Worldwide trends in underweight and obesity from 1990 to 2022

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A global study by a global collaboration

- Over 1,500 global collaborators; coordinated via WHO Collaborating Centre on NCD Surveillance, Epidemiology and Modelling
- Data from 3663 population-based studies in 197 countries, with measurement of height and weight in 222 million children, adolescents, and adults
Over one billion school-aged children and adolescents, and adults, lived with obesity in 2022
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Underweight has declined but remains prevalent in south and southeast Asia, and in males in parts of Africa
An increase in the double burden of underweight and obesity
Double burden of obesity and underweight in 1990 and 2022

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Increasing obesity dominance of malnutrition in adults

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Transition to obesity dominance of malnutrition in children and adolescents is following that of adults.
Summary

• The double burden of underweight and obesity has increased in most countries, driven by an increase in obesity
  – Largest increases in some countries in Polynesia and Micronesia, the Caribbean, and the Middle East and north Africa, and in newly high-income countries like Chile

• Underweight remain prevalent in south Asia and parts of Africa and southeast Asia, despite having declined substantially

• The transition to obesity dominance first began in adults, and then followed in children and adolescents