GLOBAL ALLIANCE AGAINST HUNGER AND POVERTY

Early Childhood Development Action Network

Statements of Commitment to the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty

General section

1. The Early Childhood Development Action Network (ECDAN) 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 Early Childhood Development Action Network:

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

The Early Childhood Development Action Network:

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:*

Expanding access to social protection to support young children and families, with a specific focus on:
- Child and family support/benefits
- Expanding access to basic early childhood development services
- Expanding access to nutrition support for young children and families

Access to basic services for young children and families, including:
- Access to adequate housing
- 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 transport, information services, and infrastructure development
- Access to clean fuels and technology

Expanding access to integrated programmes, including programmes for:
- climate and shock resilience, including programmes related to anticipatory, adaptive and shock-responsive social protection,
- economic inclusion
- gender equality and empowerment
- 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 Early Childhood Development Action Network's (ECDAN's) mission is to catalyze collective action with and for young children and their caregivers by connecting and aligning partners, sharing knowledge and good practice, and advocating for better policies, more resources, and accountability for results.

ECDAN commits to leveraging our network of early childhood development partners to support the Global Alliance to End Hunger and Poverty to:

- Catalyze collective action with diverse partners for shared goals

- Exchange knowledge and learning by connecting partners to generate and use

knowledge and evidence to improve policies and practice related to ending hunger and poverty

- Build political will and public demand for better policies, more resources, quality

implementation, and greater accountability for results.

ECDAN will take the following actions to support the Alliance's vision and objectives: We will connect and convene partners to influence the global agenda and we will work with global funds and partnerships in sectors contributing to ECD outcomes as they pertain to advancing the Alliance objectives.

ECDAN will respond to partner demand and convene partners around issues relevant to the Alliance.

ECDAN will expand cross-country learning opportunities such as webinars, communities of practice, online community discussions, and events.

ECDAN will co-create, curate, and disseminate knowledge resources that build evidence in the ECD field as relevant to the objectives of the Alliance.

ECDAN will initiate and support collaborative advocacy campaigns on priority topics and in response to current events that connect relevant movements and leverage efforts to advance the Alliance's objectives, including increased investment in ECD.

ECDAN will complement our advocacy at the global level by supporting civil society actors, in collaboration with partners working at the country-level, to advocate effectively from the bottom up.

ECDAN will strengthen and leverage our communications platforms to increase awareness, elevate key issues relevant to the Alliance and ECDAN's mission.

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.