

Switzerland

Statements of Commitment to the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty

General section

1. Switzerland, through the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, hereby voluntarily *joins the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty* and states its dedication to pursue the Alliance's mission, objectives and principles, as *expressed* in the Global Alliance's Terms of Reference and Governance Framework, and to collaborate with other members to achieve lasting solutions to poverty and hunger worldwide, as expressed below.

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2. *Recognizes* that hunger and malnutrition are the perverse manifestations of persistent, structural poverty and inequality, and recognizes the need to end poverty and hunger in all their forms and dimensions and to fully and effectively implement the 2030 Agenda.
3. *Acknowledges* the alarming growth in the number of people facing food insecurity and poverty in recent years, noting that, despite all significant past and current efforts, the world is not on track to meet SDG 1 and 2 targets, inequality is also on the rise (SDG 10), and a significant increase in collective ambition, as well as improvement in collective alignment and coordination for the fight against hunger and poverty, is urgently needed.
4. To that effect, *endorses* the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty and its mission to *support and accelerate efforts to eradicate hunger and poverty (SDGs 1 and 2) while reducing inequalities (SDG 10), contributing to revitalize global partnerships for sustainable development (SDG 17) and to the achievement of other interlinked SDGs, and championing sustainable, inclusive and just transitions.*
5. *Notes* that it is crucial for the world to unite behind large-scale, integrated approaches combining international, regional, national, and local levels, that recognize the interconnected nature of challenges and solutions to hunger and poverty and pair social protection with access to goods and services that can help the poor and vulnerable populations to overcome structural barriers and drive responsible investment in their productive capacity. These complementary services include but are not limited to interventions for poverty reduction, food security and nutrition, early childhood support, education and skills development, employment services, health and care services, as well as family farmers and smallholders' access to finance, extension services, research and/or agricultural inputs, in line with international commitments and obligations.

6. *Particularly recognizes* the high value and positive impact of quality implementation of national and local country-owned, inclusive policy instruments and programmes, focused on the poorest and most vulnerable, in the fields of poverty reduction, social protection, food security and nutrition, gender equality, decent work in the agri-food sector, skills development, family farming and smallholder agriculture, food systems transformation, health and care services and resilience building.
7. Also *acknowledges* the Global Alliance's reference basket of such policies as a collectively built, ongoing collection of examples with robust evidence to reduce hunger and poverty, and as a useful basis to guide joint action and increase alignment of the international community at country level. This acknowledgement is applicable to the policy basket approach as a general guide to action and does not imply endorsement of any specific policy instrument or programme contained in the basket.
8. Therefore, by joining the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty, *commits* to do its best efforts, in its own field of action, and according to its own mandate, capacities, priorities, preferences, procedures, and legal arrangements and framework, to support the implementation of policy instruments and programmes at country level as appropriate, including by the promotion of shared learning and the mobilization of resources, public and private, at scale.

In particular:

Domestic policy implementation commitments

Switzerland acknowledges its role in the national-level implementation of policies and programmes against hunger and poverty, as well as for providing guidance and support to sub-national level policies and programmes.

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Commits to make its best efforts to implement, improve, and/or scale-up the implementation of policy instruments and programmes from among those contained in the Global Alliance's policy basket in our national context. These policy instruments and programme suggestions would be adapted to the specific conditions, realities and opportunities presented in our country.

In particular, Switzerland commits to implement, improve, or scale-up the implementation of the following policy instruments or programmes, referenced in the Global Alliance's reference basket:

Transforming food systems in Switzerland and abroad: In its Sustainable Development Strategy 2030 Switzerland commits to "transform food systems in Switzerland and abroad". This implies a focus on innovation, know-how, co-creation and knowledge exchanges, improved use of resources depending on local contexts, promotion of increased investment in resilient agricultural practices such as agroecology and increased commitment to transforming food systems to be healthier, more

sustainable, and more equitable, from production to consumption, at national and international levels.

