

IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2019

SISCA, with the technical and financial support of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Programme of the European Union for Social Cohesion in Latin America EUROsocial+, started a regional consultation process with workshops in the 8 member countries of SICA



in which about 250 people participated, among representatives of national public institutions linked to the social area of the Regional Integration System, from the civil society and the international cooperation.



The PSIR-SICA 2020-2040:

Integrating through the Social Inclusion, responds to the mandate of the Central American Social Integration Council (CIS) -supported by the Heads of State and Government of the member countries of SICA-, to “formulate, through a participatory exercise, the Regional Integral Social Policy of SICA, with the support of the competent authorities and the development partners”.

The PSIR-SICA 2020-2040 gathers in the consensus that emerged in the referred process, as well as the subsequent consensual decisions taken by the Central American Social Integration Council (CIS) and SISCA, and it takes up comments from other institutions of SICA, therefore, it reflects the interests, visions and the aspirations of the main actors associated to the social development in the region.

The PSIR-SICA 2020-2040 is defined as an integral social public policy of regional approach that seeks to strengthen the social dimension of the integration; and to contribute to increase and improve the well-being of all inhabitants of the SICA countries, through the promotion of the sustainable social development.



The **PSIR-SICA reinforces the 2030 Agenda**, which compliance is under serious risk due to the negative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and **seeks to contribute to the effective implementation of the Regional Intersectoral Agenda on Social Protection and Productive Inclusion with Equity (ARIPSIP) 2018 – 2030**, additionally to complement and enhance other strategic instruments and ongoing regional projects without losing its strategic vision in the medium and long-term neither its integrality.

The PSIR-SICA places the human being at the center and is characterized by the unrestricted respect for universal human rights. It takes into consideration the life course of people and the intergenerational dimension. It considers gender equality and equity, the multicultural and multiethnic dimensions as transversal axes, moreover the territorial and local dimension.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

a) Contribute to **turn the SICA region into a socially integrated, equitable and safe region through the social inclusion of all its inhabitants**, especially those who due to their socioeconomic condition and the physical space where they live and carry out their activities, are in situation of poverty and highly vulnerable to changes in the economic, social and environmental conditions and to social violence.



b) Assist to **reduce the inequality in all its manifestations**, particularly gender inequalities, territorial inequalities, and inequalities in access to habitat, adequate housing, and basic social services, especially in the areas of education and health.



c) **Strengthen the social and political unity of the SICA region**, through the implementation of a shared regional social vision and through the strategic convergence of national social policies.



d) **Contribute to the recovery and reconstruction** of the SICA region in the post-COVID-19 phase.

The PSIR-SICA is integral, multidimensional, supportive, co-responsible, equitable, flexible and adaptable to the particular conditions of each country. It enhances the spatial and territorial dimension in the fight for social inclusion. It is transparent and is subject to accountability.

The PSIR-SICA promotes citizen participation and respect for the national sovereignty of each of the countries and recognizes and respects the framework of the national public policies. It strategically incorporates the particularities of each country, and the social and cultural existing differences between and within them. It is based in the multisectorality to address regional problems.

STRATEGIC AXES*

1. Strengthening and expansion of the protection and social security systems.
2. Orderly and integral incorporation of intraregional migration to labor markets and to protection and social security systems.
3. The integral development of the territories and of the cross-border and border communities and of the rural and coastal territories of less development.
4. The assurance of food security and nutritional and the elimination of hunger and malnutrition.
5. The protection of the population against the negative impacts of climate change and the adverse natural disasters.

STRATEGIC GOALS



GOAL 1

End hunger



GOAL 2

Eradicate extreme poverty



GOAL 3

Implement articulated intersectoral strategies of social protection and productive inclusion



GOAL 4

Incorporate the population of the region into protection and social security systems



GOAL 5

Reduce gender inequality



GOAL 6

Order and regulate the intra-regional migration (regular and irregular)



GOAL 7

Promote access to a healthy and productive habitat and adequate housing

* Each axis includes strategic lines of action, that incorporate in a transversal manner the gender equality, the territorial and local dimension, the intergenerational dimension and the multisectoral approach. In this way, the integrality and complementarity of the interventions is ensured, furthermore the inter-institutional and multisectoral coordination.