

Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement

Statements of Commitment to the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty

General section

1. Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement 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:

Knowledge support commitments

Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement:

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.

[1] 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:

Ensuring essential nutrition within Access to Basic Services

- Access to basic drinking water and sanitation services, and hygiene facilities
- Access to basic education

- Access to basic health care
- Access to basic mobility and information services, and infrastructure development

Nutrition

- Maternal and early childhood nutrition
- Prevention and control of micronutrient deficiencies
- Prevention, detection and management of malnutrition
- Promotion and access to healthy diets, including through education and affordable/subsidized prices - of safe and nutritious foods especially for vulnerable or low income consumers

Social Protection

- Child and family support/benefits
- Conditional cash transfer (CCT)
- Emergency cash transfers in fragile and humanitarian contexts
- Emergency food transfer/supply, including humanitarian
- Food transfer or subsidized food (food distribution programmes)
- Maternity protection/benefits - including breastfeeding support
- School meals programmes
- Unconditional cash transfer

Access to land and natural resources

- Land access, ownership and tenure security

Access to credit and financial services

- Inclusive credit and financial services - including supporting MSMEs to develop business models that increase access to safe and nutritious food, especially for low income consumers and supporting market linkage for MSMEs

Support to Smallholder farmers

- Climate resilient agricultural technologies
- Inclusive value addition and processing
- Institutional markets, including public procurement and pro-poor food pricing
- Promoting short value chains

Ensuring Nutrition Integration in Integrated Programmes

- Integrated programmes for climate and shock resilience, including programmes related to anticipatory, adaptive and shock-responsive social protection
- Integrated programmes for economic inclusion

- Integrated programmes for gender equality and empowerment
- Integrated programmes for human capital development, including health and education and early childhood development

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

The Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement is at the forefront of a global effort to combat malnutrition in all its forms. Malnutrition is responsible for nearly half of all child deaths and is a significant barrier to building healthy, productive societies. Tackling malnutrition is central to achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The SUN Movement is country led and country owned, uniting 66 nations and four Indian states in a voluntary coalition, working alongside networks of academia, businesses, civil society organizations, parliamentarians, donors, media, United Nations agencies and international financial institutions.

SUN fosters engagement across all sectors and at political and technical levels to position nutrition as a key maker and marker of development. By aligning country needs and priorities with partner resources, we support the development and implementation of strategic, demand-driven initiatives that yield practical, tangible, and nutrition outcomes.

Malnutrition is caused by a complex web of underlying risk drivers and change can Only happen when all parts of the system work together and find collaborative solutions. As an effective, neutral convener, SUN promotes nutrition and healthy diets as integral to health, food systems, social protection, climate resilience, education and water and sanitation. Our country level multi-stakeholder platforms bridge sectors and facilitate collaboration between governments, businesses, UN and civil society, assuring that nutrition is prioritized across all relevant ministries and development agencies.

Through regional hubs, we provide support to develop national multi-sector strategies and plans for nutrition outcomes, secure financing, enhance information systems, manage knowledge, and drive advocacy and leadership at the country level. SUN also amplifies the voices of countries in international fora, advocating for nutrition action that is gender-transformative, draws on the agency of young people, and addresses the particular challenges in humanitarian contexts.

SUN plays a crucial role in identifying and promoting financing solutions that enhance the impact of nutrition interventions within broader economic development. By unlocking local resources and fostering sustainable outcomes, the Movement drives cost-effective investments, breaks down sector silos, and forges partnerships that make a tangible difference in the fight against malnutrition.

The SUN Movement's structures, including multi-stakeholder platforms at national and sub-national levels, are uniquely positioned to link countries with different donor, civil

society, UN, business and academic networks. They can serve as an existing and effective mechanism for the Global Alliance to support country driven adaptation and implementation of relevant policy instruments from the Policy Basket, exploring financing options and coordinating efforts to maximise synergies across sectors and stakeholders.

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.