





# Nutrition sensitive lessons for indigenous, rural families in Guatemala's Western Highlands 150360

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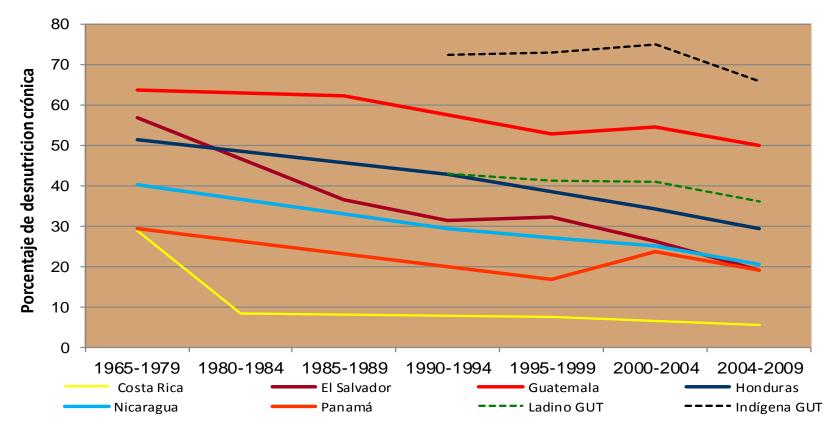




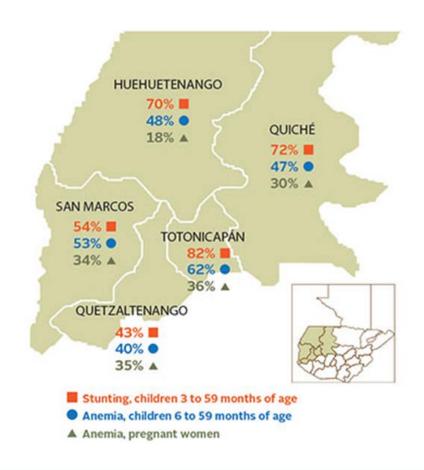


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# I. The problem



Source: PRESANCA, 2009; FESAL El Salvador 2008; Ministerio de Salud de Costa Rica 2006; ENSMI Guatemala 2008/2009; MEF/INEC Panamá 2008.





# **II. MASFRIJOL Objectives**

## 2.1 Increase bean productivity in highland cropping systems



a) Provide high quality bean seed to smallholder farmers

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### **Bush beans**



b) Provide education on sustainable yieldenhancing practices

# MASFRIJOL Objectives cont.

# 2.2 Enhance nutritional quality of diets

a) Increase HouseHold (HH) food security via use of improved postharvest 3-ply bean storage bags

c) Increase HH's nutritional knowledge of importance of beans in daily diets







b) Increase HH bean intake by demonstrating preparation methods beanbased recipes

# **III. Lessons Development**

- A. Began with 24 community assessments of -+80 men and women (personal interviews) in terms of
  - ✓ foods available
  - √ foods cooked and consumed
  - √ foods planted, planting dates, harvest yields, etc.

# Nutritional value of beans

- Most of them could not say anything about the nutritional value:
- ✓ "Beans are good for children"
- ✓ "Eating beans is good for all the family"
- √ "Beans have vitamins"
- ✓ "Beans can cure the lungs"

Food most commonly bought in the local market

- Sugar
- Rice
- Salt
- Onions
- Tomatoes



# Lessons Development cont.

B. Reviewed national nutrition, health and agronomy reports and talked with in-country experts regarding needs of rural Mayan farm families











# **IV. Nutrition Lessons**

- 1. Chronic malnutrition
- 2. Enhancing protein quality with beans
- 3. Complementary feeding the 6-11 month child
- 4. Feeding the 1-2 year old child
- 5. Diet during pregnancy and lactation
- **☐** Nutritious and economical recipes
- ☐ Eating more local green and yellow vegetables







# 4.1 Chronic malnutrition Lesson

### **Key Messages**

- 1. Having poor nutrition and low protein affects how tall and smart your child will be.
- 2. Babies should be at least 70 cms long by 1 Yr of age.
- 3. Babies should be at least 80 cms long by 2 Yr of age.





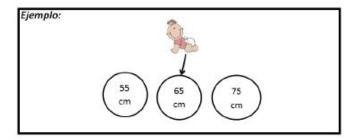


4-08-2015 Guía # 1 Desnutrición Crónica

INSTRUCCIONES: Estimado Señor o Señora, a continuación hay un ejercicio que debe de contestar de acuerdo a lo que usted crea correcto, puede guiarse por el ejemplo.

