



Mexico moves forward on lead safety



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On 25 June 2026, Abheet Solomon, Partnership for a Lead Free Future (PLF), UNICEF, reposted Cecilia De Bustos' Linked in Post (below)

Mexico moves forward to 'put lead to bed', with UNICEF and partner support!

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Cecilia De Bustos, Chief of Nutrition in UNICEF Mexico

It was a pleasure to meet yesterday with colleagues from the Ministry of Health of Mexico **Secretaría de Salud**, alongside experts from INSP and Universidad Iberoamericana and partners from **Pan American Health Organization**, to advance the design of a national strategy to prevent lead exposure among children and their families. From **UNICEF México**, we are proud to support both the development of this strategy and the implementation of the Put Lead to Bed framework, contributing global evidence and technical guidance to accelerate action. This meeting took place in the framework of the Interinstitutional Technical Working Group on Lead, bringing together key actors from the Ministry of Health, including the General Health Council, DGPSP, INSP, COFEPRIS, CENSIA, DEGE, CENAPRECE, among others—demonstrating strong sectoral commitment to addressing this critical public health issue. **Patricia Clark Francisco Antonio Meza-Durán Ana Lucia (Lucy) Rosado Gabriel Terres Marta Zapata-Tarrés** The urgency is clear: 17.4% of children aged 1 to 4 years in Mexico (approximately 1.4 million) have blood lead levels $\geq 5 \mu\text{g/dL}$. Recent evidence from INSP confirms that this is a multi-source exposure, including glazed pottery, paints, toys, and environmental contamination.

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