

HDP Nexus Coalition

Update August-October 2023

We are pleased to share with you the fourth status update in 2023. Below you will find a summary of key developments since August 2023 in the Coalition's work and structure, recent and upcoming engagements, as well as updates on relevant member initiatives. A special thanks to those who contributed with inputs and information.

COUNTRY SUPPORT

Follow-up mission to support the operationalization of the Food Systems National Pathways in Somalia

Following the **scoping mission** to support Somalia National Convenor which took place from the 16th to the 20th of July 2023, the **second part of the mission** will be taking place **in Mogadishu from the 12th to the 15th of November 2023** and will convene government, UN agencies, donors and civil society from the development, humanitarian and peace sectors. The workshop will focus on supporting coherent and complementary programme planning framework to operationalize the seven national Food Systems Pathways. Expected outcomes include fostering a common risk and vulnerability diagnosis aimed at better understanding people and food systems resilience, providing programmatic support to government ministries and developing a programmatic matrix to ensure planning is phased across short, medium and long-term implementation.

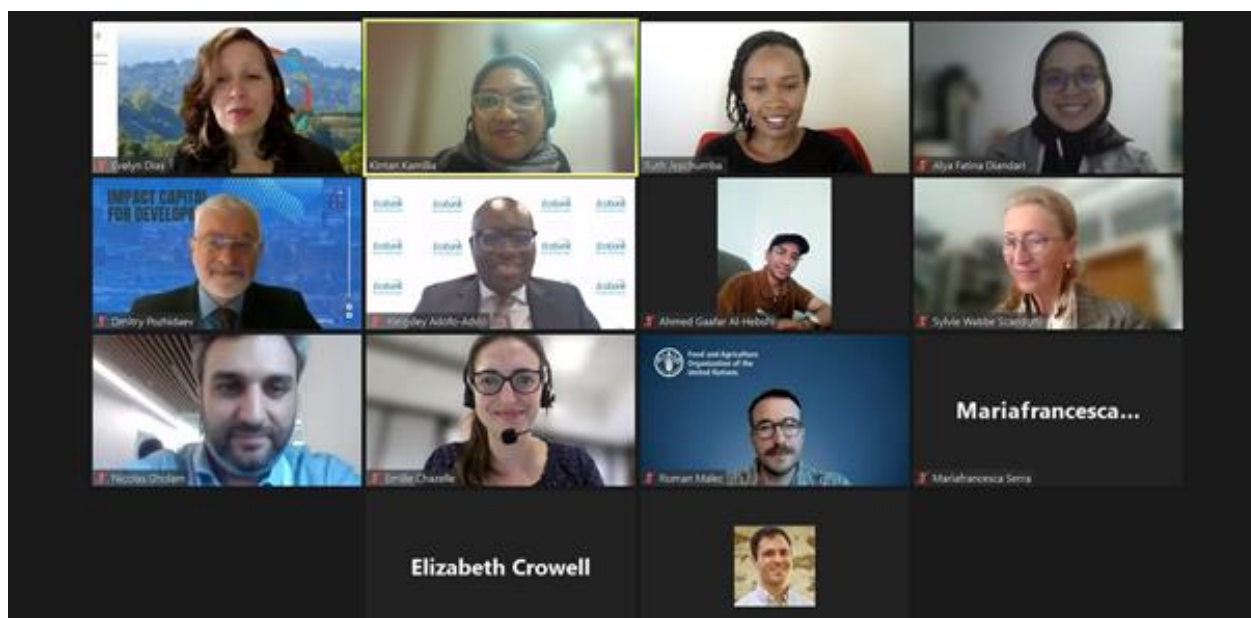
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RECENT AND UPCOMING ADVOCACY ENGAGEMENTS

Africa Climate Week side event – 8 September 2023

The Coalition co-organized with the UN Famine Prevention and Response Coordinator, CGIAR, Welthungerhilfe, and SIPRI, an impactful side event at UNFCCC Africa Climate Week titled "*Climate, Peace, and Food Systems: Empowering Africa's Resilient Solutions*". Jeniffer Koinante, president of the Yiaku Laikipiak Trust, and member of the Yaaku Indigenous Peoples group in Kenya, and Samwel Lentoror from the Pastoralist Community Initiative and Development Assistance representative (PACIDA, Kenya) in the Marsabit region delivered impressive presentations about the solutions they implement at local level to cope with climate change and food insecurity.

World Food Forum virtual side event – 19 October 2023



The Youth Dialogue, organized by the Resilient Local Food Supply Chains Alliance and the HDP Nexus Coalition, empowered young leaders to shape resilient local food supply chains. With inspiration from the UN Food Systems Summit, where 100,000 youth voiced their opinions, the Dialogue identified key priorities for youth engagement in food systems transformation. It convened youth representatives from Yemen, Kenya, Lebanon, Indonesia, Italy, and other contexts, who shared successful good practices and successful experiences of youth engagement in resilient local food systems and demonstrate how young people can raise their incomes through involvement as entrepreneurs in agriculture and food supply, showing that small agri-food businesses can also be successful.

