

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS - FAO

Statements of Commitment for the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty

General section

1. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations – FAO, 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.

Knowledge support commitments

FAO further:

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 its capacity and readiness to support Alliance member governments in implementing, improving or scaling-up the following policy instrument types,

referenced in the Global Alliance's basket of policy instruments, subject to matchmaking process at national level that will align technical assistance, implementation commitments and allocation of available voluntary funded financial resources:

Social Protection, particularly: Conditional cash transfer (CCT); Emergency cash transfers in fragile and humanitarian contexts; Environmentally conditional cash transfer (ECCT); Public works, employment guarantee schemes and direct job creation including community development programmes; School meals programmes; Support to livelihood diversification, particularly for rural population; Training (vocational, life skills, cash for training, entrepreneurship); Unemployment benefits.

Access to Basic Services, particularly: Tools for multiple uses of water, including drinking water and irrigation.

Access to productive assets, particularly: Productive assets (in both urban and rural areas), inclusive land and natural resources access, ownership and tenure security in the case of smallholder farmers.

Access to credit and financial services, particularly: Inclusive credit and financial rural services for smallholders

Support to Smallholder farmers, particularly: Climate resilient agricultural technologies for family farming; Inclusive insurance; Inclusive value addition and processing; Institutional markets, including public procurement and pro-poor food pricing; Pro-poor access to agricultural inputs, technology and knowledge; Pro-poor food price mechanisms; Promoting short value chains.

Nutrition, particularly: Malnutrition and micronutrient deficiency prevention and treatment; Maternal and child nutrition programmes; Promotion and access to healthy diets, including through education and affordable/subsidized prices.

Integrated programmes (IP), particularly: IP for climate and shock resilience, including programmes related to anticipatory, adaptive and shock-responsive social protection; IP for economic inclusion; IP for gender equality and empowerment.

Cross-cutting Instruments, particularly: Farmer registry

Informs and commits to implementing the following core actions, programmes and other activities in support of the Global Alliance's objectives which are aligned with the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31:

- 1) Assemble, analyse, monitor and improve access to data and information, in areas related to FAO's mandate, working in concert with countries and other development partners to identify consumer drivers, policy and investment gaps, promote common platforms and use emerging technological tools.
2. Facilitate and support countries and other partners in the development and implementation of normative and standard setting instruments for more efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agri-food systems, such as international agreements, codes of conduct, technical standards and related technologies, digital tools, good practices and others.
3. Facilitate, promote and support agri-food systems policy dialogue at global, regional and country levels, including explicit recognition and consideration of trade-offs.
4. Support institutions at all levels, including through capacity development, to prepare, implement, monitor and evaluate evidence-based policies and programmes, and leverage investments.
5. Facilitate partnerships and coalitions for more efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agri-food systems that address inequalities and leave no one behind, including with governments, development partners, civil society organizations and the private sector.
6. Advise and support activities that assemble, disseminate and improve the uptake of knowledge, technologies and good practices in the areas of FAO's mandate.
7. Advocate and communicate at national, regional and global levels, including to consumers, leveraging the Organization's knowledge, data, position as UN specialized agency, and trusted role as neutral broker.

Furthermore, considering the contribution of the Global Alliance to the achievement of the objectives of FAO's Strategic Framework 2022-31 and its Programmes of Work and Budget as approved by its Members, announces its intention to make arrangements to host the Rome office of the Support Mechanism and to take measures to facilitate the work of the Support Mechanism to deliver its leading role in supporting the implementation of the national, financial and knowledge pillars and in ensuring the coordination across all offices and pillars of the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty, relying solely on extra-budgetary resources provided through a multi-donor trust fund and in accordance with FAO's rules and procedures.

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 priorities¹ 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.

¹ Any review of FAO's procedures would be undertaken in accordance with FAO's legal framework and subject to any approvals required under that framework. Any review of FAO's priorities would be considered within the context of the priorities set by its Members, including in FAO's Strategic Framework 2022-31 and its Programme of Work.