The Challenges of Study Design, Implementation and Data Collection for Physical Activity

Evaluation tools and instruments

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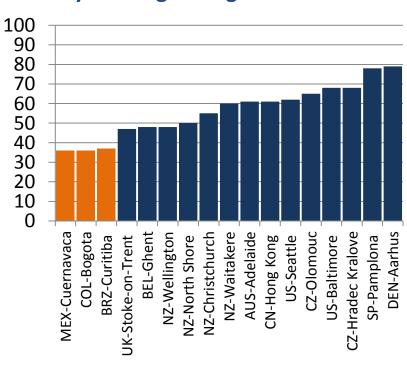


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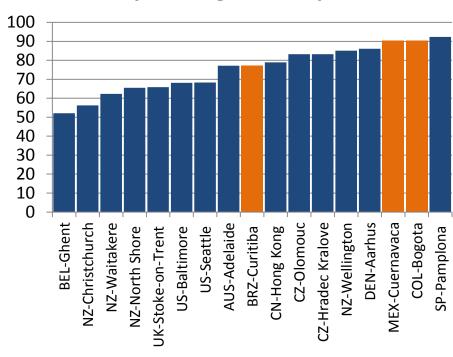
- IPEN module for PA in Latin America
- Evaluation of Open Streets programs
- Conclusions & lessons learned

CHOICE VS. NON-CHOICE FRAMEWORK

Any walking during Leisure time

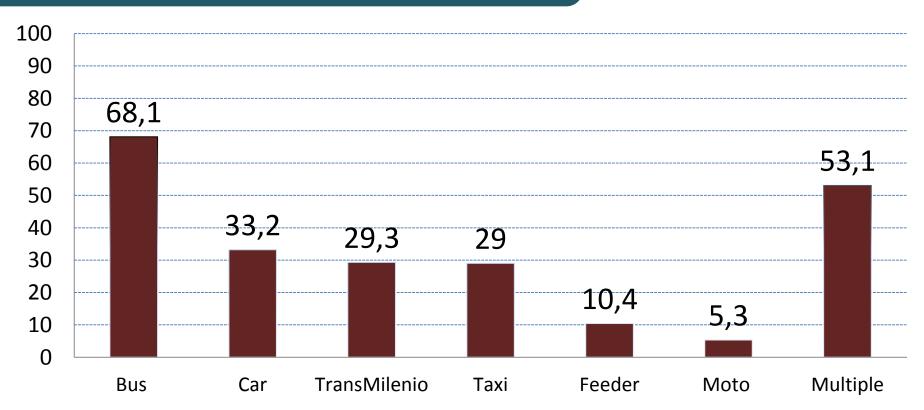


Any walking for transport

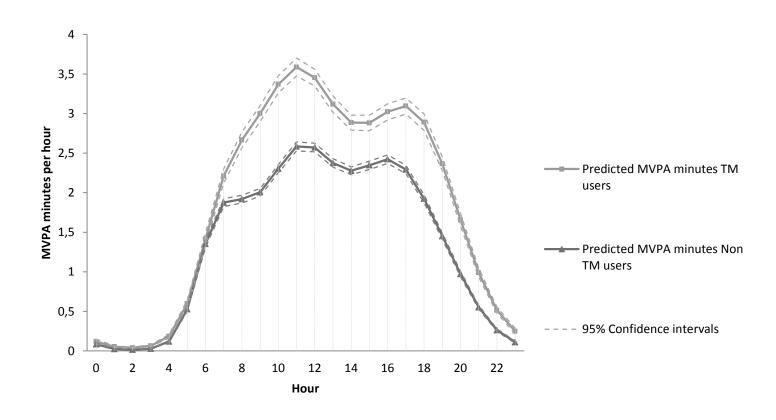




Multimodal Transportation among Adults of Bogotal



MVPA AND USE OF BUS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM AMONG ADULTS OF BOGOTA



