**What’s happening in Latin America?**

**The Latest News from Alliances in the Latin America region**

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| **Colombia**  Image result | **National Nutrition Status Survey:** 2015 Nutrition Survey results have been disseminated by the Ministry of Health. While there has been a slow decrease in chronic malnutrition (around 2%) at the same time overweight and obesity rates are increasing in all age groups. The data for acute malnutrition, shows exponential increase (from 0.9 in 2010 up to 2.3 in 2016) this last result has been contested by various stakeholders, including Civil Society. The Ministry of Health is now revising and validating the data in order to publish the results. The Civil Society Alliance is ready to help scale up the findings of this survey at local level. |
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| **El Salvador**  **https://static.wixstatic.com/media/a1d6d9_2417cd54f1a5490cbe5a2185554cb509~mv2.png/v1/fill/w_404,h_112,al_c,usm_0.66_1.00_0.01/a1d6d9_2417cd54f1a5490cbe5a2185554cb509~mv2.png** | **Documentation of the Human Milk Banks and Collection Centres Strategy**: Currently, 3 Milk Banks and 42 Collection Centres have been established nationwide. The milk donated by mothers is given to premature newborns or babies with low birth weight, benefiting more than 2,095 newborns. CALMA, a member of the Alliance NutrES (SUN Civil Society Alliance El Salvador), the Ministry of Health and UNICEF, jointly presented a systematisation report documenting this innovative practice which has had excellent results since its implementation in 2013. This effort has been possible with the support of different sectors, including civil society, who have been working jointly on the strategy since its inception. |
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| **Peru**https://static.wixstatic.com/media/a1d6d9_e30226b59b994d2eae9737d15eced8b5~mv2.jpg/v1/fill/w_132,h_96,al_c,q_80,usm_0.66_1.00_0.01/a1d6d9_e30226b59b994d2eae9737d15eced8b5~mv2.jpg | **"Standing Tall":** A new World Bank report highlights Peru's success in overcoming its stunting crisis and the key role the Civil Society Alliance played in ensuring that nutrition remain on the agenda across different political parties. |
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| **LAC**  **Regional & Global News** | **Costa Rica:** We are looking forward to meeting Civil Society representatives from Costa Rica to discuss opportunities and challenges in establishing sustainable and dynamic Civil Society Alliances for Scaling Up Nutrition  **Global Advocacy:** the Latin-American region will be represented by the Guatemala CSA representative at the upcoming ICAN event in February 2018 to share and learn practices on financing for nutrition and working with champions. |
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