Commits to observe good practices throughout the implementation of such policy instruments and programmes, including maintaining effective governance, seeking avenues for domestic resource mobilization for funding such programs and providing for appropriate monitoring and evaluation, with adaptation and learning based on social involvement and consultation, local stakeholder engagement, minimizing negative impacts and seeking to adequately manage policy trade-offs.

Policy cooperation and support commitments

Commits to, within its capacities, share its own learnings and otherwise provide appropriate help and support, within its means, to other Global Alliance member countries to implement, improve, or scale-up the implementation of policies and programmes referenced in the Alliance's basket.

Specifically, informs and commits to implementing the following actions, programmes, and other activities related to lessons-learned and international cooperation in support of the Global Alliance's objectives:

Switzerland recognizes the importance of the Global Alliance in the context of its 2025-2028 International Cooperation Strategy that places the **fight against hunger** as one of ten specific objectives.

In line with Switzerland's **humanitarian-development-peace** nexus approach, Switzerland recognizes the need for more coherent and fit for purpose coordination between humanitarian assistance and development programmes, including to enhance preparedness and responses to future crises with shock responsive and anticipatory safety nets.

Switzerland commits to participate in policy dialogue and share knowledge and learnings to address addressing the root causes of hunger and poverty in the long term.

Examples include:

1) promoting **agroecology**, setting up resilient territorial food systems stimulating domestic markets to connect **small-holders farmers** and consumers along healthy and sustainable value chains. Switzerland is working with the 300-member Agroecology Coalition to rapidly accelerate the transition to sustainable agroecological food systems by 2030. The Agroecology Coalition is committed to scaling up investments, advocating for and strengthening supportive policies, and supporting markets and inclusive business models for agroecology.

2) capacity building to set up **inclusive insurance and micro-insurance schemes** in developing countries and fragile contexts, for example Switzerland supports the **African Risk Capacity (ARC)**, to reinforce states' capacities to better prepare and

respond to weather events and natural disasters, and to deliver assistance and social protection after shocks;

3) capacity building on financing social protection systems, **mobilizing domestic revenue and fiscal policies for social expenditure and policies**, strengthening the ability to efficiently target public spending in line with national priorities and need, for example Switzerland financed part the deployment of 3FS “Financial Flows to Food Systems”, a country-owned tool launched by the World Bank and IFAD to track financial flows domestic, international and private;

4) support to promote decent work, **vocational education and training** as a fundamental condition for economic and social development.

5) **One Planet Network (OPN) Sustainable Food Systems (SFS) Programme:** Switzerland co-leads the OPN SFS Programme - a global multi-stakeholder partnership to accelerate the shift to more sustainable food systems, and that supports the follow-up processes of the UN Food Systems Summit. In 2025, in collaboration with Brazil, the network meeting will focus on coherent policies and equity-sensitive solutions to simultaneously fight hunger and malnutrition, biodiversity loss and the climate crisis.

5) **GASL:** Switzerland engages in bringing together relevant stakeholders in the livestock- and food systems sectors to develop common solutions to make the livestock sector more sustainable. This includes efforts to promote balanced and healthy diets, to restore the value of grasslands, to support pastoralists, and to link relevant technical solutions to policy dialogue and the development of relevant multilateral agreements.

6) **WASAG:** Switzerland, together with relevant stakeholder throughout the water- and food system sectors, engages actively in promoting the indispensable linkages especially between agriculture and water for a successful transformation of our food systems towards greater sustainability. This includes, for example, supporting the development of technical knowledge and the implementation of appropriate measures for sustainable water use in agriculture and for water and nutrition, particularly in the world's most water-scarce regions.

Switzerland engages with Swiss-based NGOs, the private sector and academic institutions to share with the Global Alliance their interesting approaches to social protection, for example self-help groups and solidarity saving schemes, or technical expertise in setting-up and financing insurance and reinsurance schemes. Switzerland commits to harnessing synergies and fostering improved coordination between the various actors in relevant policy areas in the interest of fighting against hunger, malnutrition and poverty, such as IFAD, WFP, FAO, WHO, ILO and international networks and movements such as ILC and the SUN Movement.

