Nutrition and Physical activity in the city of Rotterdam

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What

- Confront
 - overweight and
 - lack of physical activity
- Promote
 - healthy nutrition and
 - physical activity
- **■** For children
- Integral approach
 - Physical activity AND healthy nutrition
 - Cooperation

Statistics

- Overweight
 - 1 out of 7 in The Netherlands
 - 1 out of 4 in Rotterdam
- Physical activity
 - City children are inactive
 - Ethnic groups even less so
- Situation
 - Old city districts
 - Social economic position

Rotterdam confronts: Lekker Fit!

- Cooperation
 - Departments of Health, Sports and Education
 - Schoolboards
 - Local business
 - Professional and recreational sports
 - City council

Target group: Lekker Fit!

- Children
- Old city districts
- Primary schools
- Multifaceted

- Physical exercise
 - Beter AND more
 - **■** Professional teacher

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- Hardware
 - Playgrounds
 - Sports halls

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 - Schoolgardening

- Monitoring
 - Individual feedback on physical health
 - **■** Programm effectiveness
 - Factsheets on Rotterdam





Success: Lekker Fit!

- Proven effective
 - Stamina and waist circumference
 - Incline decreased
 - Parents indicate children are more active
- In 70 schools, 90 in 2009

Program Nutrition and Health

- Software
 - Educational programs
 - Sports in the community
 - Local partner program
- Hardware
 - Indoor and outdoor facilities
 - Norm for outdoor play areas

Lessons learned

- Integral solutions
- Broad acceptance
- Partnerships
- Indoor facilities
- Parent involvement
- Kindergarden



Results in Rotterdam

- Lekker Fit! in 70 primary schools AND proven effective
- Super Fit in 15 secundary schools
- Over 40 playgrounds
- 40 sports halls improved
- Partnerships with local organizations