

# Integrating health and economic benefit analysis in air quality management in Mexico City

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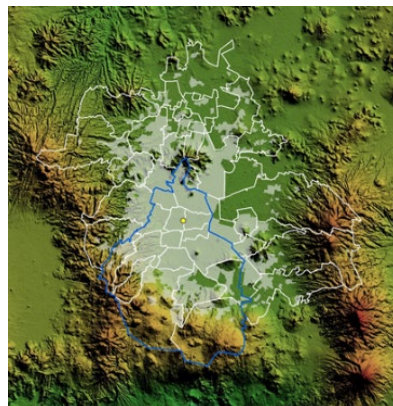
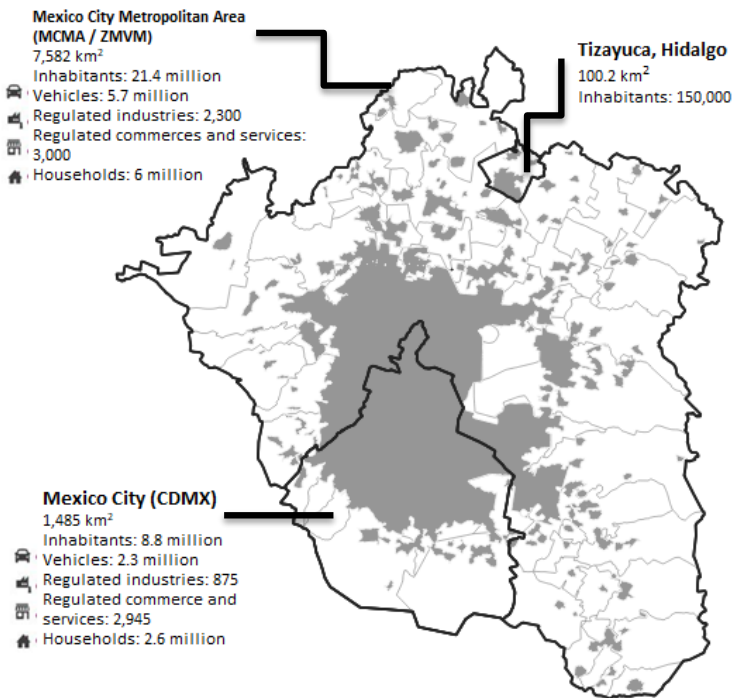
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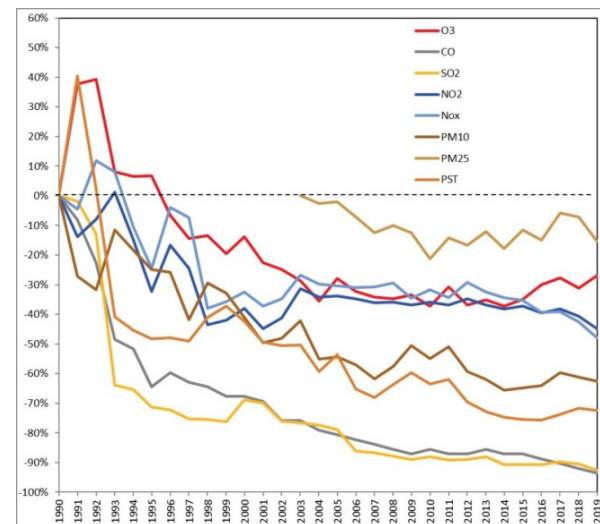
# Outline

1. Context: The Mexico City Metropolitan Area (MCMA)
2. Integrating health in air quality management in the MCMA
3. Health and economic benefit analysis in the MCMA
4. Examples of HIA in the MCMA
5. Recommendations for other cities

# 1. Context – The Mexico City Metropolitan Area (MCMA)



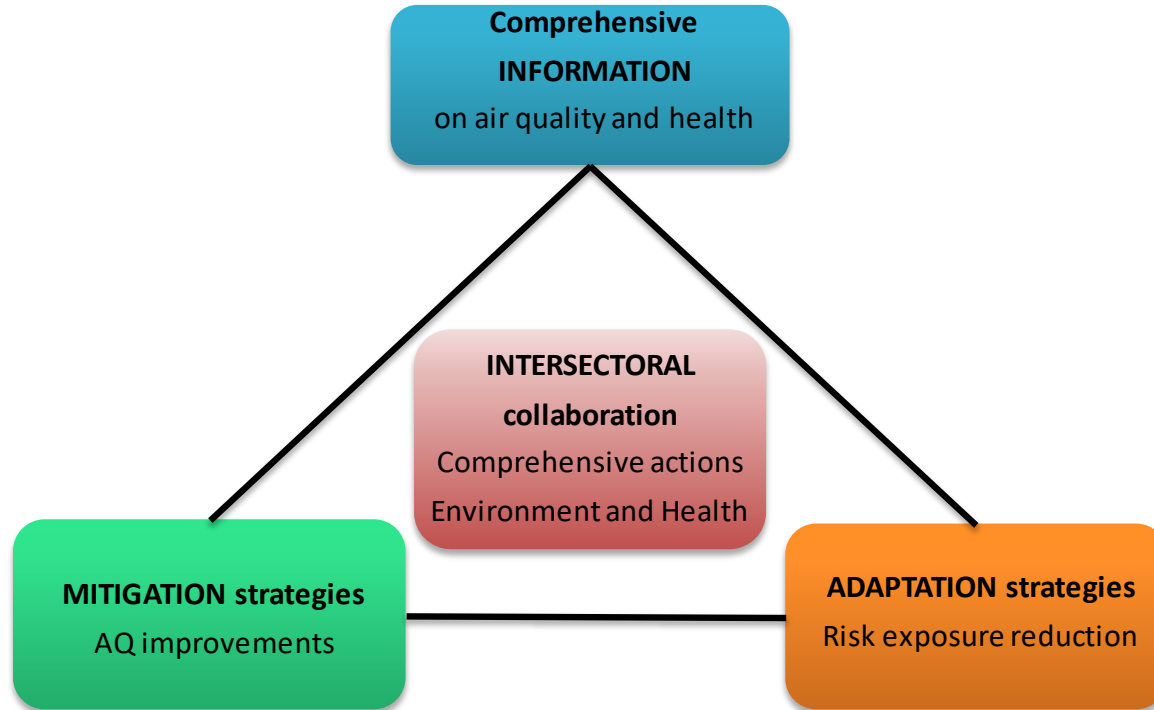
1990 – 2019 trend



MCMA (2018)