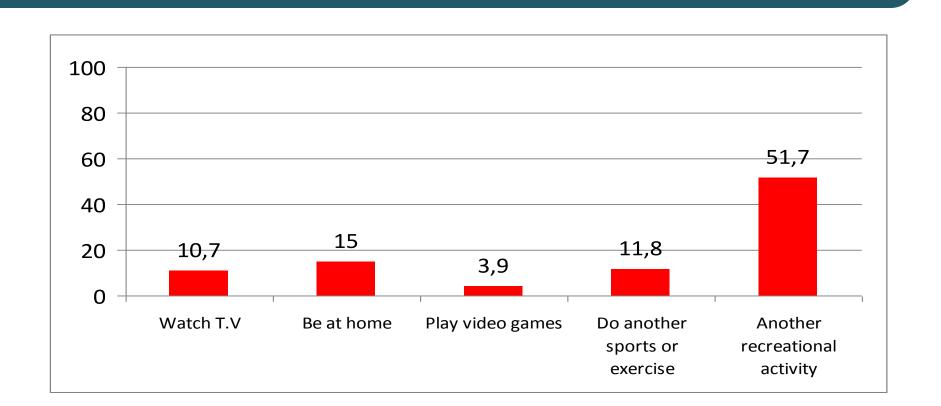




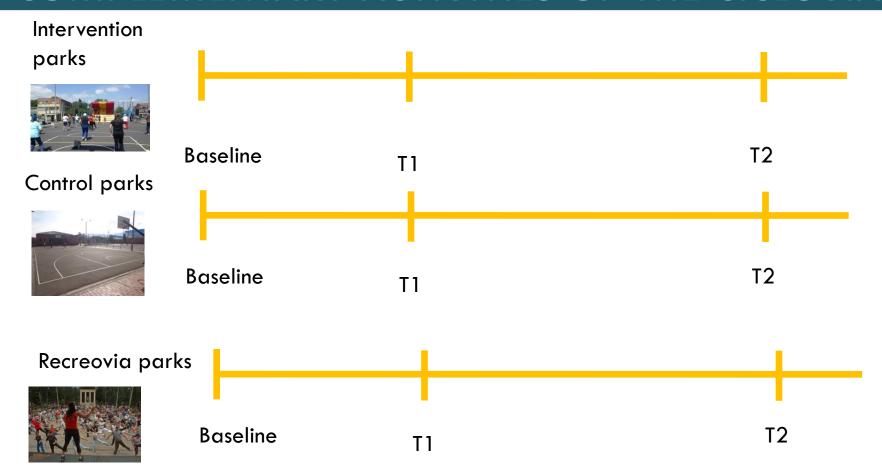




WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF BOGOTA DID NOT HAVE THE CICLOVIA?



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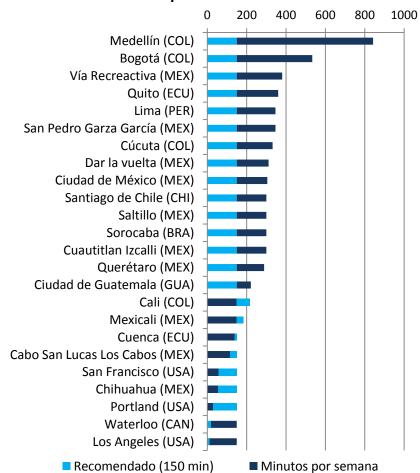


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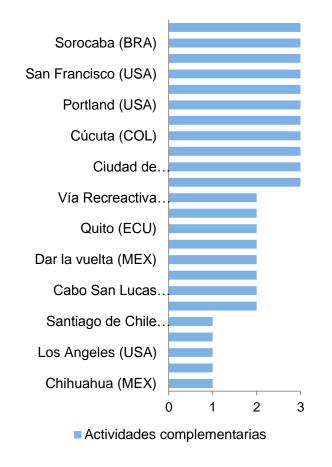


THE COMPARISON PROBLEM AMONG PROGRAMS

Minutes per week



Complementary activities



What are the evaluation criteria?

The analysis includes the following criteria, which are considered relevant for the realization of the OS's benefits. The values for each criterion were provided by the programs. For further information on the measuring and cut-off points, see the Evaluation Criteria Manual for Ciclovias Recreativas.



Target population

<u>Definition</u>; Number of persons living less than 1 km from the OS route.

