Institutional transformations in 2016-2017

Bringing people together into a shared space for action

The Inter-Ministerial Commission for Social Affairs (CIAS) is a multi-stakeholder platform (MSP) chaired by the Prime Minister with a Technical Secretariat at the Ministry of Development and Social Inclusion (MIDIS), which meets monthly – since August 2016. The CIAS has established good nutrition in childhood as a priority; adopts policy decisions on it and implements actions. The Poverty Reduction Roundtable, a public-private platform, monitors the status of children’s nutrition status and analyses the social cost associated. Platforms such as the Initiative against Child Malnutrition or the Child Investment Impulse Group continuously ensure advocacy and capacity-building activities.

Ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

The policy framework is based on scientific evidence. Early childhood development policy guidelines, including effective interventions for adequate nutrition, were published in July 2016. In 2017, the National Plan for the Reduction and Control of Anaemia and Childhood Malnutrition for 2017-2021 was launched and the MIDIS sectoral plans, aimed to ensure improved nutrition. Ensuring the topic of nutrition on the agendas of the President of the Republic, the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and the CIAS ensures it’s seen as a key development area and the revision of current regulations.

Aligning actions around a common results framework

The Government has established a series of chronic undernutrition targets for children under 5 years and anaemia in children under 36 months, as social policy priorities. The CIAS has agreed on multi-year regional goals as per the National Pact for the Reduction of Anaemia and Chronic Child Malnutrition. Each regional government agreed on the regional outcome goals, products and associated services. The Ministry of Health has approved the National Plan for the Prevention and Reduction of Anaemia, and, within this framework, MIDIS has developed its sector plan. The Stimulus Fund for Performance and Achievement of Social Results (FED) honed on children under 5 years nutrition, and have signed a financial support agreement with the European Union to strengthen work in the Amazon.

Financing tracking and resource mobilisation

Public investments into the prevention of anaemia and malnutrition increased in 2017. Budget programming and budget monitoring are carried out through a publicly available app, which complements the monitoring of indicators and outcomes of budget-related nutrition programmes. A multi-sectoral information repository that also looks at anemia and chronic child malnutrition has been put in place, which ensures progress reports and budget transfers.

2017–2018 PRIORITIES

- Strengthen the prevention and reduction of anaemia and chronic child malnutrition;
- Positioning a multi-dimensional vision of malnutrition, considering a food security approach and access to public services (with emphasis on safe water and sanitation);
- Strengthening capacities of sub-national bodies and accountability;
- Ensuring links between good nutrition and early childhood development in the design, implementation and monitoring of interventions;
- Strengthening multi-sectoral, inter-governmental and public-private partnerships for the prevention and reduction of anaemia and chronic child malnutrition.