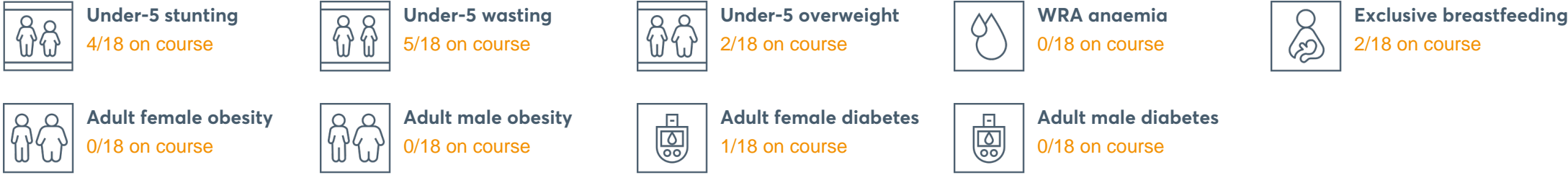




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## Overview

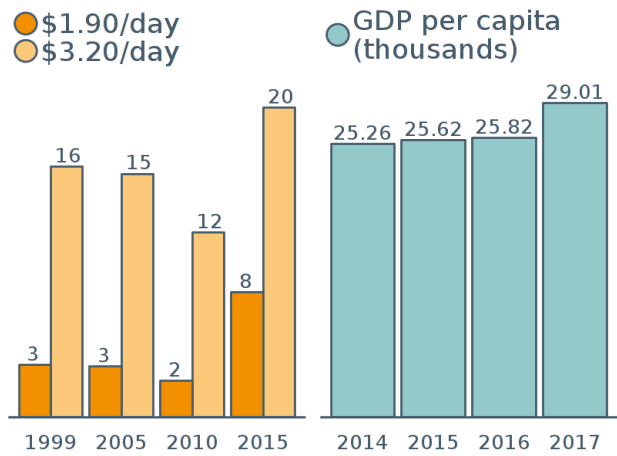
### Progress against global nutrition targets 2018



Sources: UNICEF/WHO/World Bank Group: Joint child malnutrition estimates, UNICEF global databases: Infant and Young Child Feeding, NCD Risk Factor Collaboration, WHO Global Health Observatory.  
Notes: The methodologies for tracking differ between targets. Data on the adult indicators are based on modelled estimates. See Appendix 1 of the 2018 Global Nutrition Report for details of the methods and sources used to assess progress towards global nutrition targets.

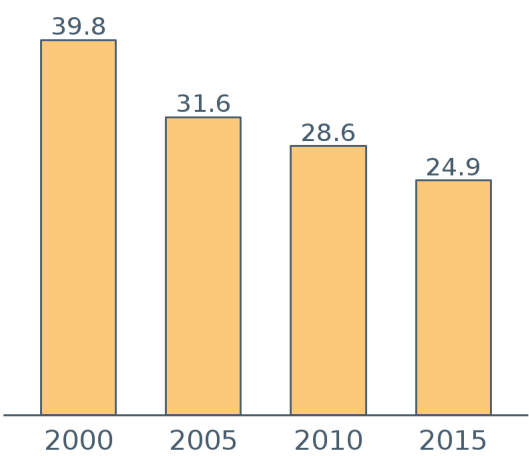
## Economics and demography

### Poverty rates (%) and GDP (PPP\$)



Source: World Bank 2018.  
Note: GDP = gross domestic product. PPP = purchasing power parity. n = 12 (poverty); n = 16 (GDP).

### Under-5 mortality (per 000 live births)



Source: UN Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation 2018.

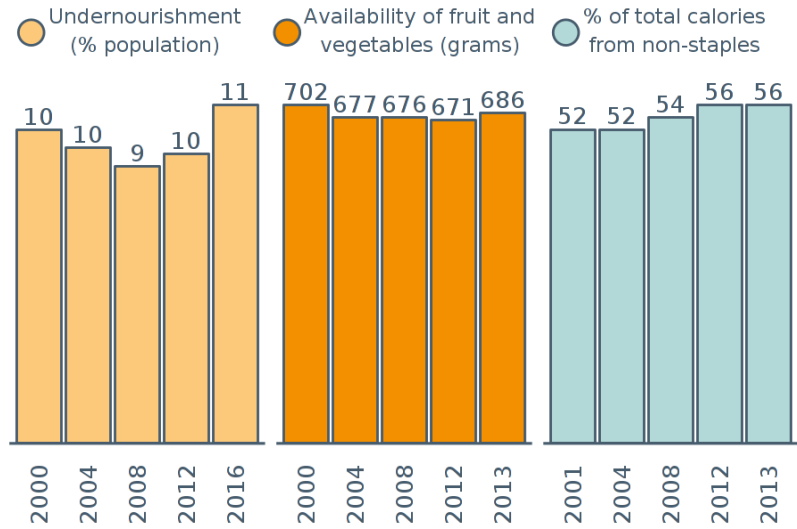
### Population

Population (millions)	268	2017
Under-5 population (millions)	28	2018
Rural (%)	29	2017
≥65 years (millions)	15	2018

Source: UN Population Division 2017.  
Note: n = 18 (total); n = 18 (under-5); n = 18 (rural); n = 18 (over 65)

## Underlying determinants

### Food supply



Source: FAOSTAT 2018.

