SÃO TOMÉ E PRÍNCIPE

Statements of Commitment to the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty

General section

1. The Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe 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.

   Sao Tome and Principe:

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

São Tome and Principe 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.

São Tomé and Príncipe:

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

Among others, São Tomé and Príncipe commits to implementing, improving, or expanding the national implementation of the following instruments or policy programs:

1. **Vulnerable Families Support Program:** A conditional cash transfer program for families living in poverty. It provides immediate relief from poverty, enhances access to public health, education, and social assistance services, and helps break the intergenerational cycle of poverty for over 5 million São Toméan families.

2. **National School Feeding and Health Program - PNASE:** Provides school meals for about 44,649 students across São Tomé and Príncipe, contributing to the food and nutritional security of São Toméan students with healthy food.
3. **Support Project for Marketing, Agricultural Productivity, and Nutrition – COMPRAN:** Contributes to poverty reduction and promotes rural economic growth.
4. **Food Security Support Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project – PRIASA:** Contributes to improving food security in São Tomé and Príncipe and reducing poverty. It aims to enhance the availability of agricultural and fishery products through the rehabilitation of agricultural and artisanal fishery infrastructures.
5. **Support Project for Agricultural Export Chains - PAFAE:** Improve the quality and sustainably increase the quantity of domestic production of traditional export chains, and consolidate access and recognition of agricultural export chains in external markets.
6. **Sustainable Development Project for Fisheries and Aquaculture Value Chains in ACP Countries:** Aims to help develop sustainable fisheries and aquaculture value chains that contribute to economic growth, job creation, and food and nutritional security.
7. **Emergency Assistance Program for Agricultural Families Affected by the Tropical Storm of December 2021 and Resulting Floods in São Tomé and Príncipe (STP):** Support vulnerable rural and peri-urban communities affected by the tropical storm of December 2021, as well as the resulting floods and food insecurity in São Tomé and Príncipe, demonstrating their resilience.
8. **Project to Promote Local Food Value Chains and Equitable Employment Opportunities through a Sustainable Agrifood Industry in STP:** Improve the economic situation of beneficiary families by promoting the production, processing, and marketing of corn and dried beans.
9. **TCP/STP/3903 - Multisectoral Approach to Promoting Good Food and Nutrition Practices in School and Community Settings:** Contributes to improving food and nutritional security through a multisectoral approach that promotes good food and nutrition practices.
10. **Pilot Project to Support Agricultural Entrepreneurship Development for Displaced Producers in the Autonomous Region of Príncipe (RAP):** Organize displaced agricultural households into well structured, organic, and profitable food/horticulture, livestock, and fishing value chains, fostering endogenous trade dynamics.

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:

The Sao Tome and Principe government is ready to share experiences and lessons, as well as to provide technical cooperation within the framework of South-South cooperation and trilateral cooperation, regarding the following policies and policy instruments, among others:

1. Vulnerable Families Support Program
2. National School Feeding and Health Program
3. Support Project for Marketing, Agricultural Productivity, and Nutrition – COMPRAN
4. Food Security Support Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project – PRIASA
5. Support Project for Agricultural Export Chains
6. Sustainable Development Project for Fisheries and Aquaculture Value Chains in ACP Countries
7. Emergency Assistance Program for Agricultural Families Affected by the Tropical Storm of December 2021 and Resulting Floods in São Tomé and Príncipe (STP)
8. Project to Promote Local Food Value Chains and Equitable Employment Opportunities through a Sustainable Agrifood Industry in STP
9. Multisectoral Approach to Promoting Good Food and Nutrition Practices in School and Community Settings
10. Pilot Project to Support Agricultural Entrepreneurship Development for Displaced Producers in the Autonomous Region of Príncipe (RAP)
11. Support Program for Formulating a National Strategy and Action Plan for Youth Employment in Agricultural Sectors in São Tomé and Príncipe (STP)

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.