

EL SALVADOR

Protecting Children: Towards a Coordinated Food Security and Nutritional Programme for El Salvador (MDGF-2039-)



Children, Food Security and Nutrition

Total Budget:	USD4,500,000		
Budget by Agency:	UNICEF: 1,053,950 WFP: 1,052,345	WHO: 1,858,705 UNDP: 535,000	
Participating Gov. Entities:	The Social Inclusion Secretariat, Technical Secretariat of the Presidency, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Ministry of Education, Town Councils of Cacaopera, Guatajiagua and San Simón, INSAFORP, CONAMYPE, NGOs, Universities and Research Centers, FOROSAN Eastern Area		
Start Date:	January 15, 2010	Approval Date:	September 16, 2009
Est. End Date:	January 15, 2012	Signature Date:	December 16, 2009
Disbursements:	First Disbursement: Second Disbursement: Third Disbursement:	January 14, 2010	USD1,018,525
In Brief:	A sharp fall in remittances, worsened by rising food and fuel prices, has caused levels of poverty and malnutrition to rocket in El Salvador. In 2008 extreme poverty increased by 6.5% and 87% of poor households reduced their level of food consumption. Significant progress in El Salvador towards the achievement of MDGs in fields such as the ending of poverty and hunger (MDG1) and child health (MDG4) is seriously threatened. This initiative involves Areas 1, 2, and 3, the MDG-F window, which works to build consensus and strengthen the capacity of the state to establish integrated proposals to reduce hunger, malnutrition and children food insecurity, thus benefiting national institutions and locally in three poverty-stricken municipalities in the north-east. It will promote the integration of the monitoring and evaluation information systems and will promote consensus among the many stakeholders in the design and implementation of food security and child nutrition plans, with major participation by women and indigenous communities.		

Outcomes:

- A regulation body for Food Security and Nutrition centered on childhood, formed at the highest level
- An improved institutional capacity to monitor and evaluate health, nutrition and food policies and programmes, oriented towards child welfare nationally and locally, incorporating the focus on gender, ethnicity and human rights
- Improved child nutrition and food security in three municipalities of the north-eastern area of the country, with multi-sectoral participation



Regions of Intervention:	National, Cacaopera, San Simón and Guatajiagua.	
MDGs	MDG1 :T2; MDG3 :T3 ;MDG4 :T5	
Project coordinator: Ana Cecilia Cerón RCO Focal Point: Laura Sheritdan & Jokin Aspiroz (SARC)		
Beneficiaries	Direct	Indirect

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. Institutions • No. Women • No. Men • No. ethnic groups 	<p>139</p> <p>6,300</p> <p>3,750</p> <p>520</p>	<p>200</p> <p>9,500</p> <p>7,400</p> <p>480</p>															
Status	Delayed																
Estimated financial execution status as of 30 June, 2010 biannual report:	Disbursed Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.5% over the Total approved budget • 7% over transferred budget 	Committed Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9% over the Total approved budget • 43% over transferred budget 															
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Main Achievements:	No substantial advances to date																
Other important achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Programme Coordination Unit (PCU) was established • Key focal points in each agency have been identified, which make up the Inter-agency Technical Committee • Coordination meetings have been held with the Technical Secretariat of CONASAN and with COTSAN, a technical group made up of the different government institutions related to the governing body; it has also been possible to identify the key institutions responsible for supporting implementation of the project • A process has started to define coordination mechanisms and procedures for inter-agency and inter-institutional management locally and nationally. • The process to establish policies and laws on Food Security and Nutrition has been supported, and this has involved a process of meetings in which different sectors have participated, led by the CONASAN, the National Food Security and Nutrition Board • Bilateral meetings with the FOROSAN and the sub-commission of Breastfeeding have been held, to start the coordination and support process within the framework of the programme's actions • Meetings have been held with the Ministry of Health to plan activities on micronutrients, food safety, improved health centers and the creation of a protocol for operational research 																
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