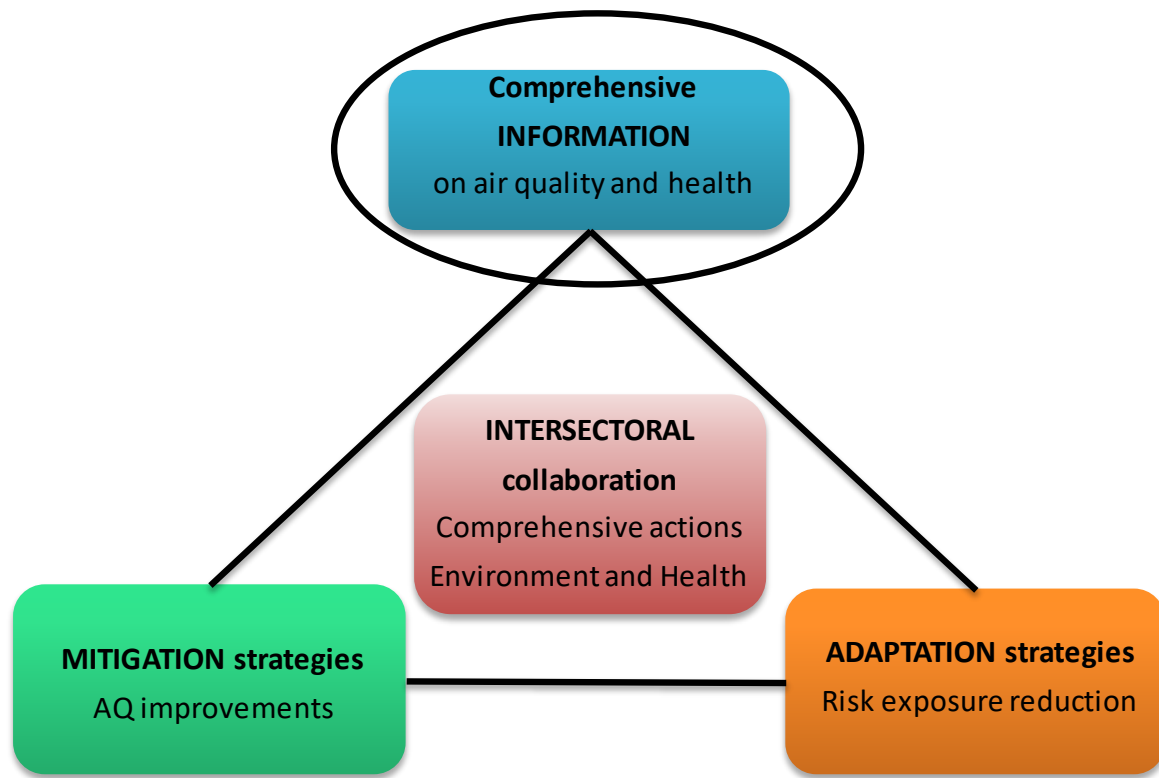
Pollutant	Averaging Metric	2018	WHO AQG	MEX AQS	Units
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Annual mean	27.7	10	12	mg/m <sup>3</sup>
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	24 h mean	70	25	45	mg/m <sup>3</sup>
O <sub>3</sub>	8 h max	120	50	70	ppb

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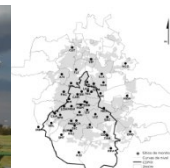
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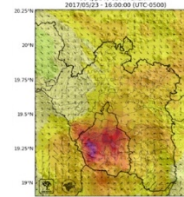
National AQ standards and WHO AQ guidelines



AQ monitoring



AQ modeling & scenarios



Health impact assesment (HIA)



