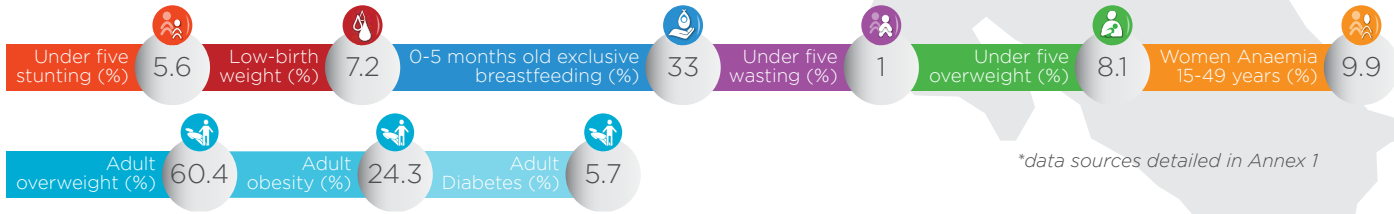




Joined: March 2014
Population: 4.83 million

Costa Rica



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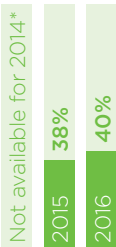
Institutional Transformations in 2015 - 16



Bringing people together into a shared space for action

Costa Rica has revived the high-level Ministerial Council of the Secretariat of National Food and Nutrition Policy (SEPAN), which is led by the Ministry of Health and is responsible for inter-institutional and multi-sectoral coordination. By allocating resources to SEPAN, the Government

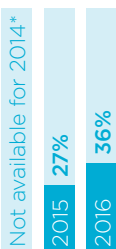
aims to make progress on developing nutrition actions across the different sectors in 2016. The Country's UN agencies are collaborating with the Government to promote the participation of other stakeholders to form a Multi-Stakeholder Platform.



Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

The 2011-2021 National Policy on Food Security and Nutrition gives guidance on nutrition. The 2014-2018 Development Plan includes nutrition under the scope of health, nutrition and sports, and incorporates specific targets

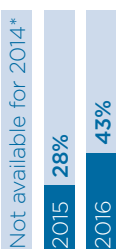
for reducing childhood obesity and anaemia. Although the country has a solid legal framework, the Government is aiming to strengthen its monitoring system in a bid to evaluate its reach.



Aligning actions around a common results framework

The 2014-2018 National Health Policy provides a results framework for nutrition, and inter-institutional committees now have their own workplans. Nutrition indicators have been integrated in to the Food Security and Nutrition Information System

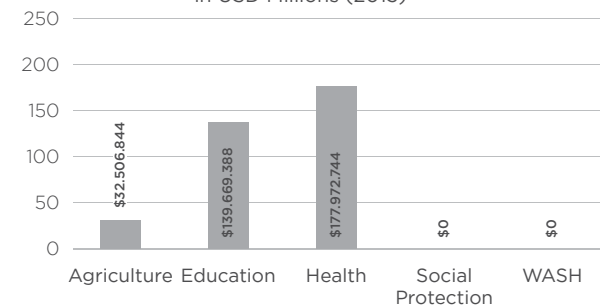
(SINSAN) since 2014. The system is currently being strengthened to provide multi-sectoral analysis and systematic evaluation of the results achieved.



Financing tracking and resource mobilisation

The Government legally establishes the annual budget for the provision of nutrition and dietary services for each implementing agency, and this financial information is publically and centrally available. The challenge for Costa Rica is to increase financial and human resources in order to strengthen actions on malnutrition.

Nutrition-Relevant Allocations Across Government Sectors in USD Millions (2015)



2016-17 PRIORITIES

- Strengthen SEPAN as the coordinating body for multi-sectoral efforts on nutrition
- Establish a Multi-Stakeholder Platform with the active participation of civil society, the United Nations, donors, academia and the private sector
- Promote research and data generation
- Strengthen monitoring and evaluation systems.