

Guatemala



Joined Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement: December 2010

National multi-stakeholder platform for nutrition: SUN Movement Platform – Guatemala

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COUNTRY NUTRITION STATUS

→ Annual country nutrition indicators from the Global Nutrition Report:

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

● National multi-stakeholder platform (MSP)

- MSP annual action plan exists

● Subnational nutrition coordination mechanism

- Subnational MSPs exist
- Subnational MSPs have annual action plans

● National nutrition plan

Great National Crusade for Nutrition 2020–2024 –

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

● Advocacy and communications framework/plan

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

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

- Strengthening the National Food and Nutrition Security Policy (POLSAN) to update the Strategic Plan for Food and Nutrition Security (PESAN), and promoting sustainable food and nutrition security.
- Promoting culturally-relevant, sustainable and nutrition-sensitive food systems.
- Strengthening public management mechanisms with social auditing to improve POLSAN and PESAN governance, with the support of the multisectoral platform.

2021 SHARED COUNTRY GOOD PRACTICE

Topic: Communication for social and behaviour change in nutrition

Title: Strategic communication of the Great National Crusade for Nutrition

About: The social and behaviour change communication strategy of the Great National Crusade for Nutrition 2020–2024, promoted by SESAN, has been established at the national level and is focused on governance. It is responsible for achieving sustainable and significant changes.

PROGRESS TOWARDS

SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

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

Guatemala's POLSAN has been updated, with the meetings of the National Food and Nutrition Security Council (CONASAN) helping maintain an updated and solid environment for food and nutrition security. The Social and Behaviour Change Communication Subcommittee of the Inter-institutional Technical Committee has developed a social and behaviour change communication strategy for the Great National Crusade for Nutrition 2020–2024. A communication and promotion strategy for the delivery of fortified complementary foods has also been developed with the inter-institutional communications round table.

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

In 2021, as set out in the agreement signed between the Ministry of Public Health and Welfare (MSPAS), Ministry for Social Development (MIDES), Secretariat of Food and Nutrition Security (SESAN) and World Food Programme, the purchase and delivery of *Nutri Niños* fortified complementary foods was implemented within the framework of the Great National Crusade for Nutrition 2020–2024. SESAN has been monitoring knowledge and attitudes among the mothers of children who are receiving *Nutri Niños* via health services, through conducting interviews that are recorded via a telephone app. Inter-institutional coordination has also resulted in progress being made in the baseline for the Great National Crusade for Nutrition 2020–2024.

→ SO.3 Build and strengthen country capacity

National multi-stakeholder dialogues have been held within the context of the Food Systems Summit, with their results documented and incorporated into a national road map to be implemented from 2022 onwards. In addition, a platform has been developed that provides information on dialogues, road maps and national systems. Food and nutrition security has been addressed through the commitments Guatemala made at the Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit. National consultations have been held with different stakeholders in the area of food and nutrition security to create binding commitments.

→ 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

All sectors are coming together in ordinary or extraordinary CONASAN meetings to align their resources with the population's current needs. Work has been carried out to strengthen subnational actors, including Food Security and Nutrition Councils at the department (CODESAN), municipal (COMUSAN) and community (COCOSAN) levels. The various sectors involved in food security and nutrition effectively participate and support the care of the population at risk when requested. The National Food and Nutrition Security Policy is being updated in a participatory manner with the different sectors of Guatemalan society and COMUSAN's performance is being measured via a governance index.