## HAPPY

## Hungarian Aqua Promoting Program in the Young

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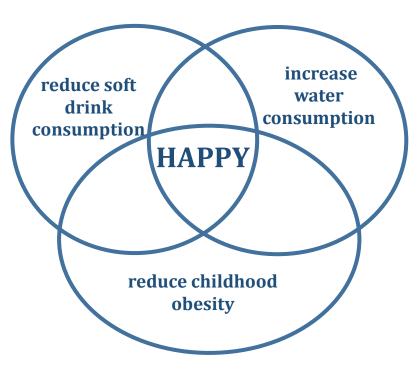
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#### **HAPPY - IN A NUTSHELL**

A primary school and kindergarten based national program for children to promote water consumption.



HAPPY Pilot – 2007/2008 HAPPY WEEK – since 2010 HAPPY WEEK in kindergartens - since 2017

#### **Implementation:**

Implementation in the community with national coordination

#### **Target population:**

- primary school children, their parents and teachers
- kindergarten-aged children, their parents and teachers

#### **Program elements:**

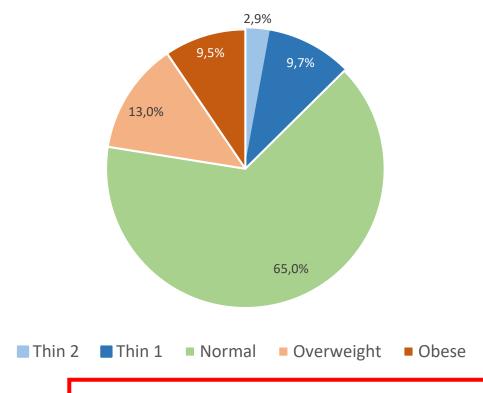
- education
- games and courses
- leaflet, poster
- prizes
- monitoring

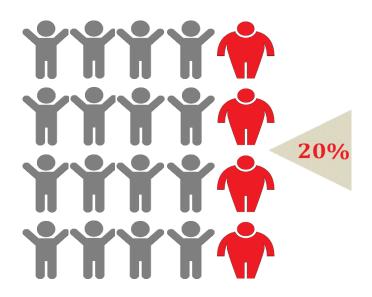


## HAPPY — PRESENTATION TOPICS

- 1. Context, rationale
- 2. HAPPY PILOT 2007
- 3. GOING NATIONAL HAPPY WEEK from 2010
- 4. EXPANDING TO KINDERGARTENS FROM 2017
- 5. Challenges solutions: lessons learnt

## Context, rationale: Prevalence of overweight and obesity among children



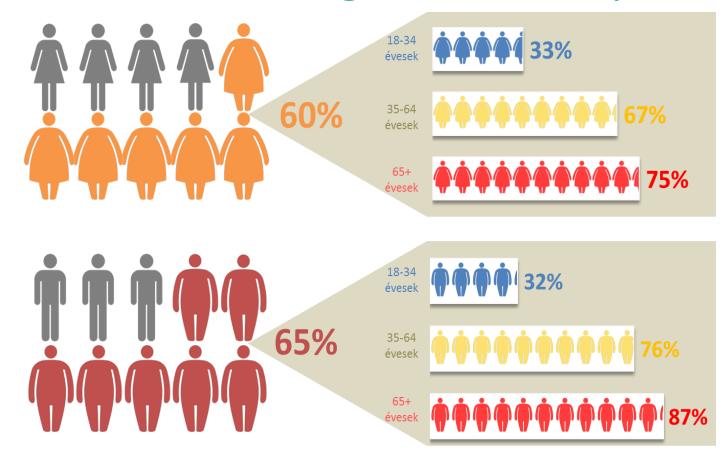


6-8 years old

Every 5th child is overweight or obese!



## Context, rationale: Prevalence of overweight and obesity in adults





## Context, rationale: Intake of sugary beverages

- 42% of **11-14 years old** children drank sugar-sweetened beverages on a daily basis
- 55% of **14-18 years old children** drank sugar-sweetened beverages on a daily basis

Source: Representative Survey in Metropolitan Primary and Secondary Schools, NIFNS, 2005/2006



- 15 year olds: half a liter daily intake
- **3% of children**: more than 1 liter daily intake of sugar-sweetened beverages

Source: Cross-sectional survey, Óbuda, 2007







## HAPPY pilot - 2007

#### **AIMS**

- to assess drinking patterns
- to educate about the healthy choice
- to change drinking habits

#### **SAMPLE**

- 6 primary schools from Budapest
- 397 students (7-10 years old), their teachers and parents