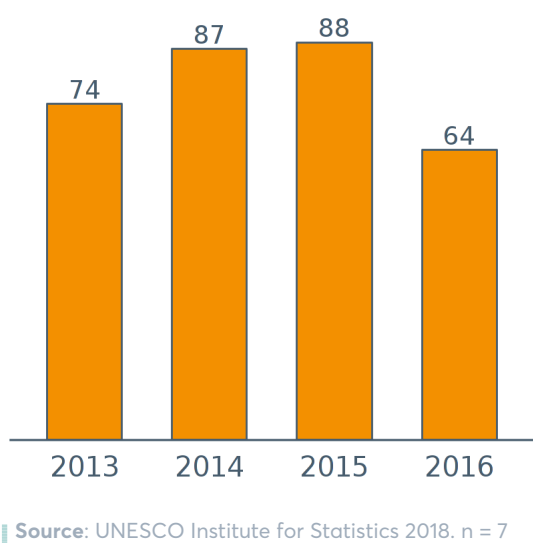
### Gender-related determinants

Early childbearing: births by age 18 (%)	9	2015
Population density of health workers per 1,000 people		
Physicians	1.81	2016
Nurses and midwives	3.06	2016
Community health workers	0.02	2016

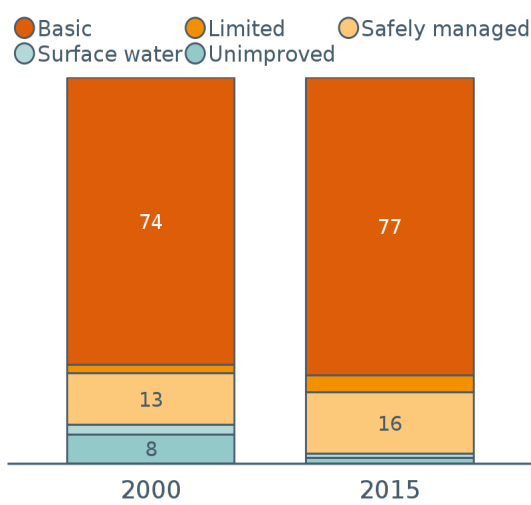
Source: UNICEF 2018.  
Note: n = 10.

Source: WHO's Global Health Workforce Statistics, OECD, supplemented by country data. n = 18

### Female secondary education enrolment (net, % population)

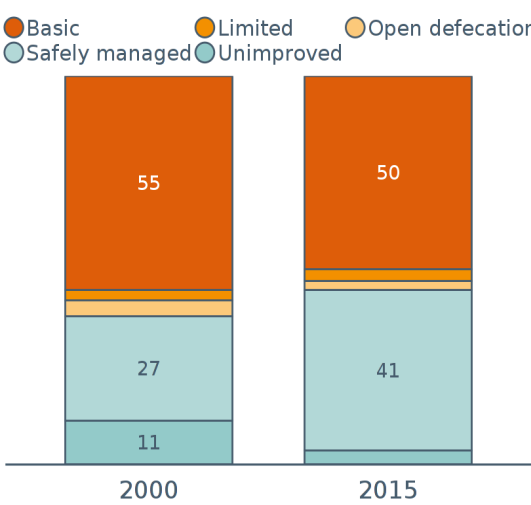


### Drinking water coverage (% population)



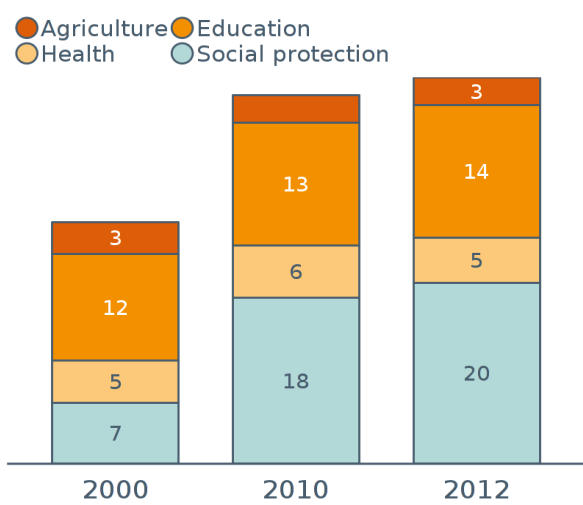
Source: WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme 2017. n = 17

