Figure 1. Flow chart of participants: The SUN Project 1999-2012

N= 20,335 participants recruited before September 2009

N= 18,052 participants

N= 16,305 participants

N= 15,054 participants

N= 13,874 participants
Retention rate=92%

N= 2,283 with prevalent hypertension

N= 1,747 with total energy intake out of predefined values

N= 1,251 with cancer, diabetes or cardiovascular disease at baseline

N= 1,178 without any follow-up

N= 197 missing values

Final sample
N=13,679 participants
1,232 Incident cases