VIF program : Shifting from childhood obesity prevention to sustainable and healthy life style for everybody in community based interventions.

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## History





## **FLVS:** Fleurbaix Laventie Ville Santé





Fleurbaix : 2 222 inhabitants Laventie : 4 444 inhabitants





## Three successives studies

## • FLVS I (1992-1997) :

- evaluate the effects of a school-based nutrition education program on eating habits of the whole family.
- ✓ Obesity was not targeted!
- FLVS II (1997-2002)4,12:
  - a longitudinal observational study on the determinants of weight changes
- FLVS III(2002-2007)
  - ✓ screening and coaching at risk individuals





# Accompanying these studies: progressive involvement of the whole community

## Town council:

- Supporting actions fostering physical activity
- Financing new equipment for sports
- Appointing sports educators to promote physical activity in primary schools

## Health and sports professionals trained and informed:

- GPs trained to manage pathologies related to nutrition (diabetes, obesity, CVD...)
- Related information passed on to pharmacists, nurses, physical activity educators, sports associations leaders, school catering managers, ...







## 3 lessons were learned

- The key role of local political and the requirement of a local management
- The need of a coordinating capacity
- It takes time both to mobilize stake holders at different levels and to observe an effect





# 2005: EPODE (Ensemble Prevenons l'obesité des enfants)

A community-based intervention approach prompting a lifestyle change at the local level:

- A methodology dedicated to the development of a local strategy for a sustainable involvement of local stakeholders
  - Regularly enriched by field experience and good practices sharing





# Theoretical frame work of the program



#### \* Advocacy



Organisational priorities Organisational activities Organisational policies

#### \* Community Capacity Building

Securing resources (money and time) Organisational relationships and functions Skills and Knowledge Use of Media

#### <u>\* Nutritional and Physical</u> Activities

Activities Social marketing Events

#### \* Local Organization Leadership Organization Partnerships and network Knowledge and expertise

## 2011: VIF (Vivons en Forme)

- VIF Program derives from EPODE a large-scale capacity building approach for communities
  - to implement effective and sustainable strategies to prevent childhood obesity.
  - To increase fitness in the whole population









# Contract between the town and central organisation (NGO)

- At the local level the town appoints a local project manager
  - $\checkmark$  He assembles and steers a local organisation team
  - $\checkmark$  He is responsible for the advocacy of the program.





## National Organisation provides tools

### For communication









## National Organisation provides tools

### For evaluation







## National organisation provides training











## 3,8 millions people







## « Vivons en Forme »









## **Results**





## On obesity prevalence





## **Meyzieu**

### Méthodologie

| unemployment | year        | age     |
|--------------|-------------|---------|
| 11,5%        | 2005 à 2015 | 5 years |

### Résultats



## Saint Andre

| unemployment    | years       | age |
|-----------------|-------------|-----|
| 11,8% (en 2011) | 2008 à 2015 | 7-9 |

### Résultats



# On community capacity building





Increasing empowerment of local project manager And increasing concern about food sustainability

- There is a positive synergy between healthy behaviour and sustainable behaviour.
- It is less stigmatizing to communicate about sustainability.
- It is crucial to sensitize young people to sustainability





## **Action on local environment**

- ✓ School meals (Saint André)
  - ✓ Use of local food
  - ✓ Fight again wasting
    - $\checkmark\,$  On line booking of meals
    - Convention with NGO for quick distribution of non eaten meals
- ✓ Nurseries ((Narbonne)
  - $\checkmark$  30% fruit and vegetable from local producers





# Action on behaviour: sensitization to food wasting

Posters and leaflets



De la cuisine à la cantine, mettons nos poubelles au régime









## information

#### Thematic school classes

- 1. Les ressources en eau sur Terre Le cycle de l'eau
- Eau salée / Eau douce 2. Prélevement, traitement & distribution De la source jusqu'au robinet
- 3. Usages et consommation de l'eau Besoine domestiques, industriels et agricoles Consommation d'eau par personne et par pays
- 4. Les eaux usées
- · Le rôle des stations d'épuration
- 5. La pollution de l'eau Chimique / Agricole / Industrielle / Accidentelle Résidus médicamenteux
- 6. L'eau en bouteille Eau de source / Eau minérale Production et consommation d'eau embouteillé
- 7. L'accès à l'eau potable L'eau indispensable à la vie Répartition de l'eau potable sur Terre



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#### Entertaining interactive conferences







### SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

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#### Blogs / Sustainable Communities / Reducing Obesity with Sustainability

## Reducing Obesity with Sustainability

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Being interested in healthcare, *The Weight of the Nation* caught my eye while I was flipping thought the channels the other night. This documentary portrays the wide-spread obesity epidemic and its serious implications on communities.

**Did you know?** More than one-third of U.S. adults (35.7%) are obese and approximately 17% (or 12.5 million) of children and adolescents aged 2—19 years are obese. CDC.gov

As I'm watching this horrifying film, I think about how much needs to change in order to reserve this epidemic. Entire systems need to be altered! Food system, education system, healthcare system, media, etc. How do we even begin to combat this epidemic?

Then I think how local governments across the nation are adopting Sustainability Action Plans and how many of the causing factors of obesity can potentially be addressed by these plans. Sustainability



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Picture from ObesityinAmerica.com

Plans are intended to tackle a wide array of issues and attempt to bring balance between social, economic, and environmental factors. Sustainability is not exclusively about saving the environment; it is about *sustaining* an entire community, and that is why public health should be incorporated into these action plans.





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