

PORTUGAL

Statements of Commitment to the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty

General section

1. Portugal 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.

Portugal:

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

Acknowledging 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.

Portugal:

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

- 1) Child Guarantee Initiative:** Automatic cash benefits to supplement existing family subsidies, ensuring beneficiaries receive a minimum annual amount.
- 2) Local Centres:** Establishes a network of 126 Centres nationwide that enable more personalized monitoring of children at risk of extreme poverty, to ensure that children and young people have access to essential services such as free education (including school-based activities and at least one healthy meal each school day) and free healthcare, thereby enhancing access to equal opportunities

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:

Child Guarantee: Drawing on its experience in implementing the Child Guarantee Initiative domestically, Portugal is interested in providing knowledge and capacity building support to other Global Alliance Partners looking to set-up or expand their own cash transfer programs, with an emphasis on children as primary recipients.

Quinta Portugal project: which works on farms in the municipality of Aileu in Timor Leste to improve food security in the country.

“Tricafé” project: Portugal cooperates with Brazil and Mozambique to sustainably produce coffee in agroforestry systems in Mozambique. This triangular cooperation project promotes agribusiness, increasing the income and food security of rural families in the region by training the different players (farmers, traders, students, researchers, and teachers) throughout the coffee value chain.

Financial support commitments

Portugal:

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.

[1] Informs that an estimated amount of USD 576 million of financial resources under its guidance, management or control is currently being employed and/or may be allocated in the reference timeframe of 2021 to 2024 to provide international development support applicable to the fight against hunger and poverty and advancing

SDGs 1 and 2. The indicated amount 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.

[2] A commitment to support the Global Alliance Secretariat with a yearly disbursement of USD 300,000, until 2030, to support the Secretariat's running costs.

[3] In addition to the above, 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:

Debt-swap Agreement with Cabo Verde: Portugal signed a debt-swap agreement with Cabo Verde that will allow for the conversion of up to € 12 million of Cabo Verde's debt, channeling it to a new Climate and Environmental Fund established by Cabo Verde's authorities to mobilize resources for environmental and climate action, which may also be used for the implementation of certain programmes and policies against hunger and poverty as part of the Global Alliance's policy basket, in connection with such action.

Knowledge support commitments

Portugal:

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, namely through triangular cooperation, 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:

Mais Colabora: Through this programme, Portugal provides technical assistance in agriculture to beneficiaries in São Tomé and Príncipe.

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.