

New Zealand

Statements of Commitment to the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty

GENERAL SECTION

1. New Zealand 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.

New Zealand:

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:

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.

New Zealand is committed to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We seek global solutions to address global sustainable development challenges.

We aim to achieve impact through development outcomes that are:

- Effective – that is values driven, partnership-focused and evidence based.
- Inclusive – that address exclusions and inequalities created across all dimensions of social identity, while promoting human rights, and equitable participation in the benefits of development.
- Resilient – that promote resilience, including to the impacts of climate change, natural disasters and external shocks; and
- Sustained – that respond to context and are locally owned.

New Zealand's International Development Cooperation Programme has a primary geographic focus on the Pacific, with at least 60% of our funding allocation to the region. Southeast Asia is also a priority region.

Agriculture is the primary economic activity in many Pacific Island Countries, supporting livelihoods as well as maintaining the food security of the region. Over the next three years, as part of New Zealand's Pacific development programme we will deliver initiatives that focus on improving water and food security, and partner with Pacific regional agencies on agriculture and health initiatives. We will support increased agriculture sector production, and improved agricultural quality and resilience, with a view to increased food

security including through improved agricultural supply chains. New Zealand will also invest in fisheries and oceans.

We seek to develop resilience against the impacts of climate change by improving water and food security, agronomic practices, disaster risk management, coastal protection and infrastructure, and renewable energy technology. We have built resilience connections across a range of key sectors including water, education and training, agriculture, tourism, energy, and health.

Through our Ministry for Primary Industries, other government agencies including Crown Research Institutes, multilateral partners, and non-government organisations we continue to deliver and to share knowledge and expertise in agriculture with our development partners.

The Global Research Alliance (GRA) on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases is an initiative that brings countries together to find ways to grow food and promote food security without increasing greenhouse gas emissions. New Zealand, a founding member of the GRA, hosts the GRA Secretariat and plays a key role in its success. In partnership with Germany, New Zealand recently launched a new GRA initiative, which aims to advance low emission and climate-resilient food systems. This included workshops in food loss and waste in the margins of G20 in Brazil. Additionally, under the New Zealand Climate Smart Agriculture Initiative New Zealand actively supports countries in regions of ASEAN, Africa, and Latin America to enhance their national agricultural greenhouse gas inventory systems to promote climate-smart agricultural practices, which improve economic returns and strengthen food security.

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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.