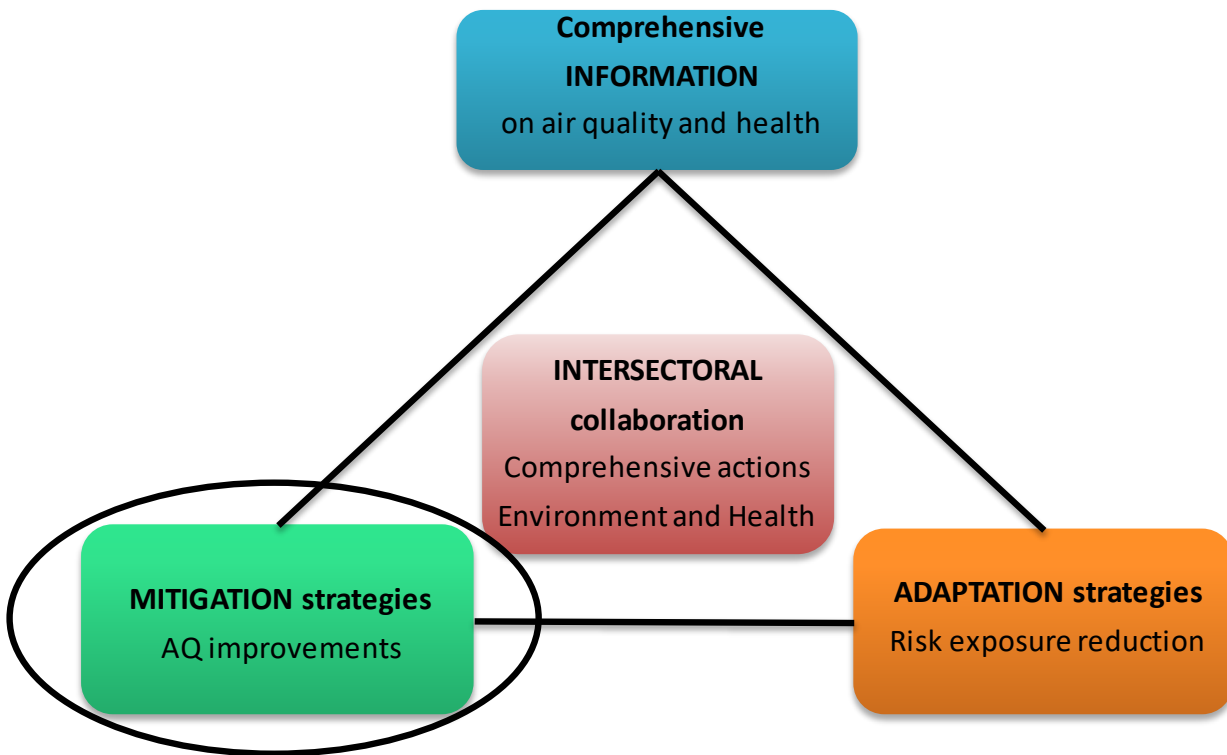
Epidemiological surveillance system



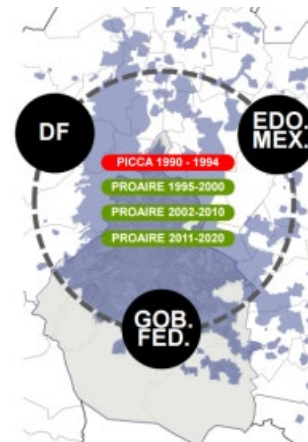
Research

## 2. Integrating HEALTH in AQ management in Mexico City

### MITIGATION



Air quality improvement programs  
(ProAire) and emission inventories

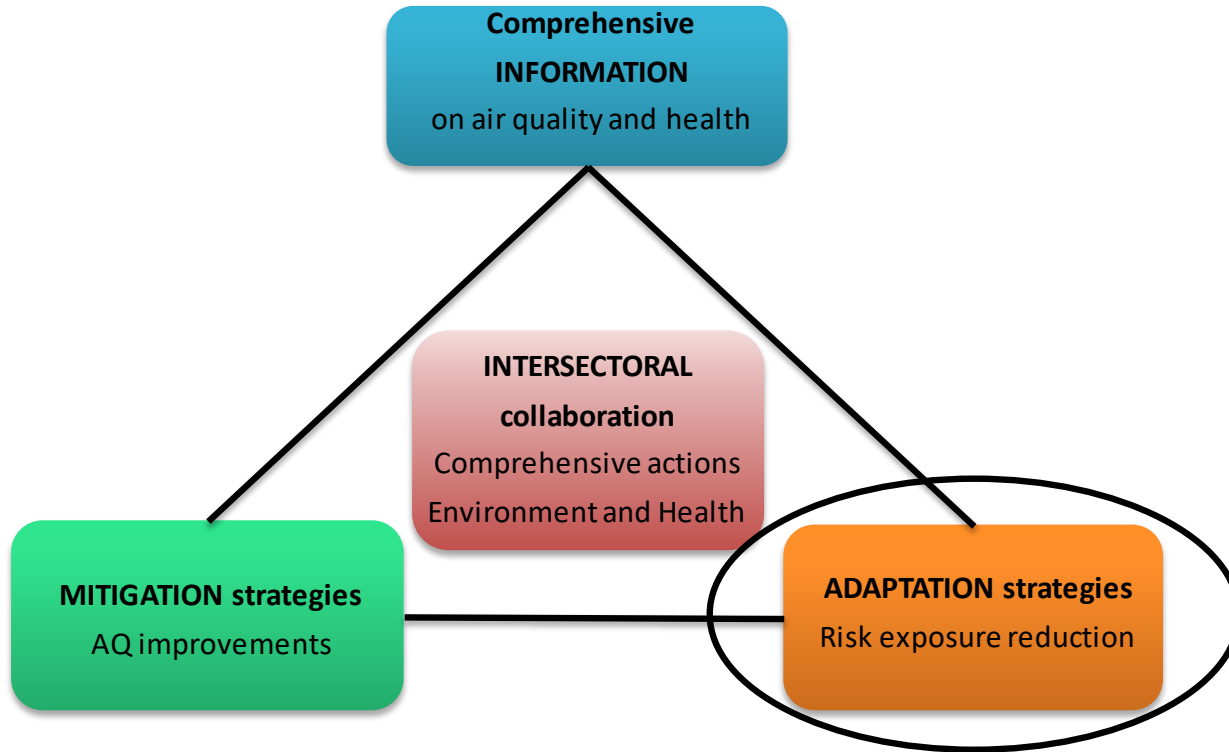


Health impact assesment  
(HIA)