### Sanitation coverage (% population)



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Note: n = 17

### Government expenditures (% total)

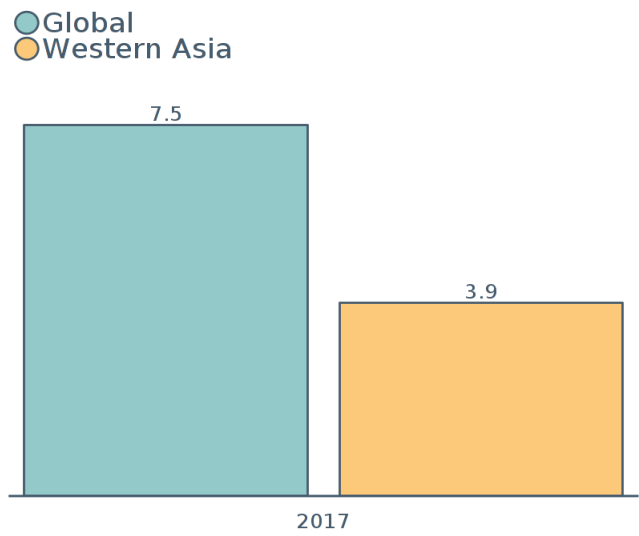


Source: IFPRI 2015. n = 13

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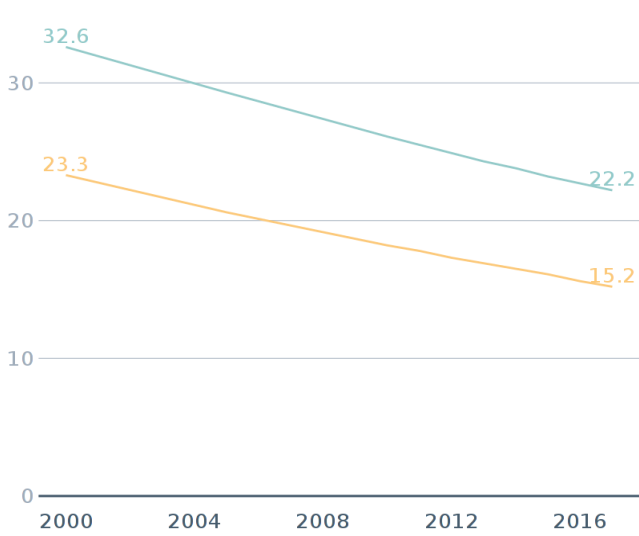
## Children (under 5) nutrition status

Under 5: wasting (%)



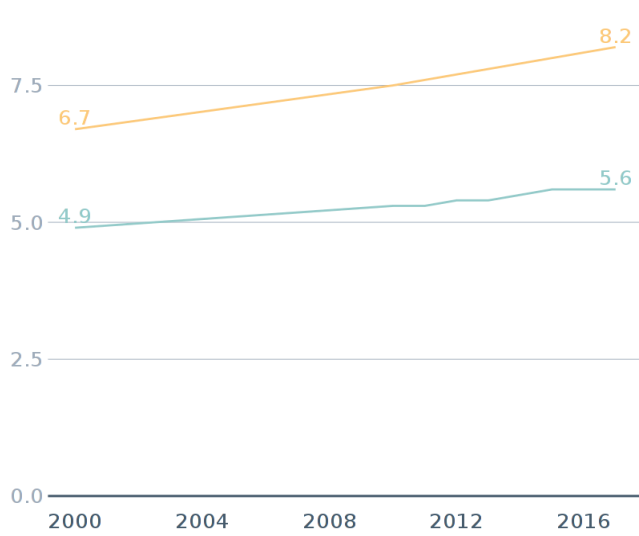
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Under 5: stunting (%)



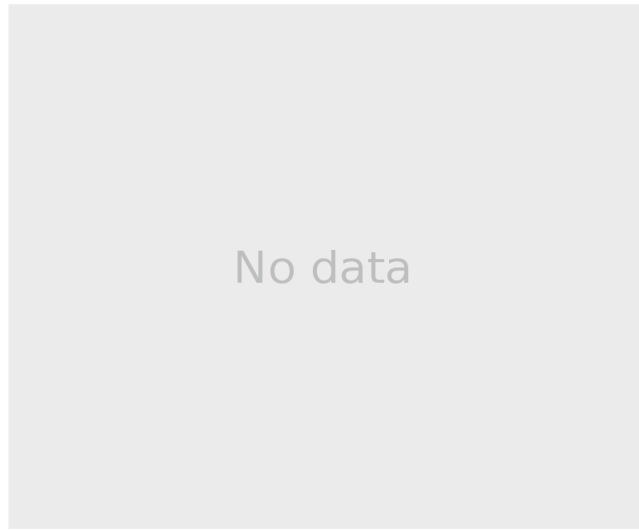
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Under 5: overweight (%)



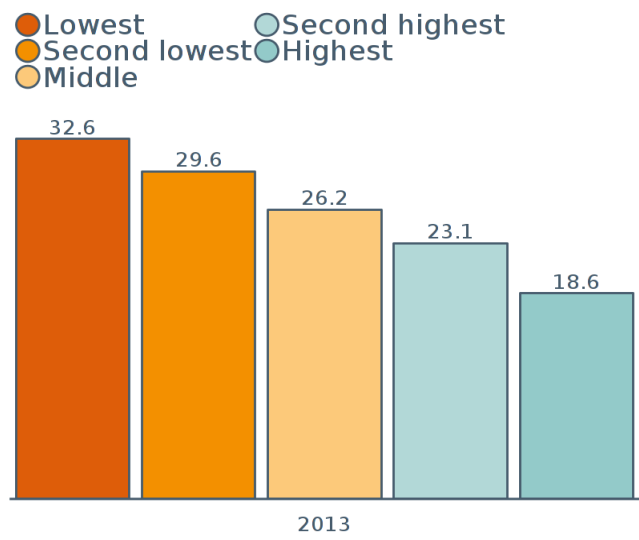
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Under 5 by household income: wasting (%)



