



Existing rates of: **Wasting: 1.1%** **Stunting: 48%** **Proportion of population underweight: 13%**

Source: Gov. of Guatemala (Encuesta Nacional de Salud Materno Infantil, 2009)

Strong Performance

Government investment in the health sector is comparatively high at 19.5% of total public spending in 2012.

Guatemala instituted a separate budget line for nutrition, enabling transparency and accountability for spending.

The National Nutrition Policy/Strategy identifies time bound nutrition targets and a multisectoral and multistakeholder policy coordination mechanism has been set up.

The Government has fully enshrined the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes into domestic law.

The Government of Guatemala promotes complementary feeding practices.

93.8% of the population of Guatemala in 2012 has access to an improved drinking water source.

In Guatemala 93.2% of women aged 15-49 were visited at least once during pregnancy by skilled health personnel in 2009.

In Guatemala, constitutional protection of the right to food and the right to social security is strong.

Strong civil registration rates (96.7% in 2008-2009) potentially enable children's access to critical public services such as health and education.

Areas for improvement

In Guatemala, the law gives women and men equal economic rights and equal legal access to agricultural land. However, these laws are not effectively enforced and discriminatory practices against women continue, increasing their vulnerability to hunger and undernutrition.

Policymakers in Guatemala do not benefit from regular nutrition surveys that are statistically representative at national level. The last survey was published in 1998-1999.

The Government of Guatemala has only achieved two high doses of vitamin A supplementation for 13% of children in 2013.

Hunger Reduction Commitment Index (HRCI)

Public spending	Score*	Year	HRCI Rank of 45
Public spending on agriculture as share of total public spending ¹	2.28%	2013	36th
Public spending on health as share of total public spending ¹	19.5%	2012	2nd
Policies			
Access to land (security of tenure) ²	Moderate	2013	Joint 17th
Access to agricultural research and extension services ²	Moderate	2013	26th
Civil registration system — coverage of live births	96.7%	2008-2009	1st
Functioning of social protection systems ²	Weak	2014	Joint 12nd
Laws			
Level of constitutional protection of the right to food ³	Strong	2011	Joint 1st
Equality of women's access to agricultural land (property rights) ⁴	In Law, not in Practice	2014	Joint 4th
Equality of women's economic rights ⁴	In Law, not in Practice	2011	Joint 5th
Constitution recognises the right to social security (yes/no)	Yes	2006	Joint 1st

¹ No benchmark

² Possible scores are: ● Weak ● Moderate ● Strong

³ Possible scores are: ● Weak ● Moderate ● Strong

⁴ Possible scores are: ● Not in Law ● In Law Not in Practice ● In Law & Practice

Nutrition Commitment Index (NCI)

Public spending	Score*	Year	NCI Rank of 45
Separate budget for nutrition (No/Sectoral only/Yes)	Yes	2014	Joint 1st
Policies			
Vitamin A supplementation coverage for children	13%	2013	43rd
Government promotes complementary feeding (yes/no)	Yes	2012	Joint 1st
Population with access to an improved water source	93.8%	2012	4th
Population with access to improved sanitation	80.3%	2012	2nd
Health care visits for pregnant women	93.2%	2009	18th
Nutrition features in national development policy ¹	Moderate	2015-2017	17th
National Nutrition Policy/Strategy (yes/no)	Yes	2014	Joint 1st
Multisector and multistakeholder policy coordination (yes/no)	Yes	2014	Joint 1st
Time bound nutrition targets (yes/no)	Yes	2014	Joint 1st
National nutrition survey in last 3 years (yes/no)	No	1998-1999	Joint 34th
Laws			
ICMBS [^] Enshrined in domestic law ²	Fully enshrined	2014	Joint 1st

¹ Possible scores are: ● Weak ● Moderate ● Strong (Note: Performance relative to other countries).

² Possible scores are: ● Not Enshrined in Law ● Voluntary Adoption ● Fully enshrined.

[^] International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes