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MUN-SI Program coordinated by CEIDSS – Centre for Study and Research on Social Dynamics and Health – congregate the municipality action, the initiative of University Professors and Researchers of National Institute of Health Dr. Ricardo Jorge, with institutional support of Health, Education and Science Ministries.



# Children's Health at Municipal Level

### **Objectives**

The main objective is to delay the progression of the prevalence of child malnutrition (pre-obesity and obesity) in Portugal, through a set of activities in which local environments mobilize the community to the adoption of healthy lifestyles.

Its purpose is to involve a local authority in the fight against child malnutrition, integrating the principles of the National Health Plan, and intends to be decisive in supporting political choices for health promotion and incorporation into community development activities.

In 2012, MUN-SI joined EPODE International Network (EIN), previously created in 2008 (France), with the objective of supporting the implementation of community-based programs in European countries.

Learn more on: www.epodeinternationalnetwork.com

MUN-SI is the only Portuguese program that integrates the EPODE Network, an international network, with 43 programs from around the world, from Chile, Brazil, France, Belgium, among other, with similar features to MUN-SI.



## **Partner Network**

MUN-SI also benefits from the partnership of other ongoing programs as well as the support of institutional partners from the Ministry of Education and Science and Ministry of Health.







Childhood Obesity Surveillance Initiative





MUN-SI is aimed particularly at children and adolescents and their families in their community spaces, and is developed through a municipal intervention program based on **6 core axes**, distributed through two basic levels of intervention, primary and secondary.



Multiple actions are developed, such as consultations, visits to the supermarket whit a nutritionist, healthy cooking workshops with local Chefs, among others.

Training in **Health Professionals** refers to the surveillance, screening, treatment and child nutrition monitoring. This is appropriate to the activities developed in the area "Healthy School".

# **MUN-SI** at School

School is considered as one of the most important settings for promoting health education. The health promotion approach in school environment consists in considering school as a whole where the entire school community (teachers, children, family, school auxiliaries and cooks) should contribute to a healthy and sustainable school environment.

Within the activities towards the promotion of a healthy school environment, children are considered As the main "actors" of the behavioral modulation and intervention is performed in **4 levels of action**:



#### **Coordination Team**

Municipal Team is responsible for **implementing the program locally**, **under the guidance of the National Coordination throughout 1-4 years**. The Municipality allows the selection and contact of the targeted schools and families for the implementation of the Program.



#### **Initial Assessment**

Nutritionists trained by MUN-SI assess the **nutritional status of children** (weight and height). The results are discussed with the families.



### **Classroom Implementation**

The Program's design is performed every school year where a **theme is chosen aiming the promotion of a healthy lifestyl**This program is discussed in detail with the municipalities and all teachers, who are key elements of the process. Ageappropriate, playful-educational activities are implemented with the goal of introducing and incorporating concepts about healtl
lifestyles, mainly physical activity and nutrition.



#### Scientific Evaluation

Conducted through a **multidisciplinary committee of experts** who evaluate and validate all the actions and program's materials.

# Want to be a MUN-SI Partner?

- ✓ The Program will be discussed with the partners and the materials defined together, in order to correspond to the partner's social responsibility mission.
- ✓ Partner communication can be included in the materials to be used.
- ✓ The financial support must contain a minimum financial contribution per school with or without support for materials to be developed.
- ✓ The activities will be disclosed in the MUN-SI Communication Plans as well as in the partners, if they wish to.
- ✓ The activities will be spread in the MUN-SI local/national and international networks.
- ✓ Reports concerning the activities and impact assessment will be presented every year.

### Municipality as a Partner

The Municipal Team, selected by the Mayor, comprises a **Local Manager** and the corresponding **Local Team**.

- ✓ Program will be established in accordance with the Municipality's local priorities.
- ✓ The Municipality will identify the areas of MUN-SI intervention.
- ✓ The Coordination will submit a proposal of activities in each intervention area.
- ✓ The activities will be carried out by Nutritionists duly trained by and for the Program.