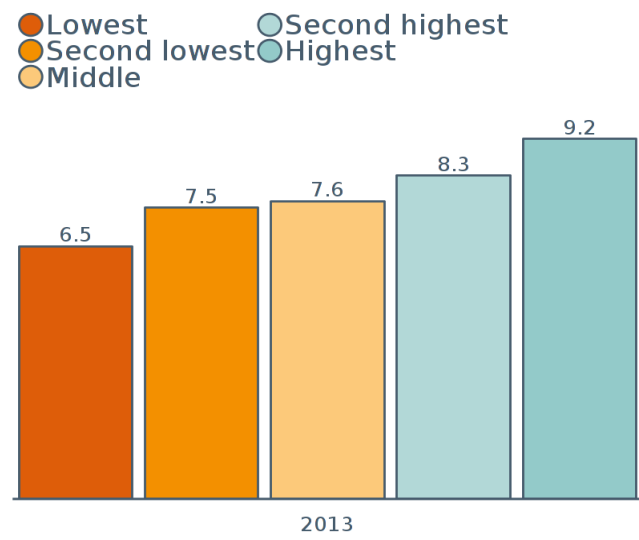
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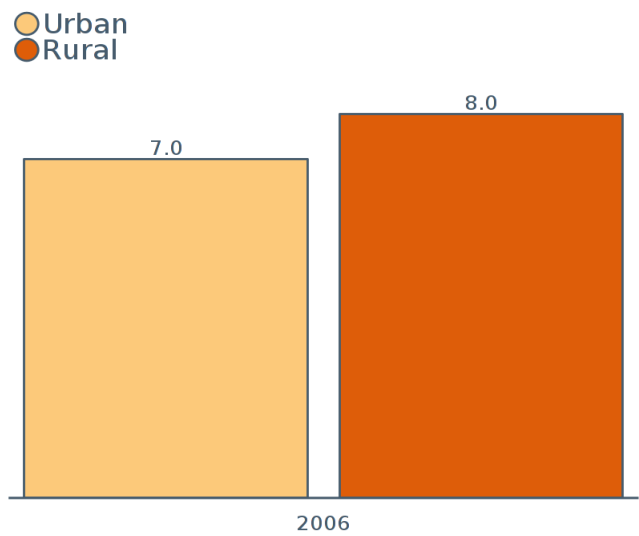
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Under 5 by household income: overweight (%)



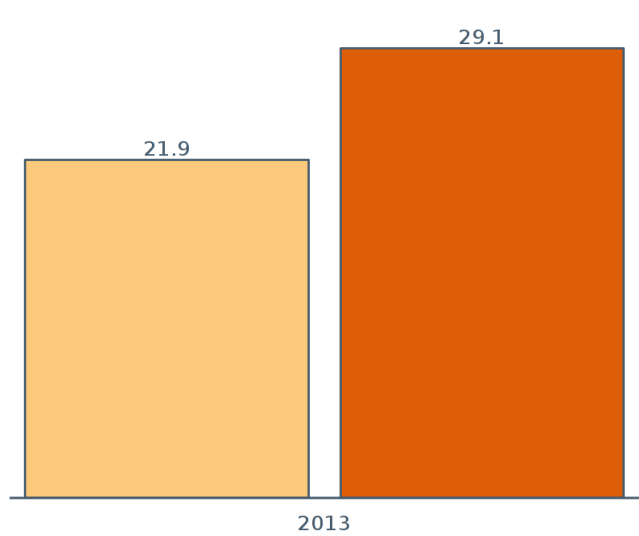
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Under 5 by household location: wasting (%)



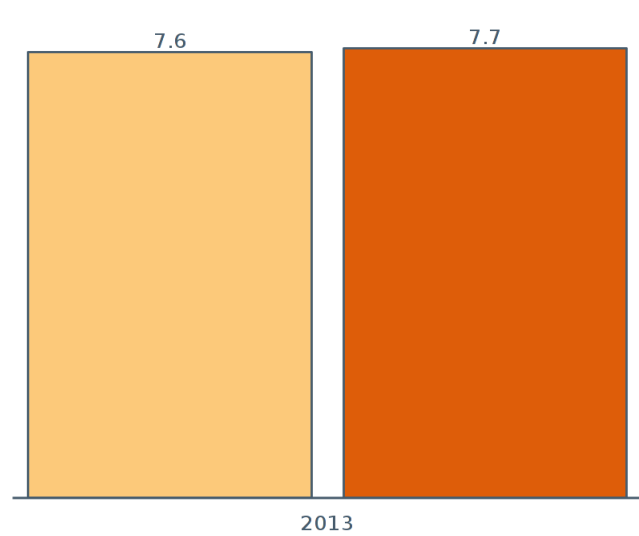
Sources: UNICEF/WHO/World Bank Group: Joint child malnutrition estimates. n = 3

Under 5 by household location: stunting (%)



