

GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG

Statements of Commitment to the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty

General section

1. Luxembourg 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.

Luxembourg:

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

Luxembourg 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.

Luxembourg:

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

Programme one: School Meals

In the framework of Luxembourg's adhesion to the School Meals Coalition in 2021, Luxembourg is committed towards upholding the School Meals Coalition's goals and achieving the objectives of Agenda 2030:

- 1) Increase organic, seasonal, and local production for school meals, with **at least 50% local products of which 2/5 stem from organic farming.**
- 2) Ensure the delivery of sustainable, diversified, and balanced diets by increasing the variety of vegetarian and vegan dishes, **with 50% of plant-based protein on all menus.**
- 3) **Increase the provisions of free school meals**, ensuring access to nutritious food for all.

- 4) **Promote the use of a digital platform** to connect local farmers and suppliers to school canteens. Thus, expanding the purchase of sustainable products and guiding producers in the transition to organic farming.
- 5) **Promote okm food and short distance purchasing** to avoid environmental impacts of large distance transportations of food supplies.
- 6) **Combat food waste and plastic pollution in school canteens** by e.g. adapting meal offers, selling leftover food at reduced prices, setting up drink fountains, avoiding single use plastic.
- 7) Continue **advocacy and sensibilisation campaigns in schools**, encouraging active involvement and feedback from schoolchildren and youth, on sustainable nutrition and food systems.
- 8) **Scale up the coordination** with relevant national stakeholders, agricultural and farmers associations, academic and research institutions, young farmers and students **to continuously improve sustainable school meal programmes and food production** in the country.

Programme two: Principle of “once only”

The fight against poverty is a top priority for Luxembourg as stated in the Coalition Agreement 2023-2028¹. In general, poverty reduction policies will continue to support low-income households, households in precarious situations or poverty, as well as individuals at risk of social exclusion.

As part of its broader efforts to combat poverty, Luxembourg is for instance working on streamlining administrative processes by creating a Social Desk, allowing beneficiaries to submit requests and receive advice in one place, in line with the "once-only" principle. Efforts will be made to simplify procedures, automate processes, and facilitate data sharing between administrations to avoid redundant document submissions. A shared social file may be developed, enabling beneficiaries' personal data to be accessed with their consent by relevant administrations. Additionally, the reference address law will be revised to ensure consistent and equal treatment of applicants across municipalities and associations. The proposed measures aim to simplify access to social services, reduce administrative barriers, and ensure fair, timely support, helping to improve the well-being of vulnerable individuals and thus mitigate poverty.

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.

¹ <https://gouvernement.lu/fr/publications.gouvernement2024%2Bfr%2Bpublications%2Baccord-coalition%2Baccord-de-coalition-2023-2028.html>

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.

Luxembourg is committed to sharing its experiences and best practices, as well as providing support and technical cooperation to partner countries regarding the policies and policy instruments listed above. This support can be provided through both bilateral and multilateral efforts, aimed at fostering sustainable, inclusive systems that address the needs of vulnerable populations. Luxembourg remains dedicated to collaborating with Global alliance members to improve social safety nets and food security, contributing to poverty reduction, resilience, and social inclusion globally.

Financial support commitments

Luxembourg:

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.

Informs that in 2023, an estimated amount of 105.000.000 USD of financial resources under its guidance, management or control have been allocated by Luxembourg to provide international development support applicable to the fight against hunger and poverty and advancing SDGs 1 and 2. The amount informed is the best possible estimation considering different applicable modalities, allocations and budget cycles, and is subject to changing circumstances and budgets. It is not to be considered a pledge of new and additional resources.

Informs that Luxembourg has been active in the food sector for many years, and food security remains a major concern for the country, both in terms of development cooperation and humanitarian aid. In 2021, Luxembourg allocated 10% of its official development assistance (ODA) to projects related to agriculture, agroecology, and staple foods, amounting to just over 40 million euros. In 2022, Luxembourg exceeded this threshold with more than 84 million euros, the majority of which was invested in agricultural development in our partner countries.

Declares that since its accession to the Food Assistance Convention in 2014, Luxembourg has committed to contribute 4 million Euros annually to meet the food and nutritional needs of the most vulnerable populations. For the last ten years, Luxembourg's financial

contribution to interventions related to food security has regularly exceeded this pledge. In 2025 and in line with Luxembourg's Chairmanship of the Food Assistance Committee, Luxembourg remains committed to strengthening global food security and addressing the nutritional needs of the most vulnerable populations.

Pledges continued support to the Rome based agencies working towards the transformation of agricultural and food systems to achieve healthier, more equitable, sustainable, and resilient outcomes, while addressing the root causes of hunger and poverty in the long term.

In addition to the above, informs and commits to implementing the following actions, programmes, and other activities in support of SDGs 1 and 2 and the Global Alliance's objectives:

In the field of humanitarian action, Luxembourg has made significant strategic progress in supporting school meals and nutrition programs, contributing to providing meals for children in need. Some of these programs are funded with a long-term perspective, such as in Senegal. Others, like in Mali, specifically focus on assisting children in fragile and politically unstable environments, ensuring access to essential nutrition in times of crisis.

With its multi-year funding to the WFP, Luxembourg particularly supports a study and a WFP advocacy initiative to promote and improve school meals and nutrition in fragile contexts with the goal of bringing children back to school and providing them with additional protection in complex contexts (for example, helping to prevent early marriages, child labor, or the recruitment of children as child soldiers).

Luxembourg has supported a FAO project in the Sahel region since 2015, aiming at **strengthening the capacity to respond to food safety emergencies** and **improving the health quality of street food**, which is widespread in UEMOA countries. Furthermore, Luxembourg has been a long-standing partner of a FAO project in Afghanistan, aimed at **promoting and improving sustainable and resilient livelihoods** among the most vulnerable and food-insecure households. In Europe, Luxembourg also supported a project in Ukraine, aimed at **preserving livestock production and repairing livestock shelters** in order to boost food security and preserve livelihoods in rural areas of Ukraine affected by the conflict.

In terms of its bilateral development cooperation, Luxembourg, through its development agency LuxDevelopment, implements several food security programs in the Central Sahel. In Mali, we cofinance the program “**Support to agropastoral value chains in Sikasso**”, together with Switzerland. The objective of this program is to increase the income of agro-pastoral family farms and small businesses by improving Mali's local milk and potato sectors' productivity and employability in a sustainable manner. In Burkina Faso, a project supporting land restoration and promoting techniques for sustainable land management by and for local communities. In 2022 and 2023, Luxembourg allocated **20 million euros** through its bilateral cooperation to support food security programs among others in **Burkina Faso, Mali, Cabo Verde, Laos, and Senegal**, reaffirming its commitment to sustainable development and resilience.

Innovative and inclusive finance also plays a crucial role in enhancing food security through a wide range of financial instruments coupled with technical assistance. By supporting smallholder farmers and strengthening locally led financial institutions that collaborate with them, Luxembourg contributes to improving food security. One example is the Smallholder Safety Net Upscaling Programme (SSNUP), a 10-year initiative implemented by the NGO “Appui au Développement Autonome” (ADA). The program is specifically designed to support smallholder farmers, increase food standards, enhance their resilience against climate shocks and ultimately improve living conditions in rural areas.

Another example is the Agri Business Capital Fund (ABC Fund), a collaborative initiative established by the Luxembourg Government, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the European Commission (EC), and the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA). The ABC Fund aims to strengthen vulnerable people in rural areas, create jobs in the agricultural sector, and combat poverty and food insecurity.

Knowledge support commitments

Luxembourg:

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.

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.