Unit: Persons



Social inclusion

<u>Definition</u>: The OS route includes low-socioeconomic areas or areas with residents belonging to ethnic/racial minorities.

Unit: Yes or no



Participants per event

<u>Definition:</u> Average number of persons who attend each event of the OS adjusted for the city's or town's population.

Unit: Percentage



Participants per specific activities

<u>Definition:</u> Average number of persons who participate in complementary activities that promote physical activity, art, culture or training, adjusted for the city's or town's population.

Unit: Percentage



Minutes per week

<u>Definition:</u> Time in minutes per week during which the OS takes place.

Unit: Minutes



Time spent by participants at each event

<u>Definition</u>: Average time per event spent by participants in the OS.

Unit: Minutes



Length of route

<u>Definition</u>: Number of kilometers used during each OS event.

Unit: Kilometers



Geographical risk areas

<u>Definition:</u> Number of kilometers of the *OS* route in which there is risk of accidents of a geographical nature (e.g. flooding, fog, landslide, falling trees, collapse of streets) adjusted for the total number of kilometers of the program.

Unit: Percentage



Connectivity to parks or beaches

<u>Definition:</u> The OS route is connected to at least one park, square or beach.
Unit: Yes or no



Connectivity to touristic sites

<u>Definition</u>: The OS route is connected to at least one tourist or historic site.

Unit: Yes or no

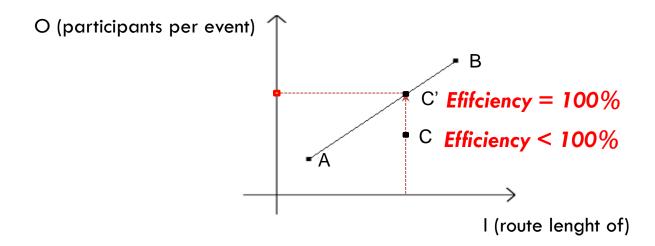
MULTICRITERIA EVALUATION MODEL BASED ON DATA ENVELOPMENT ANALYSIS (DEA)

- In DEA each program is compared relative to similar programs.
- Larger programs are not given an advantage over smaller ones (or vice versa).
- The results of the evaluation are relative and dynamic and may vary each year according to the programs evaluated and values reported.
- Some of the advantages of using DEA are:
 - Allows an evaluation with multiple criteria.
 - Does not require the assignment of weights (subjectively) to each criteria.
 - Identifies benchmarks (role models) for the programs.
 - Recommends specific goals for the continuous improvement of programs

Multicriteria evaluation model based on data envelopment analysis (DEA)

Example:

- Only 3 ciclovías (DMUs)
- One input: Extension of the circuit
- One output: Participants per event



Bikes of Quality

As a result of the evaluation of multiple criteria, OS programs are awarded the following grades:



THREE Bikes of Quality

The best OS in the Americas. All criteria in the model are fulfilled and will be evaluated by an expert committee. According to the 2011 evaluation, there are no recommendations for improvement. However, the efficiency score could decrease in the next evaluation, which will include a larger number of OS programs and different performances.



TWO Bikes of Quality

OS that stand out for their operational conditions and services offered to users. They do not comply with all the criteria and will be evaluated by an expert committee. According to the 2011 evaluation, there are specific recommendations for improvement, given that the efficiency score is less than 100%.



ONE Bikes of Quality

Programs that cannot be evaluated because they did not report on all the measured criteria. The recommendation is to measure the criteria according to the Evaluation Criteria Manual.

Awarding of prizes

In 2011, 15 OS programs in the Americas were awarded THREE Bikes of Quality:



CONCLUSIONS & LESSONS LEARNED

- Instruments to assess multimodal transportation should be considered in Latin American cities. These instruments could be useful in studies comparing residents in Latin America and Latino populations from the US.
- OS programs are and example where practice-based evidence accelerates more quickly than evidence-based practice. In this context natural experiments are an efficient alternative.
- Instruments to assess Open Street programs could be useful in the evaluation of studies of OS programs in the US.
- Data Envelopment Analysis is useful for the evaluation and comparison of OS programs which includes multiple criteria.