#### **METHOD**

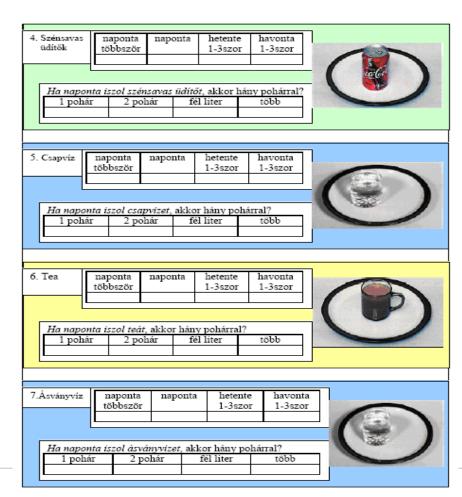
- standardized educational program with free availability of drinking water in classrooms for 2 months
- assessed by questionnaires: baseline, after program, 1 year follow-up



## HAPPY pilot - 2007

## **Survey topics**

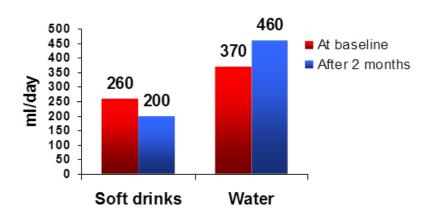
- Knowledge
- Fluid consumption habits
- A survey of drinking habits to estimate daily fluid intake



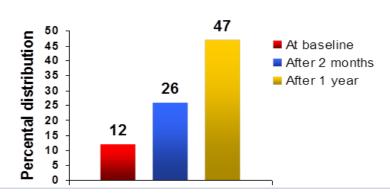


## HAPPY pilot 2007: RESULTS

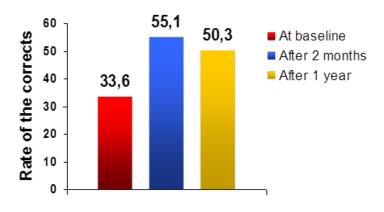
#### Changes in fluid intake



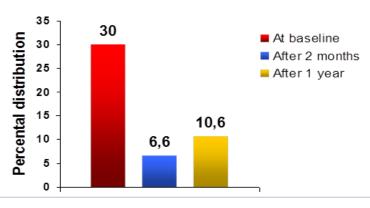
Taking mineral water to school



#### Changes in knowledge



#### Taking soft drinks to school





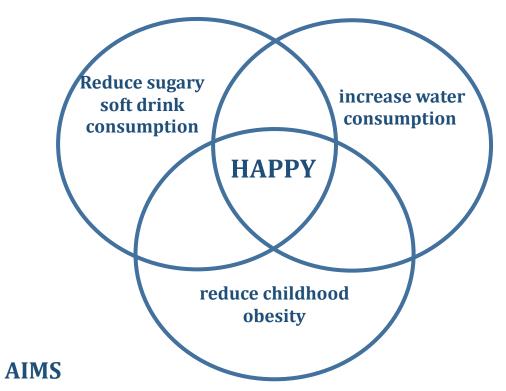
## HAPPY pilot 2007: Lessons learnt

- Program is effective
- Program is acceptable to target population, kids enjoyed the 2 months intervention

## Challenges:

- How to make it sustainable at national level
- Length of the program
- HR capacity
- Logistics

## HAPPY week from 2010



- to call attention to the importance of appropriate fluid intake and the harmful effects of soft drinks
- develop sustainable elements
- make free water available in every school, apart from restrooms

#### **Target population:**

 primary school children, kindergarten-aged children, their parents and teachers

#### **Implementation:**

- one week dedicated to water promotion
- education + healthy choice
- program elements, materials and manuals are available online
- independent implementation with the support of the national coordinator institute



## HAPPY WEEK - Schedule

- Preparing new program elements based on last year's experience
- Communication of HAPPY: press-release, direct contact with schools, social media
- Engaging sponsors, prizes
- Registration opens: schools, pre-schools register approx. 1 week
- Registration is online
- Schools choose elements that they would like to implement
- Program period usually around the World Water Day (March 22nd)
- After the end of HAPPY WEEK, participants have 1 month to prepare report
- Report is about satisfaction survey, program elements implemented with photos, video clips, ppt presentation. Suggestions for improvements.
- Reception of prizes those who perform the highest number of program elements
- Evaluating the year, identifying potential additional program elements to offer
- Closing communication





## HAPPY WEEK -Program elements

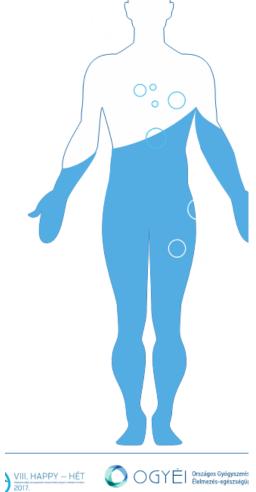
- Education materials:
  - Developed and tailored to different age groups
  - Interactive learning packages available online
  - Teachers guide, handouts, power point presentations





Mennyi vízre van szükséged egy nap?