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## ADAPTATION



Protocolo for air pollution episodes



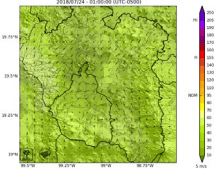
Early warning system for wildfires



Low cost sensor network  
Hot spots & microenvironments



Air quality forecast



Communication and engagement strategy

AQ app - push notifications



Engage health care providers



AQ flag program in schools



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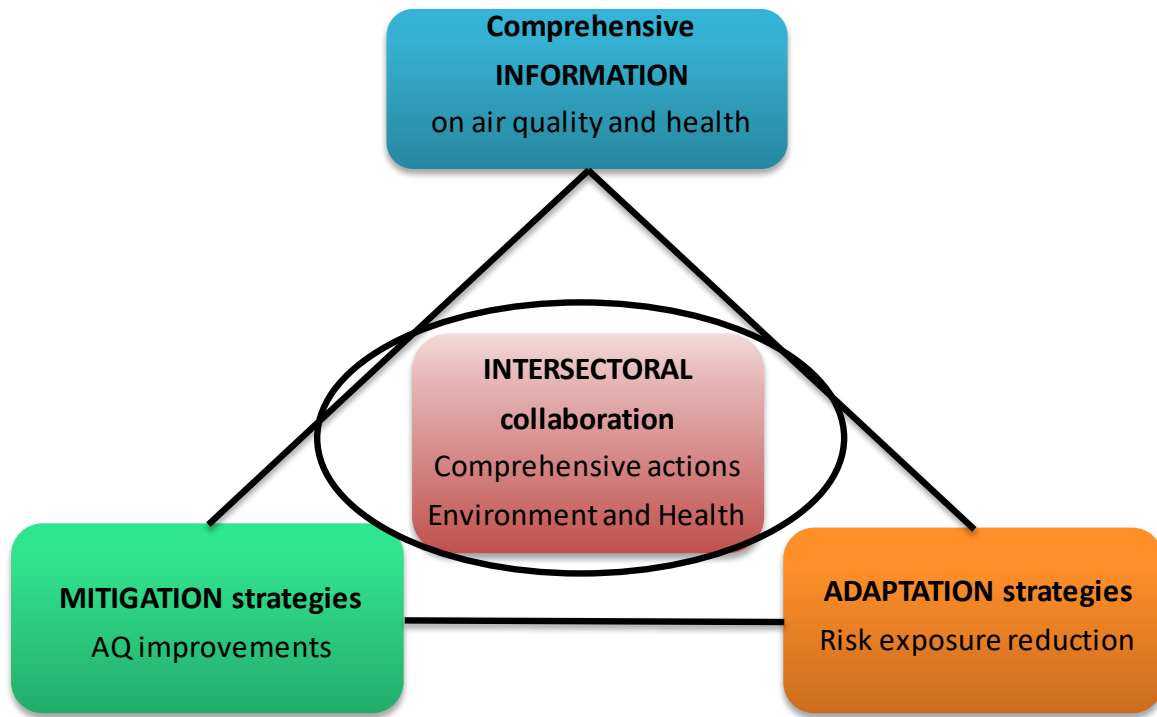
**BenMAP**

Translate and communicate HIA results



## 2. Integrating HEALTH in AQ management in Mexico City

### INTERSECTORAL COLLABORATION



### HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES

Multi-stakeholder Technical  
Advisory Group on Air  
Pollution for Mexico City

Translate and  
communicate HIA results



**BenMAP**  
Community Edition

✓ Best practices  
Capacity building





### **3. Benefit analysis of AQ improvements in the MCMA using the BenMAP-CE software**

#### **Main goal**

Integrate health impact assessment into AQ management in Mexico City as a key tool to guide policy design, implementation and evaluation.

# Estimating health and economic benefits of AQ improvements

## The process

1. What specific policy **questions** would be useful to answer?
2. What are the **steps** to calculate health impacts?
3. What **data** is needed to estimate benefits?
4. Which **institutions** could **participate** to strengthen the project?
5. Which are the potential data **sources** and how to **process** data inputs?
6. Which **options** to select when **running the analyses** in BenMAP?
7. How to be **transparent** and allow analysis **replicability**?
8. How to **translate and communicate results** to key stakeholders?
9. Which **future analyses** should we consider?
10. How to **integrate health impact analysis in AQ management**?

# Estimating health and economic benefits of AQ improvements

## Policy questions

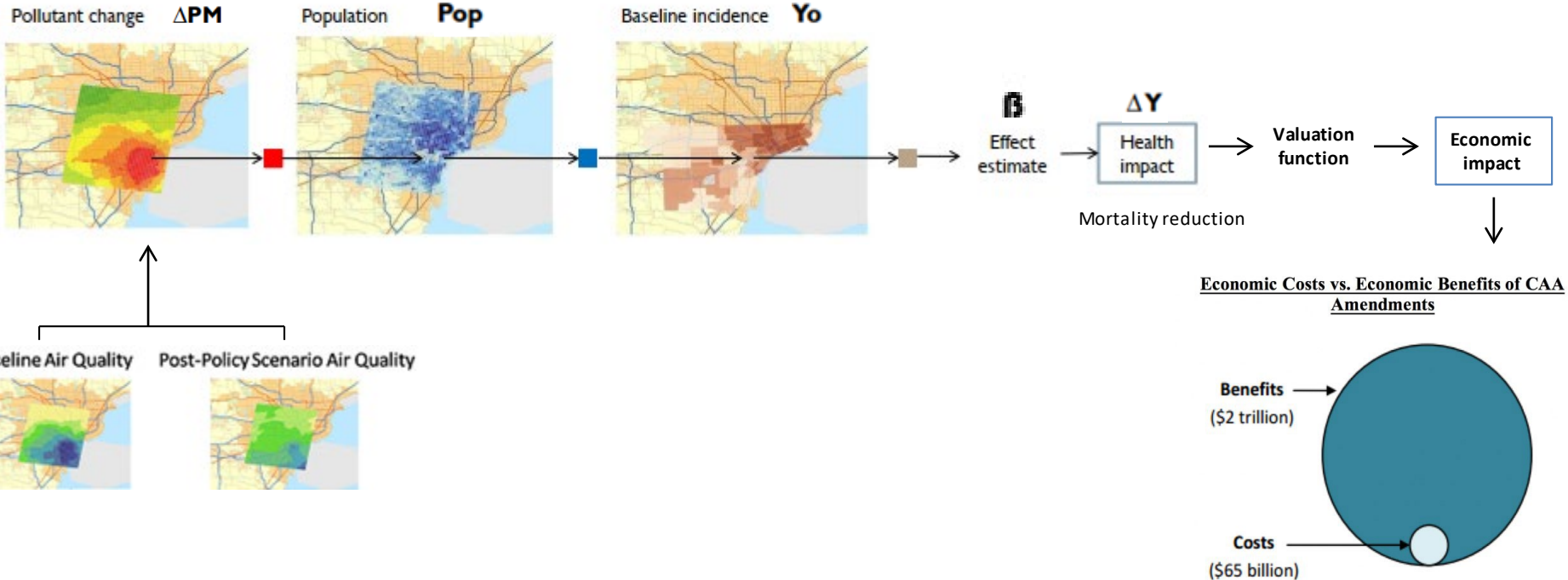
1. What are the **current** health and economic effects of air pollution in the MCMA?
2. How have changes in air pollution **contributed** to changes in health outcomes in the MCMA (**ProAire 2010-2020**)?
3. What are the health and economic benefits of attaining the national **AQ standards**, the **WHO AQG** and a **15% reduction** in air pollution in the MCMA?
4. What are the health and economic benefits in 2024 and 2030 of implementing the **next ProAire** (2021-2022)?

