COSTA RICA PAHO/WHO COOPERATION STRATEGY 2023-2027



INTRODUCTION

The Country Cooperation Strategy (CCS) is the instrument that guides the work of PAHO/WHO in the countries, representing the vision of health development at the national level in the medium term, and which is aligned with the national health policy, strategy or plan, as well as the global and regional strategic framework. This Strategy is the product of an intersectoral consultative and participatory process that facilitated the characterization of the health situation, the evaluation of the results of the interventions carried out and the performance of technical cooperation.

The five strategic priorities are aligned with the National Health Policy of Costa Rica (2016-2023), the National Development and Public Investment Plan (2023-2026), the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF, 2023-2027), the PAHO Strategic Plan 2020-2025 and WHO's General Programme of Work (GPW 13).

ABOUT US

As of 2024, the office has 23 staff. Of these, 4 are CPCP staff.
In the past biennium the total funding received by the country office was US$ 4.325.720 and the utilization rate was 93%.

PARTNERSHIP ENVIRONMENT

The country office actively collaborates with the United Nations Country Team (UNCT) and participates in projects funded by USAID, the IDB and Canada.

COUNTRY CONTEXT

Costa Rica has 7 provinces It has a population of 5.3 million, with about 21 % of its population being aged 14 years or younger. Costa Rica is a upper middle-income country with abundant supply of natural, tourism and human resources. As of 2023, its GDP per capita was US$86.5 billion. In 2023, Costa Rica allocated approximately 5.7% of its total public spending to health. Costa Rica has a Human Development Index (HDI) of 0.809 in 2021, ranking 58th worldwide and sixth among Latin American and Caribbean countries. Approximately 85% of the population of Costa Rica is covered by public health insurance. .

PROGRESS ON HEALTH OUTCOMES

Costa Rica has one of the highest life expectancies in the region, reaching a value of 80.6 in 2020. Between 2000 and 2020, infant mortality decreased from 10.21 to 7.86 per 1,000 live births. The number of maternal deaths in Costa Rica is low and in 2020 a maternal mortality ratio of 20 per 100,000 live births was estimated. The value of the Total Fertility Rate (TFR) in 2020 was 1.41. Costa Rica is the continental Latin American country with the lowest rate of tuberculosis (9 cases per 100,000 inhabitants) and the country in the Americas region closest to eliminating malaria.

KEY CHALLENGES

There are several challenges in providing health care to the population: strengthening the leadership and governance of the Ministry of Health, public spending on health represented 5.6% of GDP in 2019, while out-of-pocket spending on health was 22% of annual current spending on health in 2019.

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OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES & DELIVERABLES



To advance the consolidation of the functions of leadership and governance in health, in the context of recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, with an emphasis on the integration of policies, management and regulation of the sector. 01

STRATEGIC DELIVERABLES

- 1.1 Strengthening the strategic, political and regulatory framework.
- 1.2 Development of the Essential Public Health Functions.
- 1.3 Consolidation of the MoH's governing capacities for coordination with other actors.
- 1.4 Strengthening of the national regulatory authority for medicines and products of health interest.
- 1.5 Development of the policy and planning of human resources in health at the national level.
- 1.6 Strengthening of national capacities for health intelligence, generation of evidence and integration of information systems.

To further the implementation of the primary health care strategy, with particular emphasis on strengthening the first level of care as a structural element for progress towards universal health. 02

STRATEGIC DELIVERABLES

- 2.1 Deepening of the Primary Health Care Strategy and its articulation in the health system.
- 2.2 Formulation of operational proposals to strengthen the first level of care in critical areas.
- 2.3 Development of integrated health service networks.
- 2.4 Deepening of the health promotion strategy and life course approach.
- 2.5 Development of human resource competencies.
- 2.6 Strengthening of research capacities.

Strengthen national capacities to address and comprehensively manage the surveillance, prevention and control of events of importance to public health. 03

STRATEGIC DELIVERABLES

- 3.1 Promotion of policies, strategies and regulations for the prevention and control of public health events.
- 3.2. Integration of health information systems for disease surveillance, prevention and control.
- 3.3. Development of technical and managerial capacities for the surveillance and control of public health events.
- 3.4. Analysis of environmental determinants and climate change.
- 3.5. Monitoring and evaluation of the surveillance of public health events and their risk factors.

Promote and facilitate processes of dialogue, coordination and integrated work at the intra- and inter-sectoral level for the management of public health. 04

STRATEGIC DELIVERABLES

- 4.1. Promotion of the Strategy for addressing health in all policies.
- 4.2 Promotion of the intra- and intersectoral approach in the management of events of interest in public health.
- 4.3. Strengthening of technical and managerial capacities for inter-institutional and intersectoral approaches, at subnational and local levels..

Generate mechanisms for the effective coordination of all the structures of the national risk management system, as well as for risk communication at all levels and areas of action. 05

STRATEGIC DELIVERABLES

- 5.1. Development of the country's prescribed core capacities to comply with the IHR.
- 5.2. Strengthening capacities for the implementation of the “National Strategy for Disaster Risk Management and Health Emergencies 2022-2030”.
- 5.3. Support for intersectoral coordination in risk management communication processes.
- 5.4. Development of institutional capacities and competencies for the management of humanitarian assistance.

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