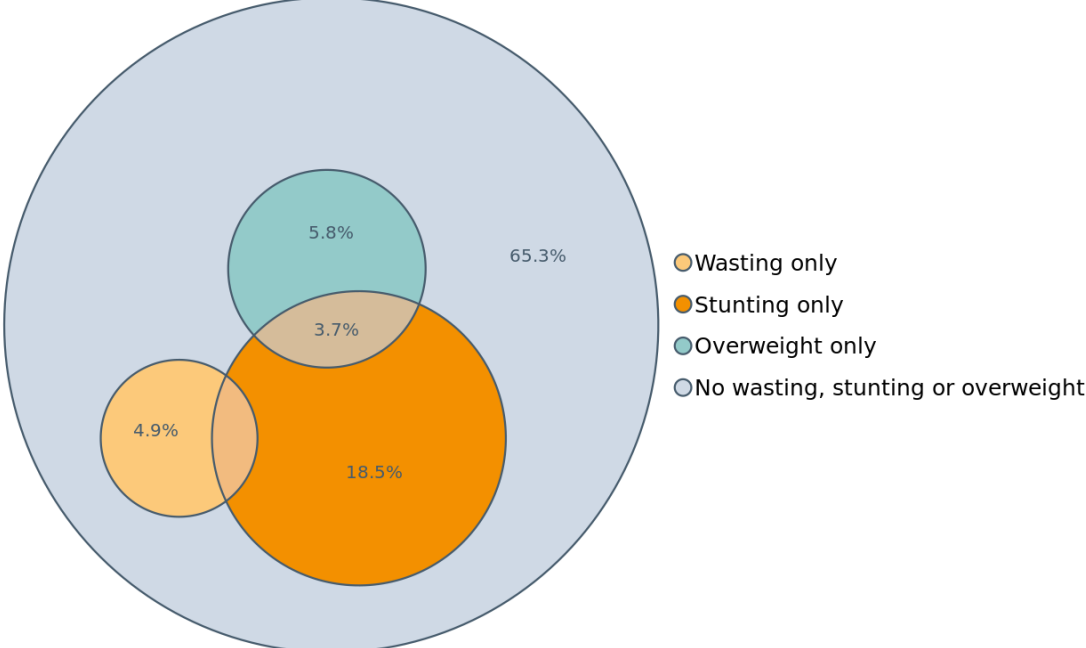
Sources: UNICEF/WHO/World Bank Group: Joint child malnutrition estimates. n = 6

Under 5 by household location: overweight (%)



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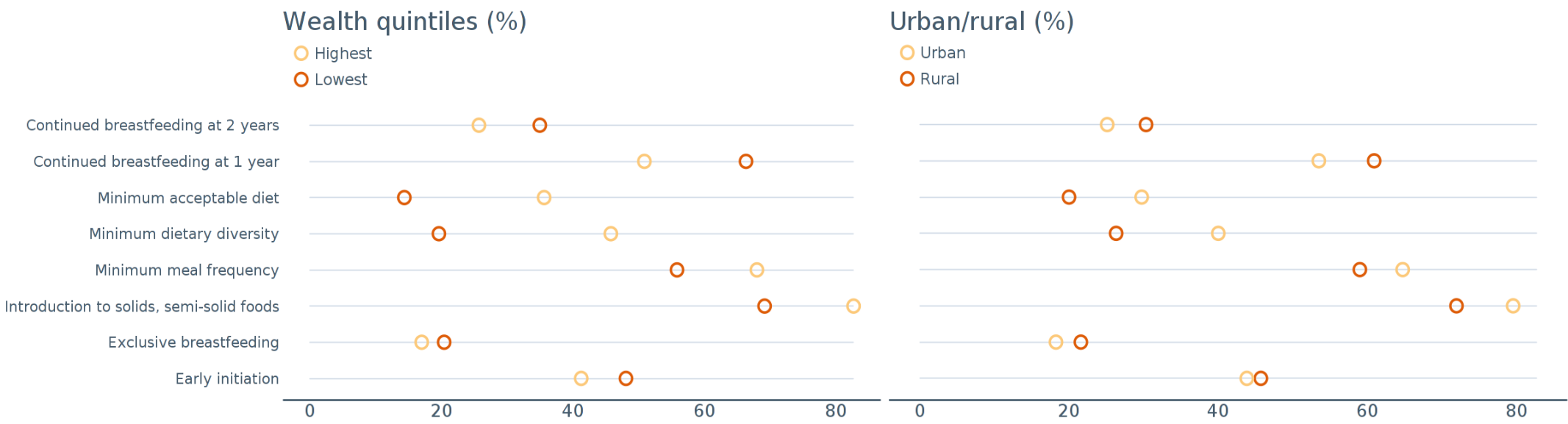
Under-5 coexistence of wasting, stunting and overweight



Sources: UNICEF, Division of Data Research and Policy (2018), Global UNICEF Global Databases: Overlapping Stunting, Wasting and Overweight, New York, May 2018.  
Notes: Percentage of children under 5 years of age who experience different and overlapping forms of malnutrition. n = 9

