

Contributions of the Joint Programme to the implementation of UNESCO's Conventions on culture



2003 UNESCO Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

Joint Programme actions:

Income generation, natural resources management and social cohesion were fostered through intercultural festivals held in the Parque La Libertad, namely 8 Intercultural/Foods of Our Land Festivals (FICONUT) aiming to revive culinary traditions and promote the consumption of native ingredients.

Joint Programme products:

Social cohesion was targeted:

- Study conducted to revitalize intangible cultural heritage (in particular culinary traditions and traditional healing practices) in the Parque La Libertad and its area of influence;
- Research carried out on the relationship between culinary traditions and women in rural and urban areas.



2005 UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions

Joint Programme actions:

- **Poverty reduction** was pursued by enhancing skills and employment opportunities in the creative industries through the establishment of the Parque La Libertad – a public space located in San José for marginalized populations to undertake and manage artistic, ecological and culture-related projects:
 - 73 MSMEs supported in the Parque La Libertad through capacity building activities and the establishment of a Cooperation Agreement between the Ministry of Culture and Youth and the Ministry of Economics, Industry and Trade;
 - Refurbishment of music rooms and technological spaces in the Park;
 - Courses in digital literacy, photography, juggling, dancing, music, digital animation and audio-visual production offered in the Park.

- Support has been provided for the **integration of culture in sustainable development policies and programmes** at the national level by training 1,061 Ministry personnel and leaders in cultural diversity.
- **Equitable access to cultural life** has been fostered through community involvement in updating the [SICultura platform](#) (a newly established system of cultural indicators).

Joint Programme products:

- **Culture has been integrated into sustainable development policies and programmes** at the national level:
 - National System of Cultural Indicators ([SICultura](#)) created and launched;
 - Reports to revise and improve the intercultural dimension of policies in the culture, education, economics, agriculture and health sectors;
 - 2010 national survey on cultural habits and practices (carried out to obtain the data needed to build the SICultura platform).
- **Poverty eradication** has been targeted by establishing an incubation model for the development of cultural ventures in the Parque La Libertad.