Main focus on **PM2.5 and ozone**

# Estimating health and economic benefits of AQ improvements

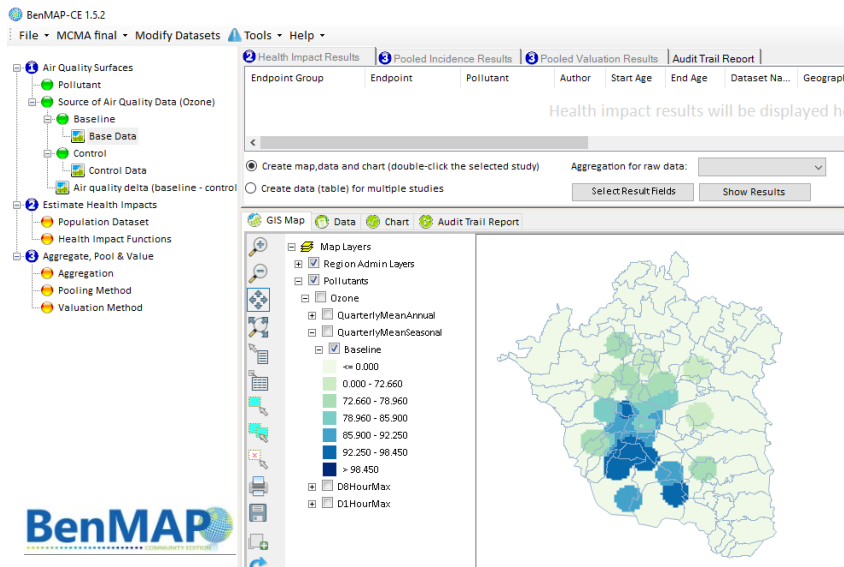
## Steps to calculate health and economic impacts

$$\Delta Y = Y_0 (1 - e^{-\beta \Delta PM}) * Pop$$

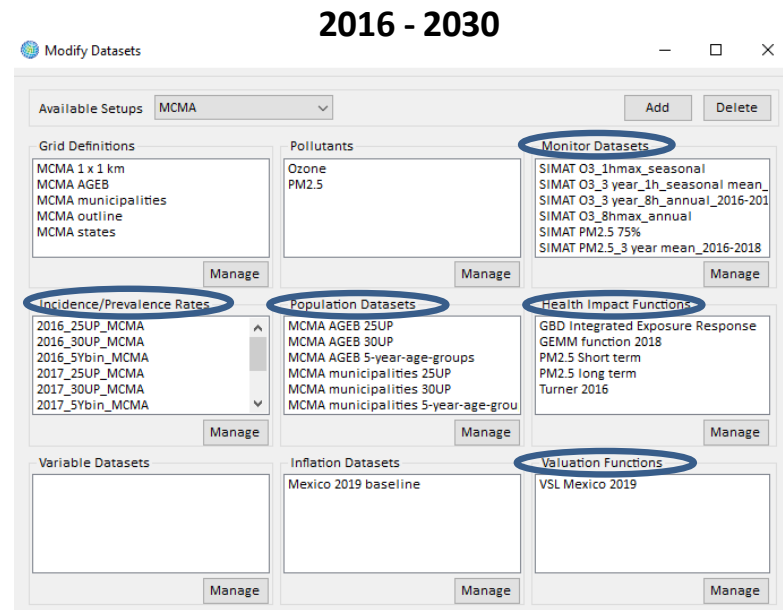


# Estimating health and economic benefits of AQ improvements

## Data inputs



Aim for the **finest resolution** and **disaggregation possible**.



**Develop a setup** for Mexico City with data for several years.

# a. Pollutant change /AQ data

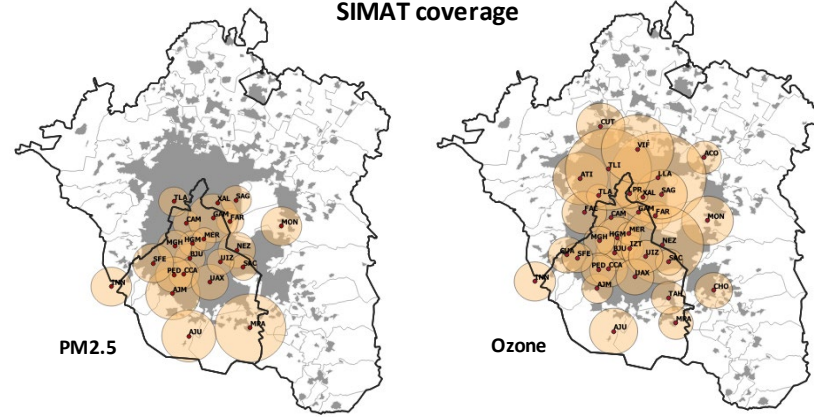
## MONITOR DATA

- **Years:** 2016 to 2019, 2016-2018
- **Source:** SEDEMA's AQM network (SIMAT)
- **Sufficiency criteria:** 75% valid data
- **Datasets:** daily data for **PM2.5** (24 h mean) and **ozone** (1 and 8 h max)
- **Coverage:** varies by station
- **Counterfactual scenario:** Background concentration / NOM/ WHO AQG