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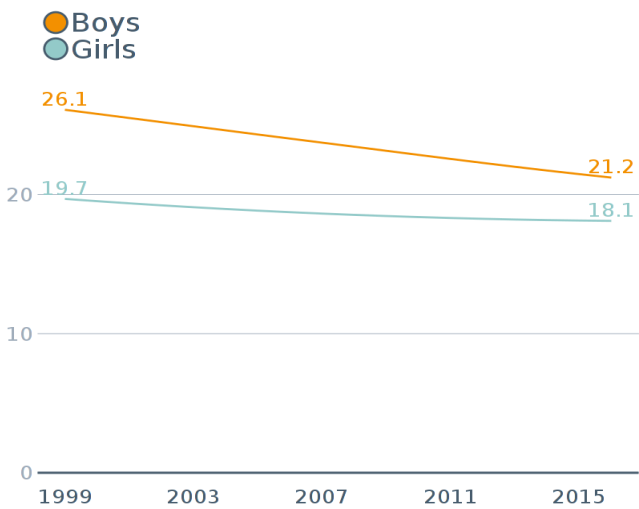
## Child feeding practices



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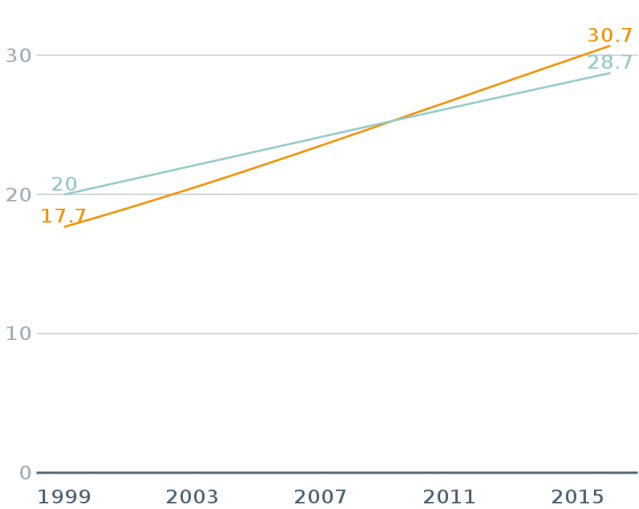
## Children and adolescent (aged 5–19) nutrition status

Ages 5–19 by gender: underweight (%)



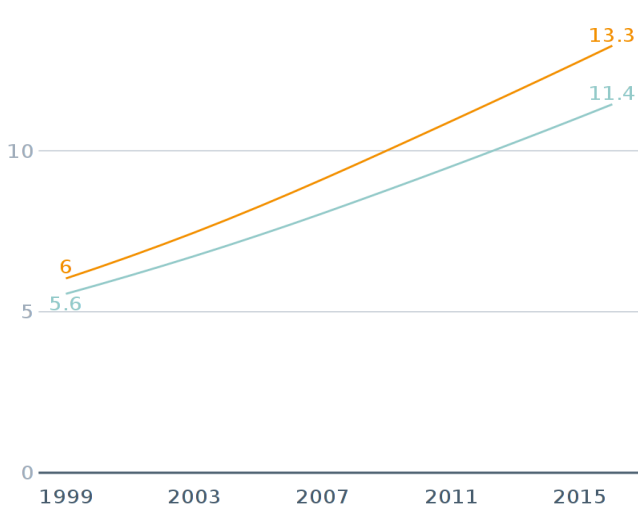
Source: NCD Risk Factor Collaboration. n = 18

Ages 5–19 by gender: overweight (%)



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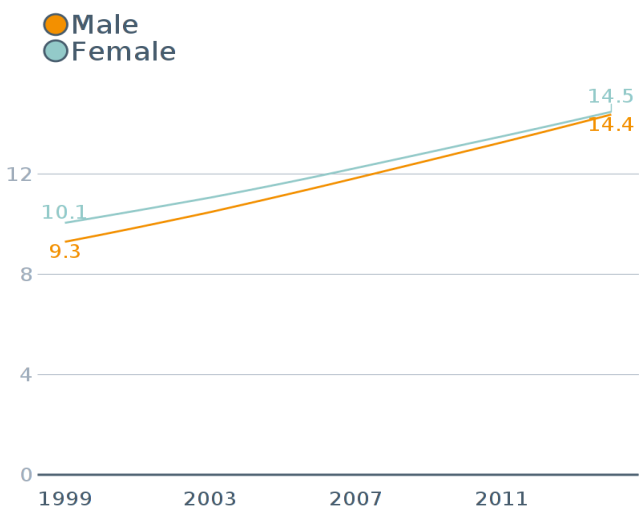
Ages 5–19 by gender: obesity (%)



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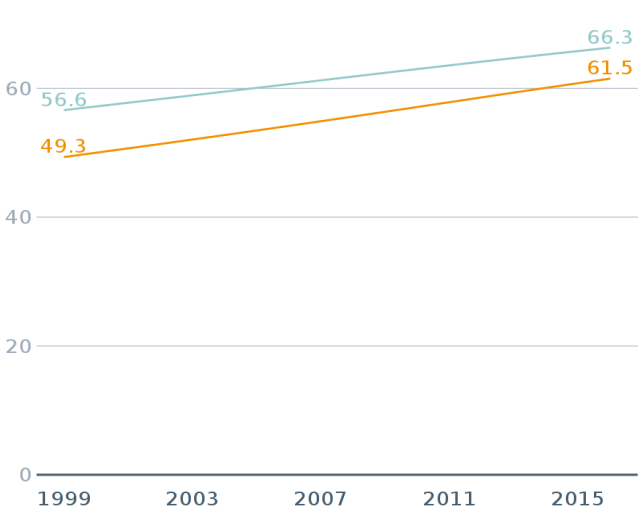
## Adult nutrition status

