

Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP)

Statements of Commitment to the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty

General section

1. The Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP) 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.

The Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP):

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:

Financial support commitments

The Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP)¹:

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 eligible 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.

Informs that, as of June 30th, 2024, GAFSP grant-funded projects amounting to USD 731.5 million are under implementation in eligible member countries and an additional USD 539.6 million of financial resources under GAFSP's guidance, management or control have been approved to support the implementation of country- and producer organization-led projects in the reference timeframe of June 30th, 2024 and June 30th, 2030. Within the same reference timeframe, an estimated amount of up to USD 182.3 million of unallocated financial resources under GAFSP's guidance, management or control may be to support the fight against hunger and poverty and advancing SDGs 1 and 2. The amount informed is the best possible estimation considering different applicable modalities, allocations and budget cycles, and is subject to changing circumstances and budgets. It is not to be considered a pledge of new and additional resources.

In addition to the above, informs and commits to make its best efforts to implement the following actions, programmes, and other activities in support of SDGs 1 and 2 and the Global Alliance's objectives:

GAFSP will leverage both Official Development Assistance (ODA) resources and the capacities of GAFSP's partner International Financial Institutions (IFIs) and UN Agencies to mobilize additional international resources, support the implementation of country-level platforms and programs, and build institutional capacities that help accelerate progress towards SDG 1 and 2 in the poorest and most vulnerable countries.

GAFSP's comprehensive toolkit of financing windows and modalities, including the new Business Investment Financing Track (BIFT) created by the GAFSP in May 2024, allows the Program to support a range of beneficiary-led investments that accelerate the transformation towards more inclusive, sustainable, and resilient agriculture and food systems in low-income countries. GAFSP will seek to effectively deploy this expanded toolkit in support of the Global Alliance's agenda as part of a new Strategic Plan that will guide GAFSP's work through 2030. In the period from June 30th, 2024 until June 30th, 2026, GAFSP will launch a BIFT pilot with a \$75 million budget aimed at improving access to credit and financial services for smallholder farmers, producer organizations, agribusiness MSMEs, and start-ups in low-income countries by supporting platform-based and public-private partnership-led approaches to blended finance interventions.

In addition, GAFSP plans to launch a new call for proposals for producer organization-led projects aimed at supporting smallholder farmers in low-income countries by promoting, inter alia, short value chains, climate resilient agricultural technologies for family farming, inclusive value addition and processing, pro-poor access to agricultural inputs, technology and knowledge. GAFSP will coordinate with the Global Alliance the resource mobilization efforts required to scale-up partnerships and co-financing arrangements between IFIs and UN agencies across its public and private sector financing windows and modalities in the period from July 1st, 2026 until June 30th, 2030.

Knowledge support commitments

The Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP):

Commits to make its best efforts to support provision of 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 make its best efforts 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.

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.