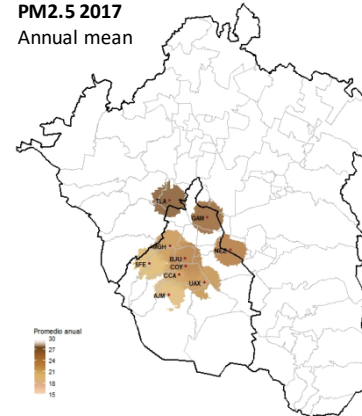
## Decisions within BenMAP

- **Grid definition:** AGEb (Basic geostatistical area) or 1 x 1 km.
- **Interpolation methods:** Voronoi neighbour averaging (VNA) + inverse distance squared weighted (IDW<sup>2</sup>).
- **Maximum neighbour distance:** 5 km for PM2.5 and 5.5 km for ozone.

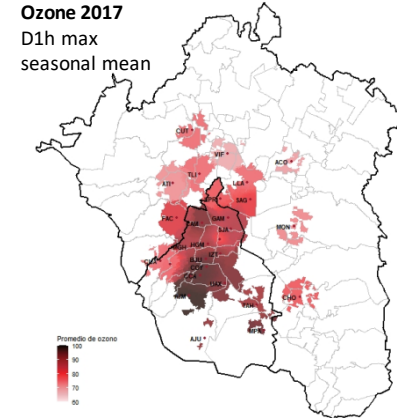
SIMAT coverage



PM2.5 2017  
Annual mean



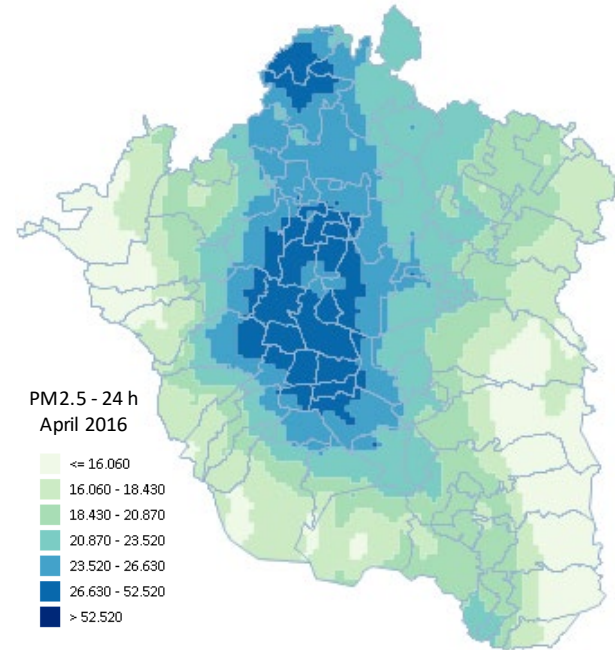
Ozone 2017  
D1h max  
seasonal mean



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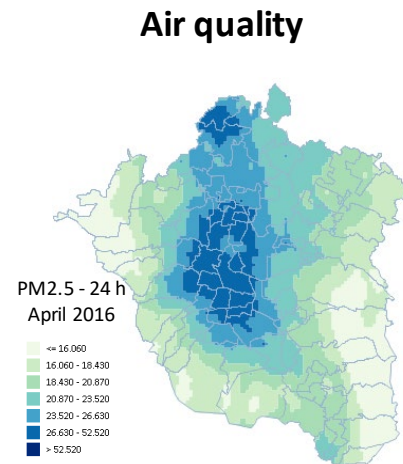
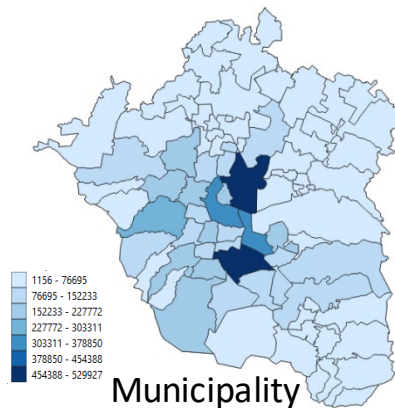
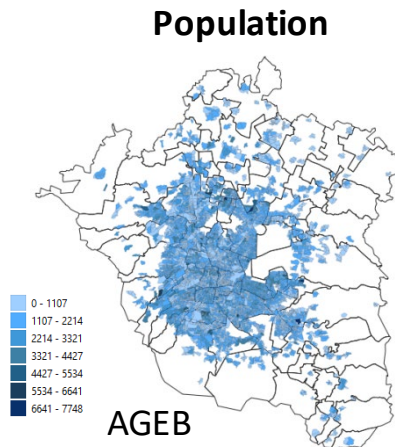
### MODEL DATA

- **Resolution:** 1 x 1 km
- **Coverage:** the whole of the MCMA
- **Datasets:** daily data
  - **PM2.5:** 24 h mean
  - **Ozone:** 1 and 8 h max
- **Periods:** several scenarios for:
  - April 2016 (current ProAire)
  - 4 weeks in 2016 for the next ProAire (**assumption:** representative of the year)
  - ...
- **Source:** SEDEMA



## b. Population data

- **Years:** 2016-2018, 2024 and 2030.
- **Age groups:** 0-0, 1-4, 5-9...65+.
- **Sources:**
  - The National Institute of Statistics and Geography's (INEGI) **2010 Census (AGEB)**.
  - The National Population Council's (CONAPO) **population projections 2015-2030** (municipality).
- **Resolution:**
  - Basic geostatistical area (**AGEB**) level.
  - Municipality level.
- **Combining datasets** for achieving the finest resolution.





