

2021 GLOBAL REPORT ON FOOD CRISES

High-level virtual event to launch the 2021 edition of the
Global Report on Food Crises

When: 5 May 2021

Time: 14:30-16:30 CET

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French and Spanish

Organizers:

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Since 2016, the **Global Report on Food Crises** has been providing the international community with independent and consensus-based evidence on the severity, magnitude and drivers of food insecurity and malnutrition in food crisis contexts and helping inform timely, cost-efficient and needs-based humanitarian and resilience building actions. The Global Report is the flagship publication of the Global Network Against Food Crises - an international alliance working to address the root causes of extreme hunger - and is the result of an analytical process involving 16 partners facilitated by the Food Security Information Network (FSIN).

On 5 May 2021, the Global Network's partners will hold a high-level virtual event to release the **2021 Global Report on Food Crises**. This year's edition will feature the scale and magnitude of the acute food insecurity and malnutrition situation in 55 countries and territories. It will present the latest data and most recent trends of increasing levels of acute food insecurity and related key drivers which have been aggravated by the compounding effects of COVID-19.

The event follows a series of successful events organized by the Global Network between 2019 and 2020 to foster high-level advocacy and political uptake to address humanitarian, development and peacebuilding needs. In particular, this event is a follow-up to the Global Network's campaign on "[Food Crises and COVID-19](#)" (April 2020) and the side event on "[Food Crises and COVID-19: emerging evidence and implications for action](#)" held on the margins of the 75th session of the UN General Assembly (September 2020).

Objectives of the event

This event will enable participants to receive the latest data and information on how many and why people are facing acute hunger and malnutrition in countries that experienced food crises in 2020, as reported in the new edition of the annual Global Report on Food Crises.

The event will also promote a collective reflection and discussion on the challenges ahead, on the opportunities for effective action and on the political commitments needed to eradicate food crises. The discussion will particularly examine the current measures and those that should be adopted to address current food emergencies and the aggravating impact that COVID-19 has had on food crisis contexts. Ultimately, the event will provide an opportunity to emphasize the role that resilient agri-food systems play in contributing to sustainable solutions to food crises, thus linking it to the [UN Food Systems Summit 2021](#).

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Participation and interventions

All Global Network's partners and interested parties are invited to attend the event. The event will benefit from the high-level participation of Global Network's key partners at executive level and keynote speakers, with the overall facilitation of Dr David Nabarro, Strategic advisor Food Systems Summit Dialogues.

Provisional agenda

Welcome and Opening		
14:30 – 14:35	Introduction	Moderator
14:35 – 14:50	Welcome and opening statements	Director-General, FAO Commissioner, DG-ECHO Executive Director, WFP
The evidence - The 2021 Global Report on Food Crises		
14:50 – 15:05	Presentation of the key findings of 2021 Global Report on Food Crises	Coordinator, FSIN Senior Specialist, UNICEF
Keynote interventions and strategic discussion		
15:05-15:15	Keynote intervention on "One year later – What have we learned since COVID-19 first broke and what has been done to prevent COVID-19 from making food crises worse?"	Chief Economist, FAO
15:15-15:25	Keynote intervention on "The UNFSS 2021 towards sustainable food systems in food crisis contexts"	Special Envoy of the UN Secretary General for the 2021 Food Systems Summit
15:25-16:00	Interventions and QAs	•Executive Director, UNICEF •The United Kingdom's Special Envoy for Famine Prevention and Humanitarian Affairs •Director General, IFPRI
Closing session		
16:00-16:10	Concluding remarks	Assistant to the Administrator for BHA, USAID Deputy-Director, DG-INTPA
16:10-16:15	Main takeaway messages and end of the event	Moderator

Alongside the report, the Global Network's core partners will issue a Press Release and a Joint statement outlining their collective commitment to respond to multiplying food crises across the globe that are being compounded by new and old global challenges, as well as their plan to protect and strengthen food systems to sustainably address food crises.

All products, including the live streaming and recording of the event, will be made available the day of the event at:

<http://www.fightfoodcrises.net/grfc-2021/en/> and www.fsinplatform.org.