

Fighting Food Crises along the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus Coalition

Research Workstream

Background

The Fighting Food Crises along the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus Coalition (HDP Nexus Coalition) emerged through the United Nations Food Systems Summit, held in September 2021. Against the background of the increase in world hunger since 2015, driven primarily by violent conflict and the impact of climate change, the coalition aims to contribute to ending hunger through pursuing peace and unleashing the potential of sustainable food systems to enhance the prospects for peace.

The Research Workstream of the HDP Nexus Coalition was established as a dedicated space to discuss and promote research that supports and enables the coalition's overall objectives, including issues relating to:

- food crises
- the two-way relationship between conflict and hunger
- humanitarian and development food systems interventions and their impact on the prospects for peace
- peacebuilding interventions and their impact on strengthening sustainable food systems

Objective

The Research Workstream serves as a clearing house, allowing researchers, organizations and Member States to know what the research community is doing in this area. It is intended to facilitate more effective and efficient research through information sharing and will help avoid duplication in research. The workstream also aims to increase the uptake of existing research and build connections between researchers and operational actors, as well as between researchers and those who fund research.

Process

The Research Workstream meets every 6-8 weeks. Each meeting will include a presentation from an entity conducting or consuming research in the areas noted above. The presentations will allow the Workstream members to learn more about and share their reflections on the research agenda and/or research needs of the presenting entity.

By focusing meetings around specific, ongoing areas of work, the Workstream aims to provide a space where members can share information on relevant existing research, discuss research gaps and identify potential areas of collaboration.

Planned presentations for upcoming meetings include:

- Early November 2022: UN Global Crisis Response Group on Food, Energy and Finance
- Mid-December 2022: G7 Global Alliance on Food Security (TBC)
- Early February 2022: Late October 2022: Global Network against Food Crises (TBC)

Membership

Membership to the Workstream is voluntary and open to all coalition members. The Research Workstream benefits from the wide range of government and non-governmental actors at the national and international levels who are part of the coalition. The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) leads the Research Workstream. Thus far, the Research Workstream's members include:

- Member States and regional organizations (Sudan, USA, Czechia, IGAD, OECD-DAC)
- Research institutes/academia (SIPRI, BICC, CGIAR, IFPRI)
- NGOs (Concern Worldwide, Cordaid, International Crisis Group, Interpeace, Netherlands Food Partnership, Action Against Hunger)
- UN Organizations (UNHABITAT, UNHCR, FAO, WFP)