

# El Salvador



**Joined Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement:** September 2012

**National multi-stakeholder platform for nutrition:** *Consejo Nacional de Seguridad Alimentaria y Nutricional* [National Council for Food and Nutrition Security – CONASAN]

**SUN government focal point/country coordinator:** Ms. Ana Yanira Calderón Mendoza, Executive Director of the National Council for Food and Nutrition Security, Ministry of Health

## COUNTRY NUTRITION STATUS

### → Annual country nutrition indicators from the Global Nutrition Report:

<https://globalnutritionreport.org/resources/nutrition-profiles/latin-america-and-caribbean/central-america/el-salvador>

### ● National multi-stakeholder platform (MSP)

Date established: 2012

CONASAN Decree –

<https://scalingupnutrition.org/resource-library/national-multi-stakeholder-platform-el-salvador>

#### ● MSP annual action plan exists

### ● Subnational nutrition coordination mechanism

● Subnational MSPs exist

● Subnational MSPs have annual action plans

### ●●● National nutrition plan

*Crecer Juntos* [Growing Together] Policy 2020–2030 –

<https://scalingupnutrition.org/resource-library/national-nutrition-plan-el-salvador>

### ● Advocacy and communications framework/plan

<https://scalingupnutrition.org/resource-library/advocacy-and-comms-plan-el-salvador>

### SUN networks in-country presence

● SUN Civil Society Network

● SUN Business Network

● UN Nutrition

● SUN Academia Network

● SUN Donor Network

● Others: e.g. youth, parliamentarian, media

### Finance for nutrition

● Resource mobilization strategy exists

● Budget tracking exercise done this year

● Funding gaps identified this year

● Domestic expenditures on nutrition tracked

● Yes ● In process ● No ● Costed ● M&E framework

## COUNTRY PRIORITIES 2022

- Monitoring the regulatory frameworks for school meals.
- Updating the National Food and Nutrition Security Policy.
- Formulating a new draft proposal for the National Food and Nutrition Security Law with a focus on sustainable food systems.

## 2021 SHARED COUNTRY GOOD PRACTICE

**Topic:** Child nutrition

**Title:** Growing Together Policy 2020–2030

**About:** The First Lady, Gabriela Rodríguez de Bukele, leads the Growing Together Policy 2020–2030, which forms the framework for early childhood development and emphasizes the importance of guaranteeing all children a safe and protective environment for good health and nutrition.

## PROGRESS TOWARDS

### SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

#### → SO.1 Strengthen and sustain strong policy and advocacy environments

El Salvador has made great progress in early childhood care thanks to the commitment of the Government, which has prioritized the implementation of public policies and programmes to ensure comprehensive child development with an emphasis on nutrition-specific and -sensitive initiatives. The *Crecer Juntos* [Growing Together] Policy 2020–2030 includes initiatives focused on development, health and nutrition from early childhood to ensure comprehensive child development. The *Nacer con Cariño* [Born with Love] Law seeks to guarantee the well-being of newborns through specialized care for mothers and children and the promotion of breastfeeding as a mechanism to guarantee their full development.

#### → SO.2 Develop and align shared country priorities for action

El Salvador's 2021 improved food systems model sets out a road map to address food and nutrition conditions in a comprehensive and coordinated manner in response to the situation caused by climate events and COVID-19. The model includes priorities and strategies for improving the country's food and nutrition security, which are the result of a national and subnational consultation process conducted with different sectors and target population groups. The funding and implementation of the actions of different partners and multisectoral platforms have been aligned with national priorities.

#### → SO.3 Build and strengthen country capacity

In coordination with the Central American Integration System (SICA), El Salvador has improved actors' capacity to analyse the food security situation through the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC). In coordination with the National Council for Food and Nutrition Security (CONASAN), the World Food Programme (WFP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Ministry of Health is developing a communication campaign for different population groups aimed at promoting good eating habits and physical activity among the population. Together with WFP, CONASAN is working to revise and improve the Food Security and Nutrition Information System.

#### → SO.4 Ensure governance of SUN that promotes country leadership and responsibilities of government, aligns the resources of all SUN Movement stakeholders behind country priorities and strengthens 360 mutual accountability

Comprehensive care initiatives, from conception through to early childhood, are being coordinated within the context of the Growing Together Policy 2020–2030, under the leadership of the First Lady of the Republic. An inter-institutional round table exists to coordinate health and nutrition policy initiatives, involving CONASAN, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health and other agencies involved in these issues. CONASAN works with the different multisectoral platforms to implement binding public policies.