

Costa Rica's Red Nacional de Cuido y Desarrollo Infantil (REDCUDI) — A Stalling Childcare Network for Working Mothers

Gender Equality · Good practice · Costa Rica

Quality score: 37/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Costa Rica's REDCUDI childcare network aims to free mothers for paid work, but 2024 data show it reaches only 8.8% of its target population, with beneficiary numbers falling 12% (2023) and 7% (2024) while its per-child subsidy has been frozen for seven years.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	1/3
Impact on gender equality	0/1
Effectiveness	0/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	0/1
Achievement / evidence	0/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-11

[Instituto Mixto de Ayuda Social \(IMAS\) — REDCUDI Secretaría Técnica](#) — accessed 2026-07-11

[CEPAL — REDCUDI policy repository](#) — accessed 2026-07-11

[Semanario Universidad — coverage shortfall investigation](#) — accessed 2026-07-11

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