Adult by gender: diabetes (%)



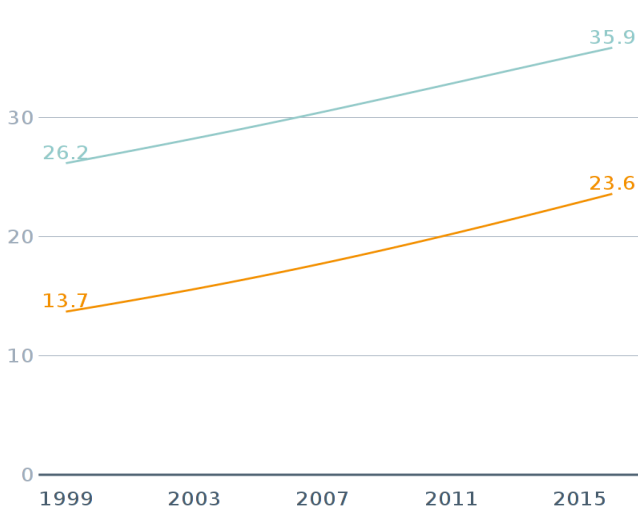
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Adult by gender: overweight (%)



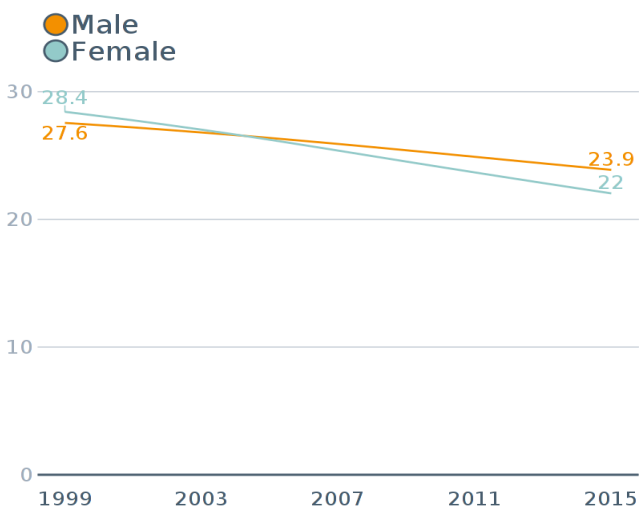
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Adult by gender: obesity (%)



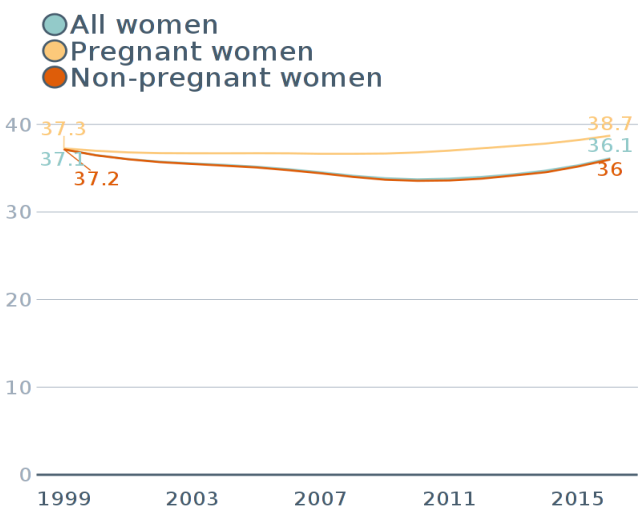
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Adult by gender: raised blood pressure (%)



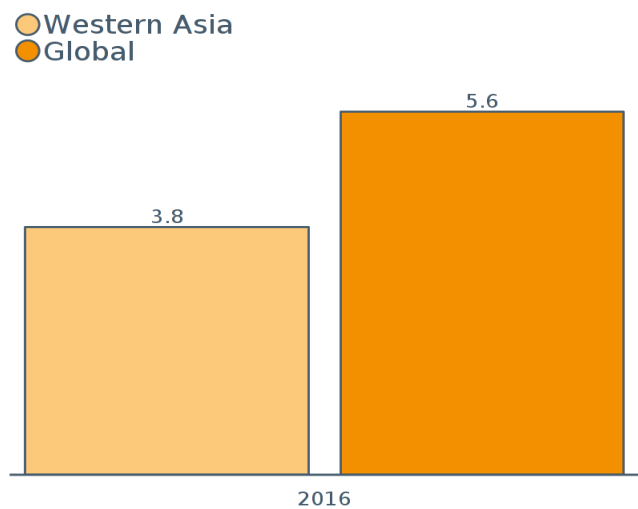
Source: NCD Risk Factor Collaboration. n = 18

Adult: anaemia in WRA (%)



Source: WHO Global Health Observatory.  
Note: WRA = women of reproductive age. n = 18

