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Title: THE IMPACT OF THE DEVALUATION OF THE SURINAMESE DOLLAR (2015 – 2016) ON FOOD INTAKE IN SURINAME

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A currency devaluation generally influences food prices and populations' diet, especially in developing countries and within poorer households. So was the case in Suriname, where the fall of the Surinamese currency, in combination with country's dependency on imported foods, had a significant impact on local food prices. Thus, affecting the majority of households' food expenditures and diets. Changes in the proportion of households' significantly reducing their post-devaluation intake of high-quality foods were noticed. Post-devaluation changes in regular dietary pattern and food intake enrolled, especially within lower-economic households. Reduced consumption of high-quality foods restrains the protective health benefits of these foods towards the incidence of NCDs, and increases the risk of micro- and macronutrient deficiencies among populations that are already subject to food/nutrition insecurity.

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