of individuals older than 15 years who are illiterate† >11·1%		1.04 (1.00-1.09)		1.05 (1.01-1.10)	1-04 (1-00-1-08)
Total fertility rate† >2-32		1.08 (1.04-1.11)		1.08 (1.05-1.12)	1.07 (1.03-1.10)
Rate of admission to hospital (per 100 inhabitants)* >4:27		1.02 (0.99-1.04)		1.02 (0.99-1.04)	1.01 (0.99-1.04)
Number of observations	17 118	17 118	17 118	17 118	17118
Number of municipalities	2853	2853	2853	2853	2853

Table 2: Fixed-effect negative binomial models for association between under-5 mortality rates and Bolsa Familia Programme (BFP) and Family Health Programme (FHP) coverage

Successes and failures in the control of infectious diseases in Brazil: social and environmental context, policies, interventions, and research needs

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Successes

- Diseases preventable by vaccination
- Diarrhea
- Chagas' Disease

Partial Successes

- HIV/AIDS
- Hepatitis A and B
- Leprosy
- Tuberculosis
- Schistosomiasis
- Malaria

Failures

- Dengue
- Visceral Leishmaniasis

Successes - why?

• Control of diseases such as diarrhea, cholera, Chagas' disease, and those preventable by vaccination has been successful through efficient public policies and concerted efforts from different levels of government and civil society. For these diseases, policies dealt with key determinants (eg, the quality of water and basic sanitation, vector control), provided access to preventive resources (such as vaccines), and successfully integrated health policies with broader social policies.

Failures: why?

- Diseases for which control has failed (such as dengue fever and visceral leishmaniasis) are vector-borne diseases with changing epidemiological profiles and complex transmission patterns related to adverse environmental, social, or economic, and major difficulties in treatment and lack of vaccines.
- The control of disease vectors to be successful must be fully integrated into broad policies that incorporate the mobilization of society, health and environmental education, improvements in habitation and sewerage, and attempts to avoid further deforestation

Key messages

• Since 1988, Brazil has developed a dynamic, complex health system (the Unified Health System; SUS), which is based on the principles of health as a citizen's right and the state's duty. The SUS aims to provide comprehensive, universal preventive and curative care through decentralised management and provision of health services, and promotes community participation at all administrative levels.

 The Brazilian Health Sector Reform occurred at the same time as democratization, and was spearheaded by health professionals and individuals in civil society movements and organisations.

Key messages

Implementation of the SUS has been complicated by underfunding.

• Despite limitations, the SUS has managed to vastly improve access to primary and emergency care, reach universal coverage of vaccination and prenatal care, and invest heavily in the expansion of human resources and technology, including major efforts to produce the country's most essential pharmaceutical needs.

Key messages

• Important achievement has been the improvement observed in the health conditions of the Brazilian population, the result of the synergic effect of a comprehensive set of social policies and the increase in coverage and access to the health services.

Great challenges continue to exist...

- Reach special groups
- Financing the SUS
- External dependency of advanced health technologies
- Improve the quality of care
- The challenge of human resources
- The professional corporatism
- Judicialization of health
- Urbanization and Health
- To mitigate the effects of climate changes and other environmental hazards
- Health problems with high or growing incidence

Brazil's health system woes worsen in economic crisis

Budget cuts and political instability are exacerbating existing problems in Brazil's public health system amid increasing patient demand. Jonathan Watts reports from Rio de Janeiro.

Austerity threatens universal health coverage in Brazil

Michael Temer, Brazil's new interim president from the centre-right Brazilian Democratic Movement Party (PMDB), has unveiled an agenda of austerity measures to stimulate economic growth. In the manifesto Uma Ponte Para Futuro (October, 2015), he announced plans to reduce public spending, including the education and health-care sector. The minimum budget guaranteed by the constitution (3.8% of gross domestic product at present) would be abolished. The new Health Minister, Ricardo Barros, has revealed plans to end the monitoring of private health-care quality by the National Supplementary Health Agency (Agência Nacional de Saúde Suplementar), while encouraging Brazilian citizens

To conclude

The most important lesson from the Brazilian experience is that the ultimate challenge in reforming a health system and the health conditions of a population is political. It requires significant and continued effort to build capacity but in front of that the continuous engagement of the society as a whole in securing the right to health for all.

Obrigado!

Thank you!

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