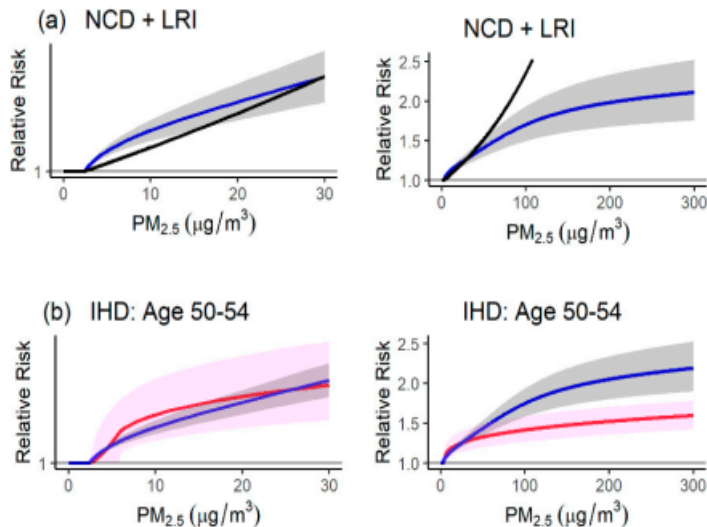
## c. Baseline incidence

- **Years:** 2016-2018, 2020, 2024 and 2030.
- **Resolution:** municipality level.
- **All-cause, non-accidental and cause-specific mortality :**
  - Ischaemic heart disease
  - Stroke
  - COPD
  - Lung cancer
  - Lower respiratory infections
- **Age groups:** 0-0, 1-4, 5-14, 15-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64 and 65+.
- **Sources:** INEGI (observed mortality) and CONAPO (mortality projections).
- Projected to achieve a **finer disaggregation:** cause-specific mortality.

HUMAN HEALTH EFFECTS								
ISA		2017 SO <sub>x</sub> Health	2016 NO <sub>x</sub> Health	2020 Ozone	2010 CO	2019 PM		
Indicator		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>2</sub>	O <sub>3</sub>	CO	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	PM <sub>10-2.5</sub>	UFP
Health Outcome	Mortality	Short-term exposure						
		Long-term exposure						
	Respiratory	Short-term exposure						
		Long-term exposure						
	Cardiovascular	Short-term exposure						
		Long-term exposure						
	Reproductive	Long-term exposure	Fertility, pregnancy, and reproduction Birth outcomes Developmental outcomes	Fertility, pregnancy, and reproduction Birth outcomes Pregnancy and Birth outcomes Developmental outcomes		Fertility and reproduction	Fertility and reproduction	Fertility and reproduction
						Pregnancy and Birth outcomes	Pregnancy and Birth outcomes	Pregnancy and Birth outcomes
						Developmental outcomes	Developmental outcomes	Developmental outcomes
	Cancer	Long-term exposure						
	Metabolic Effects	Short-term exposure						
		Long-term exposure						
	Central nervous system	Short-term exposure						
		Long-term exposure						

Causal 
 Likely causal 
 Suggestive 
 Inadequate 
 Not likely 
 Not evaluated

## d. Effect estimates



Relative risk by PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations below 30 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (left side) and over the global concentration range (right side):  
Adapted from Burnett et al (2020)

**Black:** Log-linear

**Red:** Integrated exposure response model (IER)

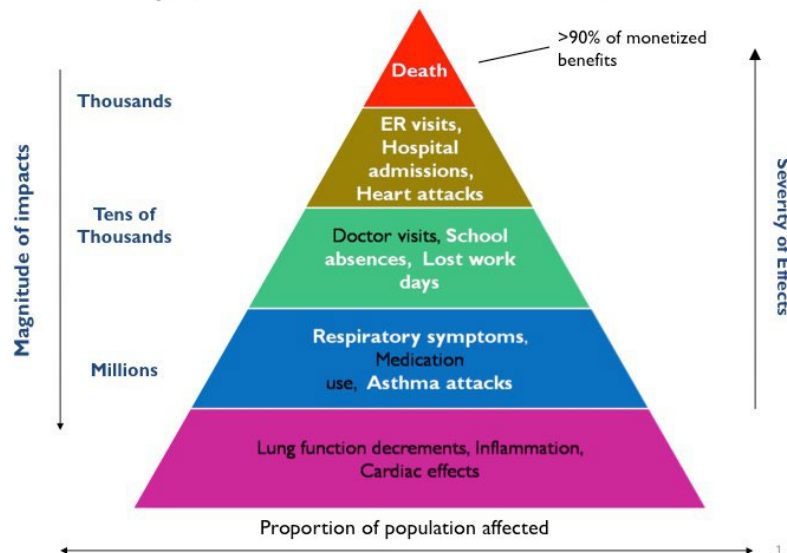
**Blue:** Global exposure mortality model (GEMM)

Health impact functions for causes of death linked to CHRONIC exposure to air pollutants				
Air pollutant	Cause	Author and type of study	Risk ratio per 10 µg/m <sup>3</sup> of PM <sub>2.5</sub> or 10 ppb of O <sub>3</sub>	Age group
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	All-cause	Chen & Hoek (2020) Meta-analysis	1.08 (1.06–1.09)	0–99
	Ischemic heart disease (IHD)		1.16 (1.10–1.21)	
	Stroke		1.11 (1.04–1.18)	
	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)		1.11 (1.05–1.17)	
	Lung cancer (LC)		1.12 (1.07–1.16)	
	Lower respiratory infections		1.16 (1.01–1.34)	
	Non-Accidental and IHD, stroke, COPD, LC, LRI	Burnett et al (2018) Global exposure mortality model (GEMM)	Non-linear	25+
	IHD, stroke, COPD, LC, LRI	Cohen et al (2017) Integrated exposure response model (IER)	Non-linear	30+
Ozone	Respiratory / COPD	Jerret et al (2009) Cohort study in the US	1.029 (1.010–1.048) Daily 1 h max - Seasonal mean	30+
		Turner et al (2016) Cohort study in the US	1.12 (1.08–1.16) Daily 8 h max - Seasonal mean	30+