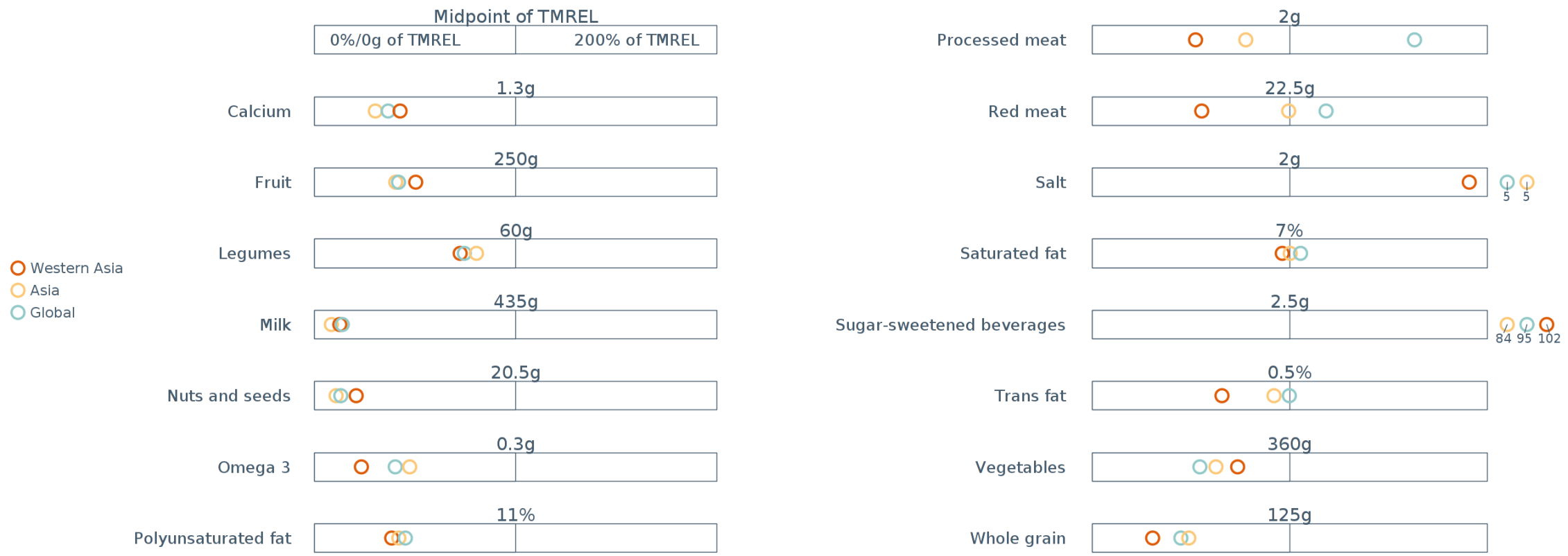
Adult: sodium intake (grams per day)



Source: Global Burden of Disease, the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation. n = 18

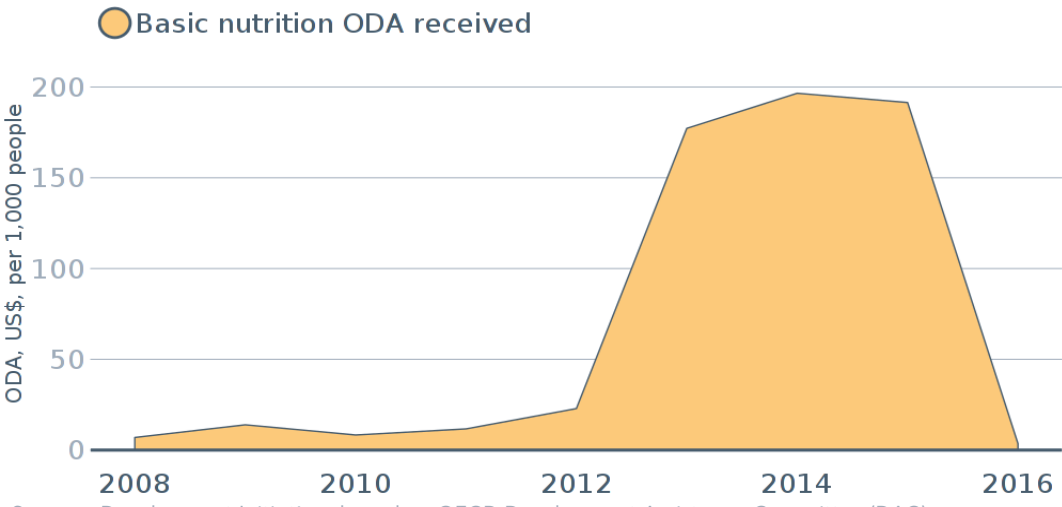
## Dietary needs

### Consumption of food groups and components, 2016



## Financial resources and policy, legislation and institutional arrangements

### Development assistance



### National policies

Mandatory legislation for salt iodisation	11/18
Sugar-sweetened beverage tax	3/18
Food-based dietary guidelines	7/18
Multisectoral comprehensive nutrition plan	6/18

Sources: Global Fortification Data Exchange 2018; Sugar-sweetened data prepared using data from the NOURISHING database, academic references and market reports; FAO 2018; WHO Global database on the Implementation of Nutrition Action (GINA), 2nd Global Nutrition Policy Review.

### Targets included in national (nutrition or other) plan

Stunting	Anaemia	Low birth weight	Child overweight	Exclusive breastfeeding	Wasting	Salt intake	Overweight adults and adolescents
7/18	3/18	7/18	12/18	9/18	5/18	8/18	14/18

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