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## 1. Introduction

will generate a total annual cost of US\$1 billion in Chile, US\$3 billion in Ecuador and US\$3 billion in Mexico.<sup>11</sup> If effective strategies to address this problem are not implemented, the human and economic cost generated in the health system will be unsustainable.

### 3. Double burden of malnutrition

Furthermore, as previously mentioned, to counter negative effects produced by the DBM, double duty actions that is, those that simultaneously reduce the risk or burden of both undernutrition and overweight/obesity must be implemented. However, in Latin America (and other regions to varying extent), numerous barriers are faced such as:

## Notes

<sup>1</sup> Kraemer K. When Biological Systems Meet Food Systems. Sight Life [Internet]. 2018 [cited 2019 Sep 6];32(2):10  
Available from: [https://sightandlife.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/SALMZ\\_0218-1.pdf](https://sightandlife.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/SALMZ_0218-1.pdf)

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