

Table 5 Comparing specifications of national document on food and nutrition security with previous programmes

Criteria of comparison	Previous programmes	Current programme
Situation analysis	Mostly on the basis of nutritional indicators	Situation analysis of food and nutrition security system Considering indicators of output and outcome levels (2016 and 2021) Situation analysis of current programmes or mental health interventions Using latest national evidence
Participation of stakeholders	Duties were not clear in the programmes, except in the national document of intersectorial development	Participation of headquarter (Ministry of Health and Medical Education) units and determining expectations from them Determining duties of governmental, ministerial and intersectorial organizations Participation of nutrition experts, both at headquarter and in the provinces Collective participation and consensus of the country's nutrition experts
Using different interventions	Inadequate notice to the comprehensive conceptual model	Using the conceptual model and interventions of each of them, and considering the definition of nutrition security instead of food security, for sustainable food supply, food safety and nutrition
International experiences	Inadequate use of international reports	Most of the published reports on food and nutrition (after 2000) have been used
Considering the governmental and ministerial rules and regulations and development programmes	Limited reliance	A wide spectrum of superior and intersectorial documents Concomitance with the 5th and 6th development programmes
Legitimacy of the programme	Approved (by Parliament) 5th development programme, and approved (by cabinet) A comprehensive map of health system reform	Approval of policy making council Approval of High Council of Health and Nutrition Security Notification of the Deputy for Public Health Affairs Notification of Food and Drug Organization
System of establishment and its operationalization	There is no evidence in most cases	Requirements of establishing the programme, as the division of tasks, preparing a headquarters and experts, the operational structure, method of establishing the document at provincial level, and inter- and intrasectorial memoranda of understanding