Health impact functions for causes of death linked to ACUTE exposure to air pollutants				
Air pollutant	Cause	Author and type of study	Percentage change per 10 µg/m <sup>3</sup> of PM <sub>2.5</sub> or 5 ppb of O <sub>3</sub>	Age group
PM <sub>2.5</sub> (24 h mean)	All-cause (non-external)	Liu et al (2019) Multi-city time series study	499 cities: 0.68 (0.59 to 0.77) Mexico: 1.29 (0.21 to 2.39)	All ages
	Cardiovascular disease		499 cities: 0.55 (0.45 to 0.66)	
	Respiratory disease		499 cities: 0.74 (0.53 to 0.95)	
Ozone (8 h max)	All-cause mortality	Orellano et al (2020) Meta-analysis	0.43 (0.34–0.52)	All ages
	All-cause mortality	Di et al (2017) Cohort study in the US	0.28 (0.21–0.31)	All ages
	Cardiopulmonary disease	Romieu et al (2013)	0.12 (0.01 to 0.22)	≥65
	Cardiovascular disease	Multi-city time series study Values for Mexico City:	0.15 (0.03 to 0.27)	
	Stroke		0.28 (0.03 to 0.53)	
	Total mortality (natural and non-external)	Vicedo-Cabrera et al (2020) Multi-location time series study	406 cities: 0.18 (0.12 to 0.24)	All ages

## e. Economic valuation – Value of statistical life

A “Pyramid of Effects” from Air Pollution

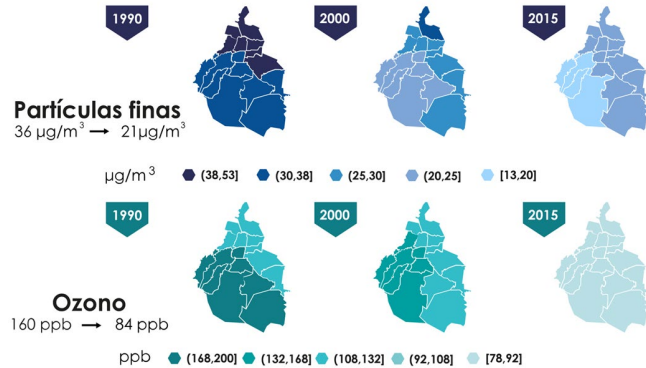


US EPA 2019

### Mexico

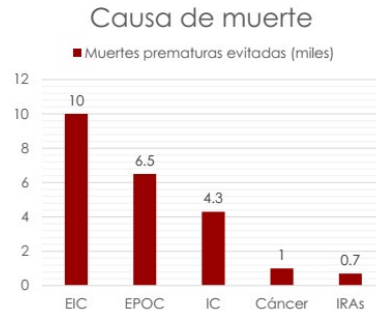
Original country	Original VSL in USD	Year	Source	VSL in 2019 (USD PPP) if elasticity is 1:
USA	6,300,000	2007	Viscusi (2004)	3,062,307
USA	9,300,000	2014	US DHHS (2016)	3,712,151
OECD	3,000,000	2005	OECD (2012)	2,245,057
OECD	3,830,000	2011	OECD (2012)	2,414,191
Varios	5400000	2000	Kochi et al. (2006)	3,684,591
Brazil (Sao Paulo)	1,306,941	2003	Ariagoni et al. (2009)	1,414,987
Chile	4,625,958	2006	Parada et al. (2013)	8,030,108
México	227,947 USD PPP	2010	De Lima (2019)	322,642
México	325,000 USD PPP	2002	Hammitt & Ibarraran (2006)	650,358

## 4. Examples of HIA in Mexico City and the MCMA

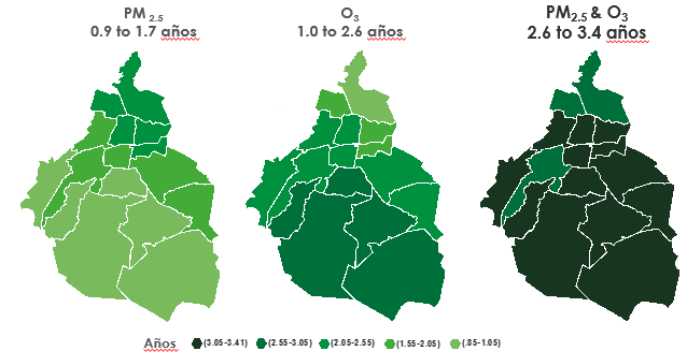


Harvard – SEDEMA (2018)

AQ improvements in **Mexico City** in the period from 1990 to 2015 avoided 22 thousand premature deaths (PM<sub>2.5</sub>: 18,000; Ozone: 4,000) and led to an increase in life expectancy of 3.2 years.



Nota: EIC-enfermedad isquémica del corazón; EPOC-enfermedad pulmonar obstructiva crónica; IC-infarto cerebrovascular; IRAs-infecciones respiratorias agudas.



However, 7,700 premature deaths occur every year due to air pollution in the **Mexico City Metropolitan Area (MCMA)** with a cost of 12,699 million USD.

## 5. Recommendations for other cities

- Develop HIA to inform decision making.
- **Start with a general/basic analysis** and then go further in your analysis.
- Reach to and **collaborate** with local, national and international **institutions**.
- Work hand-in-hand with the **AQ monitoring/ modeling / data analysis team** at your institution, especially when developing complex and multiple datasets.
- **Document your analysis** to ensure transparency and allow replicability.
- **Translate and communicate results** to citizens and decision-makers.

# Special thanks



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