## HAPPY WEEK – Some of the most popular program elements

#### Further elements offered online

- Playful programs, games developed
- Leaflets, posters developed
- Prizes: each year sponsors offer valuable prizes





- water cop service,
- water bars,
- free water provision,
- preparing decoration related to water consumption, watertime,
- organizing flash mobs,
- drawing and photo competition,
- several sports competitions,
- water as part of the curriculum



## HAPPY WEEK - Program elements

## Awareness posters for kindergartens

























## HAPPY WEEK - Program elements

### Awareness posters for students





























#### HAPPY WEEK - NATIONAL PERFORMANCE

		2007 (pilot)	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
	Level	Budapest	National							
	Participants nstitutions (number)	6	78	74	110	135	144	450	196	172
F	Participants children (number)	397	28 000	28 000	30 000	41 000	44 000	124 000	52 700	36 300

#### More than 384 000 children!

## HAPPY WEEK – expansion to kindergartens

Coverage national

No.
Participating institutions

No. of children

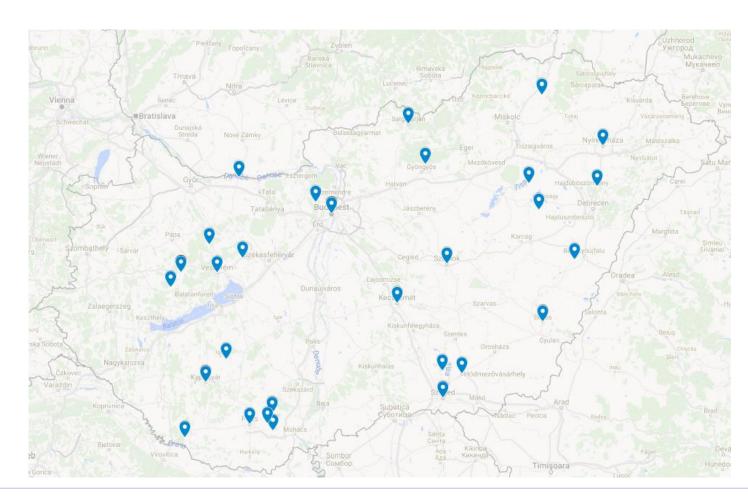
2017

172

36 300

2017

42 kindergartens



# HAPPY WEEK 2017 – Programs for kindergartens







## HAPPY WEEK 2017- Prizes

#### **PRIZES**

The school who implemented the most program elements:

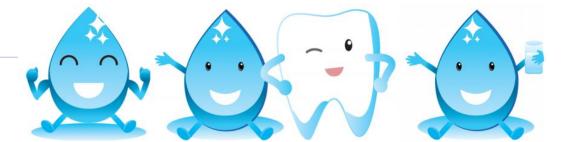
30 students can participate in a joint cooking class at the educational kitchen of the National Institute of Pharmacy and Nutrition with the program organizer staff.

The pre-school who implemented the most program elements: 1.5 hours cultural program by an kindergarten NGO.

"Life under water" drawing contest winner school class wins entrance into the Tropicarium.

"Be HAPPY" clip contest winner class wins entrance to a Playbar Cold Minutes scientific show.





#### HAPPY Week 2017 – Feedbacks from schools

"Thank you for having such meaningful programs for kindergartens...,

"We think this program is a very important and great initiative."

"We had a fun week with the kids!"

"The manuals and pre-prepared materials were a great help to designing the week."

"Keep continue it!!! Excellent! Very useful for kindergartens, kids and their family. Attention catching!"





### HAPPY Week – HR Nuts and bolts

1 coordinator: approximately 1-1.5 full month per year with heavier workload right before, during and right after the HAPPY WEEK. Tasks: review program reports, suggest and develop new program elements, update program database on website, coordinate registration, engage sponsors, summarize results.

1 graphic designer to develop program and educational materials (to much less extent than in the beginning)

Communication department: pre communication/communication of prize winners and celebration.

Communication of results: media + presentations on conferences, journals and social media.



## HAPPY Week Challenges – lessons learnt - future

- Length of intervention
- Program implementation from face-to-face to online based, school-led
- From top-to-bottom to community-based but nationally supported and coordinated
- Manner of water provision
- Staff changes
- Nearly self-sustaining program
- 2018 diversificated communication by engaging more partners/organizations related to schools and pre-schools into the precommunication process.
- Evaluation of national program with equity approach
- Branding of Happy week in kindergartens: e.g. HAPPY Mini
- New directions: Happy Dental
- Promoting water fountains as sustainable solutions



## HAPPY Week – Hungarian Aqua Promoting Program in the Young

#### **SUMMARY**

- easy to organize
- low budget
- very popular among children
- sustainable
- self-developing
- positive changes reported back from participating schools:
  - –water consumption increased
  - soft drinks consumption decreased
  - students bring less soft drinks to school













# Thank you for your attention!

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