

Costa Rica



Joined Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement: May 2014

National Multi-Stakeholder Platform for Nutrition: SUN Costa Rica Team

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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/costa-rica/>

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

Date established: 2014

● MSP annual action plan exists

● **Subnational nutrition coordination mechanism**

● Subnational MSPs exist

● Subnational MSPs have annual action plans

● **National nutrition plan**

● **Advocacy and communications framework/plan**

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 2023

Develop the Food-Based Dietary Guidelines (FBDG) for the preschool and school population; Update the SUN-CR platform plan; Make headway with the creation of a network of inter-institutional communicators.

2022 SHARED COUNTRY GOOD PRACTICE

Topic: Training

Title: Nutrition budget analysis

About: A training process was carried out to help consolidate the Nutrition Budget Analysis Methodology tailored to the country's reality, with the support of Hub-SUN Panama and UNICEF Costa Rica.

PROGRESS TOWARDS SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

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

Costa Rica, under the direction of the Ministry of Health, is preparing the 2023-2030 National Health Policy and Plan which, by decision of the authorities, incorporates all issues related to population nutrition as a common thread in the different guidelines and approaches of the plan. This document should be available in the second half of 2023. It is important to mention that the preparation of this plan involves many stakeholders, including those involved in the SUN platform.

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

The Costa Rica Multi-Stakeholder Platform proposes a review of the SUN-Costa Rica Movement Action Plan that was prepared in 2019. Given the epidemiological, nutritional, economic, cultural, and health-related changes caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the platform considers it important to review and update the plan based on the new post-pandemic needs, thereby broadening the scope of national priorities.

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

To bolster nutrition-related capacities and actions, there was coordination with the EU4SUN Strategy 3.0 Support Programme to address the priorities set out in this joint evaluation, mainly those related to communication strategies for good nutritional practices aimed at the entire population and a communication strategy aimed at the mother and child population about diet for the first thousand days, which is complemented by the plans and budget of each of the SUN Movement institutions.

→ **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**

This is to ensure that the SUN Multi-Stakeholder Platform will follow up on the commitments agreed in the 2023-2030 National Health Plan and undertake promotional and accountability actions on the national commitments raised at the Nutrition for Growth Summit. This, together with the communication strategies outlined above, will provide strategic and summarized information for advocacy with decision makers.