## Costa Rica



**Joined:** March 2014 **Population:** 5.05 million

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## **INSTITUTIONAL TRANSFORMATIONS 2018-2019**





Ensuring a coherent policy

Common results	
2014	Not available
2015	27%
2016	36%
2017	41%
2018	41%
2019	65%

Aligning actions around

resource mobilisation	
2014	Not available
2015	38%
2016	43%
2017	32%
2018	32%
2019	49%

Financing tracking and

## **2019 TOTAL WEIGHTED**

66%

The National Multi-Stakeholder Platform (MSP) was strengthened by the integration of new participants such as the Presidential Palace liaison, UNICEF representative, Health Surveillance Officer from the Ministry of Health and the NGO HIVOS.

The PMSP meets periodically. There are ongoing gaps in coordination - a work plan is being developed in an attempt to bridge such gaps.

The formation of networks in the private sector and in civil society needs to be improved.

SEPAN acts as a focal point, strengthening the national platform at the political level and with regards to the coordination of actions.

In the Government Council, a "letter of commitment to comprehensively tackle overweight and obesity in childhood and adolescence in Costa Rica" was signed by 10 ministers with the President of the Republic and FAO and OPS representatives as witnesses

Also, the decree for the "Development of intersectoral community interventions and work to promote wellbeing" and the guideline, "Promoting wellbeing in public institutions, through the adoption of healthy food habits" were adopted.

Successful coordination of the proposed law on human rights to food and the reform of the basic food basket.

Costa Rica relies on the NDP with sectoral and national priorities to tackle food and nutrition in an integrated way.

A roadmap has been developed as a common framework for results, encompassing national legislation for promoting nutrition at national and subnational levels, identifying expected outcomes with its strategies, interventions, activities, indicators, deadlines, responsible persons.

A model for intersectoral and interinstitutional coordination in nutrition governance at various levels has been created, as well as an implementation strategy to tackle childhood overweight and obesity.

A budget analysis exercise was carried out (2017-2018), highlighting the invisibility of nutrition in finance coming from guiding activities, except for those budget lines earmarked for programmes such as CEN-CINAI and the school food and nutrition programme.

Funds received from international cooperation (FAO, UNICEF) take into account execution linked to strategic results as a whole which guarantees continued cooperation.

The three-step exercise is pending completion.

## **2019-2020 PRIORITIES**

- Maintain commitment of participating UN agencies to strengthen and govern food and nutrition;
- Map local organisations working on Food and Nutrition Security (FNS);
- Link the SUN MSP with other coordinating local, national and regional bodies;
- Develop a SUN and FNS communication strategy for 2020-2021:
- · Develop a work plan based on the agreed roadmap.