

Dubai Cares

Statements of Commitment to the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty

General section

1. Dubai Cares 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:

Financial support commitments

Dubai Cares:

Dubai Cares has committed USD 4 million over a five-year period (2021-2026) to support Home-Grown School Feeding programs across Africa, in partnership with WFP and the African Union. This commitment contributes to strengthening school feeding systems and aligns with global efforts to combat hunger and improve educational outcomes in line with SDG2 and SDG4. The financial support focuses on:

- Strengthening the technical capacities and coordination mechanisms of the African Union's School Feeding Cluster.
- Advocating for increased resource mobilization for national school feeding programs.
- Developing and implementing the first continental School Feeding database as a public good.
- Conducting operational research to generate strategic evidence for more effective school feeding programs.

This existing commitment reflects Dubai Cares' continued efforts to enhance education, nutrition, and community resilience in Africa. The amount represents the best possible estimation based on programmatic needs and evolving priorities and should not be considered a new or additional pledge beyond the stated timeframe.

Announces a new and additional sum of over USD 400,000 to launch the Social Investment Programme (SIP) aimed at scaling up sustainable Home-Grown School Feeding programs in Senegal in partnership with the Grameen Crédit Agricole Foundation (GCAF) and the UN World Food Programme (WFP). This initiative will strengthen smallholder farmers by providing capacity building, establishing farmer

cooperatives, and promoting women's entrepreneurship in resilient agricultural value chains, including rice, dairy, horticulture, cereals, and peanuts. Given the scale of these challenges and limited public financing, the program will leverage impact investing and blended finance solutions to ensure sustainable funding. A combination of financial instruments, including microfinancing, long-term low-concessional loans, official development assistance (ODA), grants, and equity funding, will support both private and public education actors, driving long-term impact in education, climate resilience, and economic empowerment.

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.

Knowledge support commitments

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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.

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:

School Meals: As a founding member of the School Meals Coalition, Dubai Cares remains committed to supporting global efforts to expand and improve school meal programs, particularly those that promote sustainability and climate resilience. Through its engagement with the coalition and other strategic partnerships, Dubai Cares continues to advocate for the integration of Home-Grown School Feeding programs and

planet-friendly school meals as key solutions to addressing hunger, poverty, and educational disparities.

Dubai Cares leverages platforms such as the RewirEd Summit to elevate the conversation around the intersection of nutrition, education, and poverty reduction. This advocacy was a central theme in both the 2021 and 2023 RewirEd Summits, with the resulting outcome reports reinforcing the importance of school meals in improving learning outcomes, reducing dropout rates, and fostering long-term socio-economic development. This commitment to addressing hunger and poverty through School Health and Nutrition will continue to be a key focus in future RewirEd Summits.

Recognizing that food insecurity and malnutrition directly impact children's ability to learn, Dubai Cares is committed to mobilizing policy action, research, and investment in school meal programs that are locally sourced, climate-smart, and nutrition-sensitive. The organization will continue working closely with global and regional partners to drive sustainable school feeding solutions that contribute to SDGs 1, 2, and 4, ensuring that education systems are not only equitable but also equipped to support the well-being and future success of the most vulnerable children.

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.