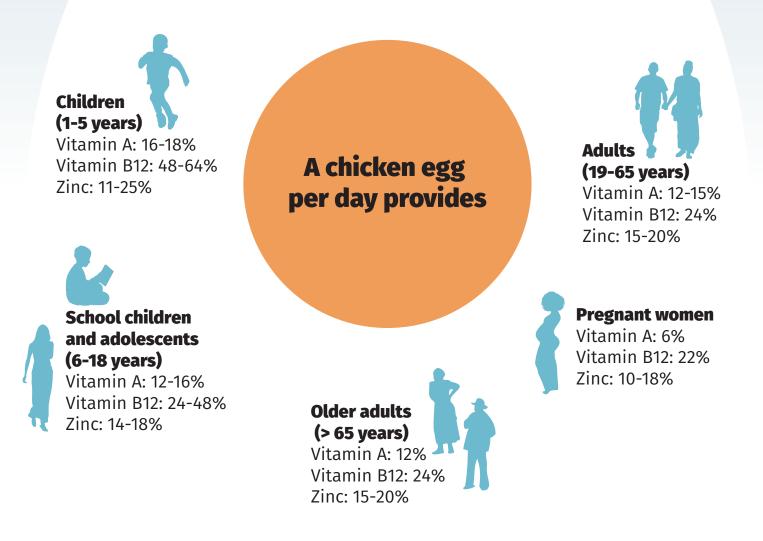


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## supply essential nutrients and contribute to healthy diets



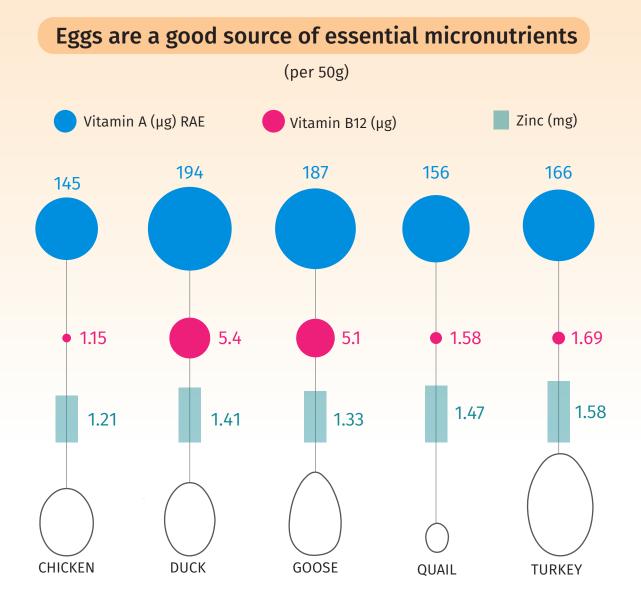
### Eggs contain important micronutrients

Vitamin A helps the body to recover more quickly from illness and is important for healthy eyes, skin, gut and lungs.

Vitamin B12 is needed for neurodevelopment and supports blood cell formation.

**Zinc** is necessary for the activity of over 300 enzymes in the human body and serves vital functions in growth, development and immunity.

**Choline** is vital for growth, neurotransmission and cell membrane integrity and function.



Eggs are a good source of highly digestible proteins (g/100g) 13.9 13.7 13 12.8 12.6 Goose Turkey Quail Duck Chicken

#### **Eggstraordinary facts**

The combination of amino acids and proteins in eggs is considered the gold standard to which other

One chicken egg (50 g) provides 194 mg of **choline**, mostly concentrated in the egg

proteins are compared.

In well cooked eggs **biotin**, important vitamin for hair, nail and skin health, is more bioavailable. yolk.

Lipids are highly concentrated in the egg yolk.

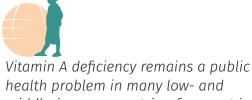
## Eggs help to prevent vitamin A deficiency

Vitamin A deficiency is the world's leading preventable cause of childhood blindness.



Every year, some 250 000-500 000 vitamin A-deficient children become blind and

50% of them die within 12 months of losing their sight.



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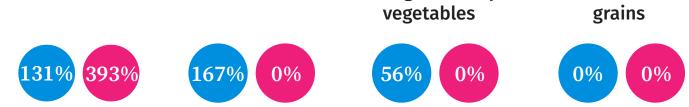
health problem in many low- and middle-income countries, foremost in Africa and South-East Asia.



Vitamin A is contained in eggs in its active form: retinol. Vitamin A is more bioavailable in animal source foods than in plant based foods.

#### Contribution of 100g to the daily vitamin A and vitamin B12 intake recommendation for women of reproductive age Vitamin A Vitamin B12 Chicken egg Cow milk Yoghurt Beef 7% 18% 0% 29% 114948% 9% 19%

Pulses and whole grains



Carrot

Dark green leafy

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