

# **Introductory remarks**

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#### **Nutrition has evolved from the turn of the 20th century**

Public health challenges

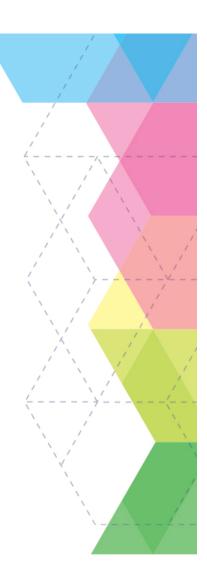
- Communicable disease
- Overt nutrient deficiency
- Short life span

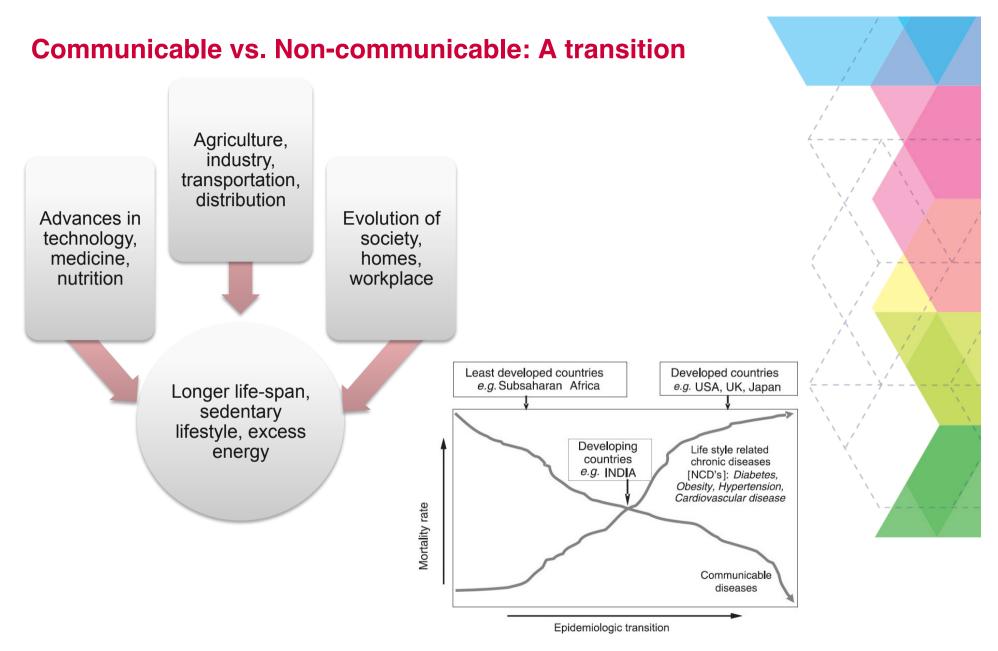
Scientific focus

- Discovery/identification of "factors" in the diet
- Isolation of nutrients

Basis of recommendations

- Based on serendipitous findings
- Developed mainly for military
- Aimed at eradicating or preventing deficiency





Anjana, RM et al. Indian J Med Res 133, April 2011, pp 369-380

# **Present Day Nutrition**

Public health challenges

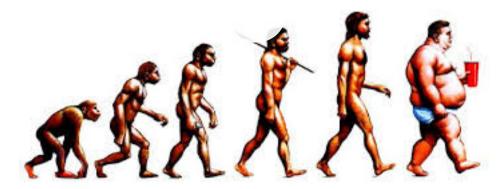
- Non-communicable disease, longer life-span
- Sub-optimal nutrient intake/status and issues of "excess"
- · Limited implementation of dietary guidance

Scientific focus

- Substantial advances in the etiology of chronic disease, role of diet, lifestyle, genetic background
- Beneficial effects of non-essential bioactive food components

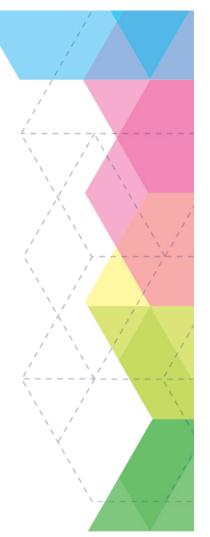
Basis of recommendations

- Dietary gaps identified through food intake surveys
- Evidence-based, systematic reviews, chronic disease endpoints



#### FROM SCIENCE TO ECONOMICS

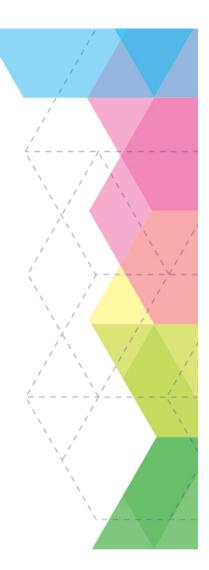
THE POTENTIAL VALUE OF SUPPLEMENTATION



### Aim of today's discussion

• What is the role of dietary/food supplements in today's nutrition/diet landscape?

• Where do supplements fit in the broader healthcare context?





## **Outstanding programme**

- Micronutrient and phytonutrient challenges and opportunities: where do we stand?
  - Manfred Eggersdorfer, Ph.D.

Micronutrients

Keith Randolph, Ph.D.

**Phytonutrients** 

- Economic burden of non-communicable diseases and the role of nutrition
  - Adam Drewnowksi, Ph.D.
- The global health and economic impact of the use of food supplements
  - Christopher Shanahan, M.S.
- Panel Discussion
  - Adam Drewkowski
  - Keith Randolph
  - Christopher Shanahan
  - Manfred Eggersdorfer
  - Oran Kwon
  - Victor Tutelyan

