El Salvador

joined: September 2012
population: 6.46 million

institutional transformations in 2015 - 16

bringing people together into a shared space for action

the National Council for Food Security and Nutrition (CONASAN) is the inter-institutional and multi-sectoral coordinator on nutrition. In 2016, the country has focused its efforts on strengthening cooperation with regional Governments, which are responsible for implementing multi-sectoral policies and programmes, as well as strengthening the mechanisms for dialogue with civil society to coordinate joint efforts. CONASAN heads the multi-sectoral board that manages resources and the coordination of nutritional and dietary support for the El Niño-affected population.

ensuring a coherent policy and legal framework

El Salvador has started updating its National Policy on Food Security and Nutrition with the involvement of the multi-stakeholder platform. In 2016, the country has monitored the development of legislation on breastfeeding, school canteens and technical aspects of food fortification.

aligning actions around a common results framework

The 2014-2019 National Strategic Plan for Food Security and Nutrition can be seen as the country’s common results framework. Efforts to finance and implement actions by different partners on national objectives are reflected in the national, regional and municipal nutritional and food security plans. In 2016, with the support of development partners and academia, the country has continued its programme to build the capacity of key stakeholders, has begun developing a pilot project for municipal-level food security information systems, and has carried out the national height and weight census in schools to give the country up-to-date indicators.

financing tracking and resource mobilisation

El Salvador completed its exercise to estimate public investment in nutritional and food security in 2016, which has shown an increased investment over the last few years. Under the Law on Transparency and Access to Public Information, the financial data of all Government institutions is published online.

2016-17 Priorities

• Finish updating the National Policy and Inter-Institutional Strategic Plan on Food Security and Nutrition
• Complete the implementation of the Municipal Food and Nutritional Security Information System pilot project
• Increase public and development cooperation investment to improve nutrition and food security.