



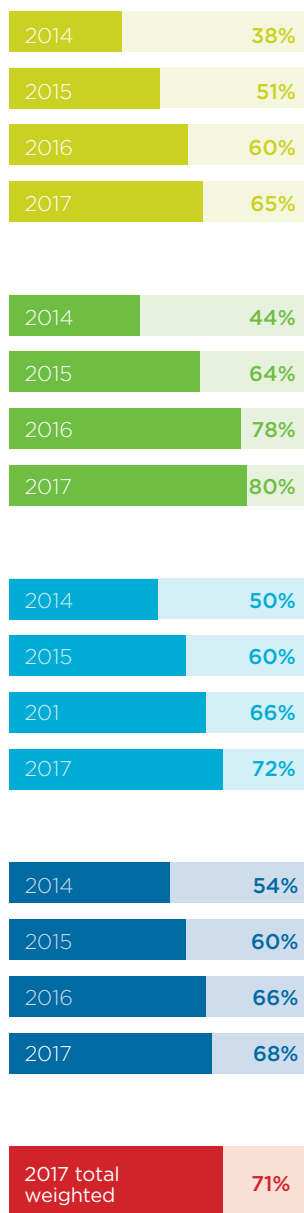
Joined: September 2012  
Population: 6.31 million

# El Salvador



\*Data sources detailed in Annex 1

## Institutional transformations in 2016-2017



### Bringing people together into a shared space for action

In recent years, El Salvador has continued to strengthen the coordination of actions at national, departmental and municipal levels. The National Food and Nutritional Security Council (CONASAN) has developed a multi-sectoral territorialisation model of the National Food and Nutritional Security Policy, forming departmental, municipal and community committees. The Civil Society Alliance for Nutrition has been strengthened. This alliance has carried out lobbying and

advocacy activities for the adoption of the Law of Food and Nutritional Sovereignty and Security. The process to establish the private sector working group for the promotion of food and nutrition security is currently under way. As President *pro tempore* of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) in the period from 2017 to 2018, El Salvador has promoted food and nutrition security as one of the four main items on the regional agenda.

### Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

El Salvador has made progress on strengthening the legal framework of the National Food and Nutritional Security Policy, in coordination with the different sectors. The country currently has an updated food and nutrition security assessment and has started the process of updating the National Policy. In June 2017, regulations came into force on the selling

of food in school canteens to improve the quality of food, and at local level, municipalities have been encouraged to make orders for this purpose. In the last year, CONASAN has, together with civil society organisations, advocated for the adoption of the Law of Food and Nutritional Security.

### Aligning actions around a common results framework

El Salvador has worked in coordination with various national and international agencies and with civil society on initiatives included in the National Food and Nutritional Security Plan. In 2017, the actor mapping was updated and the National Food and Nutritional Security Observatory was launched. El Salvador

completed the National Census of Height and Weight of Schoolchildren, obtaining the main national indicators for all the municipalities in the country. As part of its international commitments, the CELAC Food and Nutritional Security Plan is being implemented. This plan is aligned with the National Plan.

### Financing tracking and resource mobilisation

In 2016, El Salvador completed its budget estimate for public investment in food and nutritional security, identifying resource needs to be negotiated with the Government and international cooperation. The country has made progress on aligning

national objectives and those of United Nations agencies. International cooperation contributes nearly 30% of financing towards achieving food and nutrition security goals.

## 2017-2018 PRIORITIES

- Finish the update of the National Food and Nutritional Security Policy;
- Broaden the coverage of the territorialisation model for implementation of the National Food and Nutritional Security Policy, continuing to form departmental and municipal committees,
- Continue implementation of the Education and Social Communication Strategy;
- Continue advocacy for approval of the Law of Food and Nutritional Security;
- Strengthen private sector engagement in improving nutrition.