Overview of the UN Network in Guatemala

The UN Network (UNN) in Guatemala is comprised of six agencies, namely: the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF); the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN WOMEN); the World Food Programme (WFP); and the World Health Organization (WHO). The Network is co-chaired by FAO and UNICEF and meets on a regular basis. Nevertheless, the collective nutrition agenda was rarely tabled at United Nations Country Team (UNCT) meetings during the 2018–19 reporting period.

Collaboration with other SUN Networks

Not specified

Engagement in Multi-Stakeholder/Sectoral Platforms

Not specified

UN Joint Programmes/Programming for Nutrition

During the 2018–19 reporting period, Guatemala’s UNN fostered the implementation of multiple, nutrition-sensitive joint programmes, including one that linked family farmers with the school feeding programme, drawing upon assistance from FAO, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and WFP. A different project, primarily aimed at the economic empowerment of rural women, consolidated support from FAO, IFAD, UN WOMEN and WFP and included nutrition components, such as nutrition education with an emphasis on dietary diversification and the consumption of local crops (e.g. sweet potato, gandul beans). As part of the response to the ‘fuego volcano’ emergency, UNICEF, WFP and WHO undertook joint programming to safeguard infant and young child feeding (IYCF) practices as well as those related to good water, sanitation and hygiene.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD

• The UNN in Guatemala achieved several milestones in 2018–19, including: (1) the mobilization of technical and financial resources to support the implementation of the school feeding law; (2) a food security and nutrition assessment at national level, thus supporting evidence-based, decision-making processes; and (3) the development of the Civil Society Strategic Plan on Food Security and Nutrition with key contributions from the UN.

• Challenges & priorities: Not specified

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