### ¿CUÁNTOS CENTÍMETROS DEBEN DE MEDIR ÉSTOS NIÑOS?

### Una con líneas a los niños con la estatura que deberían de medir

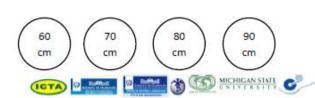


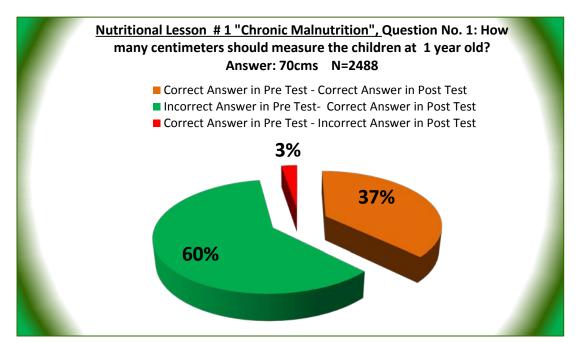
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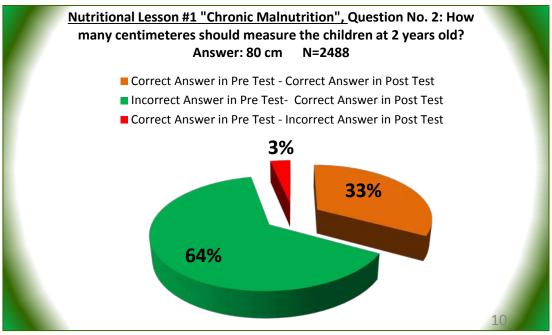




2 años





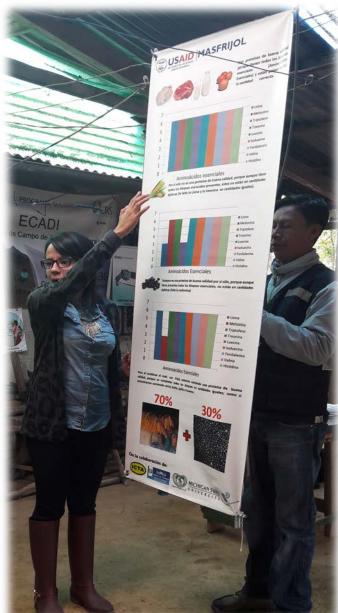


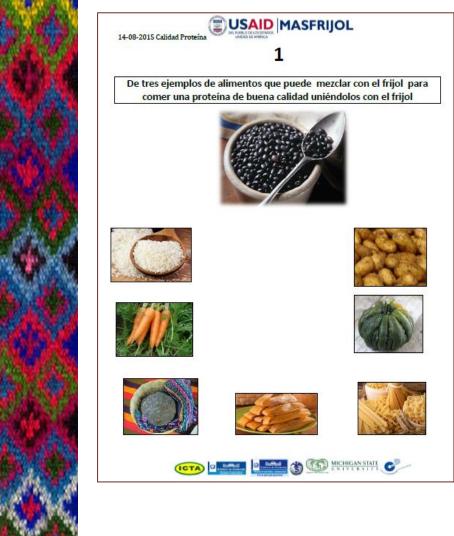


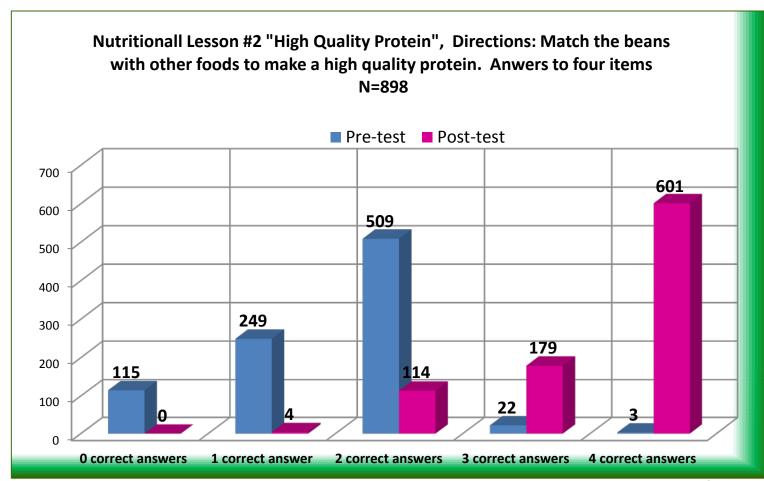
# 4.2 Protein Quality Lesson

### **Key Messages**

- 1. Protein is needed for muscles, bones, blood, good health and avoiding sickness.
- 2. Corn, rice or potatoes alone do not have good protein.
- 3. Eat beans with corn to make a good protein like that in meat or eggs.
- 4. Eat beans every day or at least three times a week.
- 5. Mix 1 part beans to 2 parts corn for good health.