Switzerland's health foreign policy puts a specific focus on the social determinants of health and works to influence socio-economic and environmental factors to improve people's health and well-being and to reduce inequalities with regard to health. Switzerland will act at the **interface of health and food** to combat all forms of

malnutrition and to encourage better data monitoring, improved policies and regulatory measures, empowered civil society organizations and increased support to ensure **affordable access to safe and healthy diets**.

Switzerland underlines its commitment to promote in all its activities gender equality, good governance and a human rights-based approach, with particular priority to support the respect, protection and fulfillment of the **right to food** as a way to strengthen dignity and entitlement in any intervention. To guide its actions and in policy dialogue, it will continue to support the negotiations and uptake of policy recommendations and voluntary guidelines from the **Committee on World Food Security (CFS)**.

Financial support commitments

Switzerland:

Informs and commits to implementing the following actions, programmes, and other activities in support of SDGs 1 and 2 and the Global Alliance's objectives:

Switzerland will continue to pioneer the increase of **blended finance and results-based financing (RBF)** in sectors related to poverty, malnutrition and hunger such as agriculture, health or education, encouraging the use, when appropriate, of indicators on service delivery including gender and social protection services.

Commits to make its best efforts to improve the destination, allocation and alignment of the use of its resources, including through coordination and cooperation facilitated by the Global Alliance, to support member countries to implement, improve, or scale-up the implementation of select programmes or policy instruments in the Alliance's reference basket to drive the fight against hunger and poverty, in line with sustainable country-led financing and implementation strategies.

Knowledge support commitments

Switzerland:

Commits to make its best efforts to co-create and provide technical assistance, capacity building and strengthening, training and/or knowledge-sharing on voluntary and mutually agreed terms in response to requests by Global Alliance member countries that choose to implement policy instruments and programmes in the Alliance's policy basket that are compatible with its areas of expertise.

Commits to make its best efforts to improve the alignment of its actions, including through the Global Alliance's coordination mechanisms, leveraging, and partnering with other actors to better support large scale, country-owned implementation of policies and programmes in the reference basket by Global Alliance member countries, aiming at enhancing country-level outcomes.

Commits to collaborate with other Alliance members to develop innovative solutions and share good practices in learning and knowledge exchange and dissemination on

voluntary and mutually agreed terms, data collection and analysis, including by leveraging existing local, national, and international knowledge networks, coalitions, communities and other fora related to aspects relevant to the fight against hunger and poverty.

Informs and commits to implementing the following actions, programmes, and other activities in support of the Global Alliance's objectives:

Switzerland, as a funding partner, will continue to support the **Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR)** to ensure a system which is united by a coherent, focused, coordinated and adequately resourced strategy to deliver interdisciplinary public research and results at scale and have a positive impact on challenges to livelihood, food, health, nutrition and climate security faced by some of the most vulnerable populations worldwide. In this context, Switzerland will in particular encourage agroecological approaches to knowledge and science on hunger and malnutrition, fostering co-creation and incorporating traditional and Indigenous People knowledge.

General acknowledgments

Recognizes the possibility to, including through the mechanisms available to Global Alliance members, coordinate, partner with and/or seek support from the Global Alliance's other members, within their respective capacities, availability, and fields of activity, to carry out the present commitments with greater effectiveness.

While recognizing that the above commitments are voluntary and non-legally binding, being subject to and carried out under its own capacities, regulations, priorities, and modalities, as well as to the availability of appropriate resourcing, *strives* to seriously consider, as appropriate, and according to its own legal frameworks and governance process, to review its procedures and priorities as found necessary to better deliver on the present commitments, enhance synergies and joint efforts with other entities and initiatives, and improve outcomes on the collective fight against hunger and poverty.