# 4.3 Complementary feeding 6-11 months

### Key Messages

1. Measure the number of tablespoons of mashed potatoes or thick porridge onto a separate dish (baby dish).

When babies are 6-8 months old:

- 2. Feed them with 3 tablespoons thick porridge.
- 3. Feed them 3 times per day.

When babies are 9-11 mo old:

- 4. Feed them with 4 tablespoons thick porridge
- 5. Feed them 4 times a day
- 6. Children 6-11 months should eat 2 tablespoons full of cooked mashed beans 3 times a week.







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INSTRUCCIONES: Estimado Señor o Señora, por favor conteste el siguiente ejercicio.



Juanita tiene 6 meses

Marcar con una "X" al menos cuántas veces a la semana Juanita debe de comer frijol?

Lunes	Martes	Miércoles	Jueves	Viernes	Sábado	Domingo	

Marcar con una "X" cuántas cucharadas de frijol debe de comer cada vez que le dan frijol?













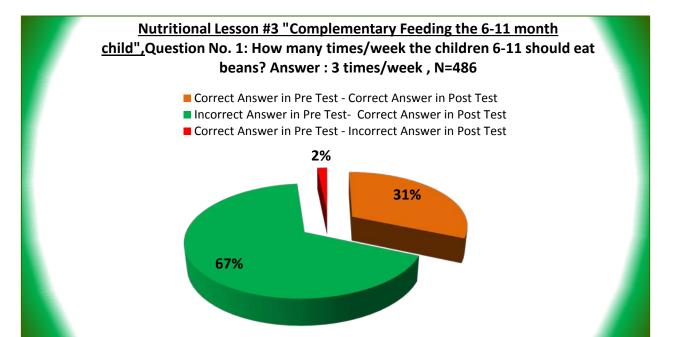


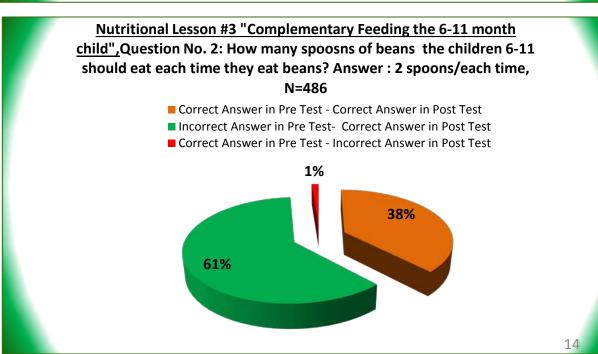












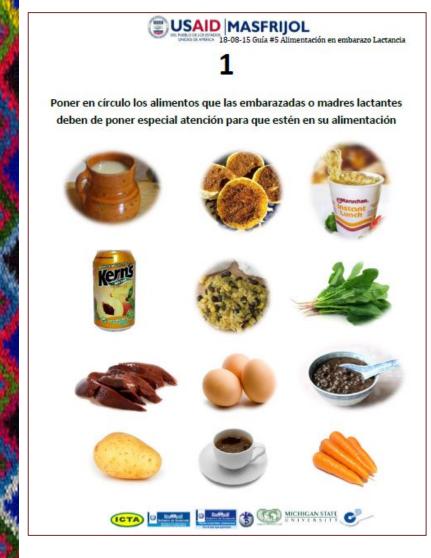


# 4.4 Diet During Pregnancy and Lactation

### Key Messages

- 1. Growing a new life takes lots of energy, protein, vitamins and minerals—most of which are not in corn.
- 2. Eat 1 cup of thick porridge each day. (maiz-frijole-pumpkin seed mixture, Vitacereal, or oatmeal fortified).
- 3. Eat 4 serv. vegetables each day. (Serv= tomato, carrot, 1 cup green leafy vegetables.)
- 4. Eat a large potato each day.
- 5. Eat 2 eggs, 3 oz liver, meat or chicken once a week or more.
- 6. Eat an orange with powdered pumpkin seed three times a week.





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Nutrition Lesson #5 "Diet during preganancy and lactation", Question: Circle the type of

# V. Conclusions

 The lessons and support materials were interactive, culturally appropriate and well received by the rural mayan families.

Participants improved their nutrition knowledge (short-term)
relating to key points important for reducing growth stunting
and bean consumption.







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