Committee on World Food Security CFS 51 side-event - 23 October 2023

FAO, WUR, the Global Network Against Food Crises and the HDP Nexus Coalition co-organized a CFS51 side-event on "*Forging Resilience: Harnessing evidence-based agrifood transformation for navigating multiple crises*", showcasing experiences of FNS-REPRO and emerging lessons learned. The event brought together key stakeholder representing UN, Governments, NGO's, private sector and academia from The Horn of Africa, Netherlands and Italy, reflecting on emerging lessons learned and ways forward to building food systems resilience in protracted food crisis contexts. Dr John Kanisio, Undersecretary,

Ministry of Agriculture & Food Security and National Convenor of the Republic of South Sudan, participated in the panel and highlighted the government's efforts to bring various agencies and NGOs together to address food security as the importance of research and addressing issues at the zone area level.

More information on the [event webpage](#).



COP28

The Coalition is liaising with its Member States to facilitate their contribution on the COP28 Declaration on Climate, Recovery and Peace. The Secretariat also facilitated the participation of its civil society organisations to a presentation of the Declaration by the COP28 Presidency, who also outlined the next steps of the process and possibility for civil society organisation to endorse the Declaration.

A [survey](#) was shared with the Coalition membership to map out their engagement and facilitate synergies among members. The information will be shared ahead of COP28 with the membership together with a “talking points” kit to support Coalition members engagement at COP28 on the issues of food security, peace, climate security, fragility, etc.

GLOBAL REFUGEE FORUM - 13 - 15 DECEMBER

The Secretariat organised the presentation of the [Multi Stakeholder Pledge on Agriculture, Food Systems and Food Security](#), and associated process to the Coalition membership. The specific commitments of the pledge will be achieved through three complementary, reinforcing pillars underpinned by strengthened partnerships: (1) policy, (2) programming, and (3) evidence generation.

COALITION MEMBERS UPDATES

THIRD EDITION OF THE "INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE DAY: AGRICULTURE - FOOD - ENVIRONMENT"

CIRAD, INRAE, IRD and the permanent representation of France to the United Nations in Rome are co-organizing the third edition of the "*International Science Festival: agriculture, food, environment*", November 22 from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m (CEST - Rome time).

On this occasion, a webinar will address the 2030 Agenda: scientific challenges of the Sustainable Development Goals, importance of international research initiatives, and post-2030 prospects. Session 2 of the webinar will be a reflection on the contribution (or not) of partnerships and international initiatives to the 2030 Agenda.

The webinar will be broadcast in French, with simultaneous interpretation into English. Registration and detailed program [here](#).

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ITALY'S ADOPTION OF NEW GUIDELINES ON THE HUMANITARIAN, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE NEXUS

In July 2023, Italy formally adopted new Guidelines on the Humanitarian, Development and Peace Nexus, currently available in Italian language and to be translated in English, French and Spanish. The document is the result of a multi-stakeholder consultation process, promoted by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) and the relevant Directorate General (DGCS) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI), through a specific working group including representatives of Civil Society Organizations and Academia.



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The objective is to encourage the whole Italian Cooperation system to strengthen connections between humanitarian, development, and peace dimensions, according to the three pillars of the OECD-DAC Recommendation: coordination, programming and financing. The Guidelines plan to identify pilot countries where the nexus approach can be applied, undertaking a joint context analysis along the three mentioned pillars. In all the other countries, the Italian Cooperation continues to promote a Nexus approach, enhancing coherence and complementarity of different actions and tools, ensuring flexibility and context adaptability.

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STUDY REPORT "PEACE CAME FROM THE HERDERS": DROUGHT, FOOD INSECURITY AND VIOLENT CONFLICT IN NORTHERN KENYA

Violent conflicts play a crucial role in current food crises. In northern Kenya, the number of food insecure people is at its highest level over a decade. A study report by the Bonn International Centre for Conflict Studies (BICC) analyses how drought, hunger and violent conflict interrelate in Marsabit County and recommends steps to build peace and overcome food insecurity. Violent conflicts in Marsabit are not

merely driven by drought and resource scarcity but are fueled by heightened competition over land, state resources and political gains. Drought and conflicts impacted severely on people's livelihoods and their coping as well as adaptation strategies – nevertheless, herders were able to initiate local peace processes. The results are based on mixed methods qualitative research involving 350 participants undertaken in November 2022 in cooperation with [Caritas Germany](#) and its Kenyan Partners [Caritas Marsabit](#) and [PACIDA](#).

The *study report* and recommendations for policy and action can be found here: [short](#) and [detailed](#) report.

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IGAD FOOD SYSTEMS ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK VALIDATION WORKSHOP

To fulfill IGAD's commitment to creating a food system monitoring mechanism, IGAD, FAO, WFP, and the Global Network Against Food Crisis have collaborated on the development of a comprehensive regional framework for analyzing food systems in the IGAD region. A regional validation workshop was held in Nairobi, Kenya, on September 19-20, 2023. There were more than 30 experts present at this event, representing a variety of organizations, such as government ministries responsible for agriculture, health, and statistics, as well as international non-governmental organizations (INGOs) and research institutions.



As a result of this workshop, the food systems analytical framework has been officially validated and launched, marking the first step towards its full operationalization. This achievement sets the stage for doing a comprehensive regional food systems analysis. This analysis, guided by the validated framework, will not only serve as a first step in generating a comprehensive analysis but will also pave the way for the development of a dedicated State of Food Systems report specifically for the IGAD region.

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GLOBAL FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY DASHBOARD: NEW INTERACTIVE MODULE DEDICATED TO THE FOOD SECURITY CRISIS PREPAREDNESS PLANS

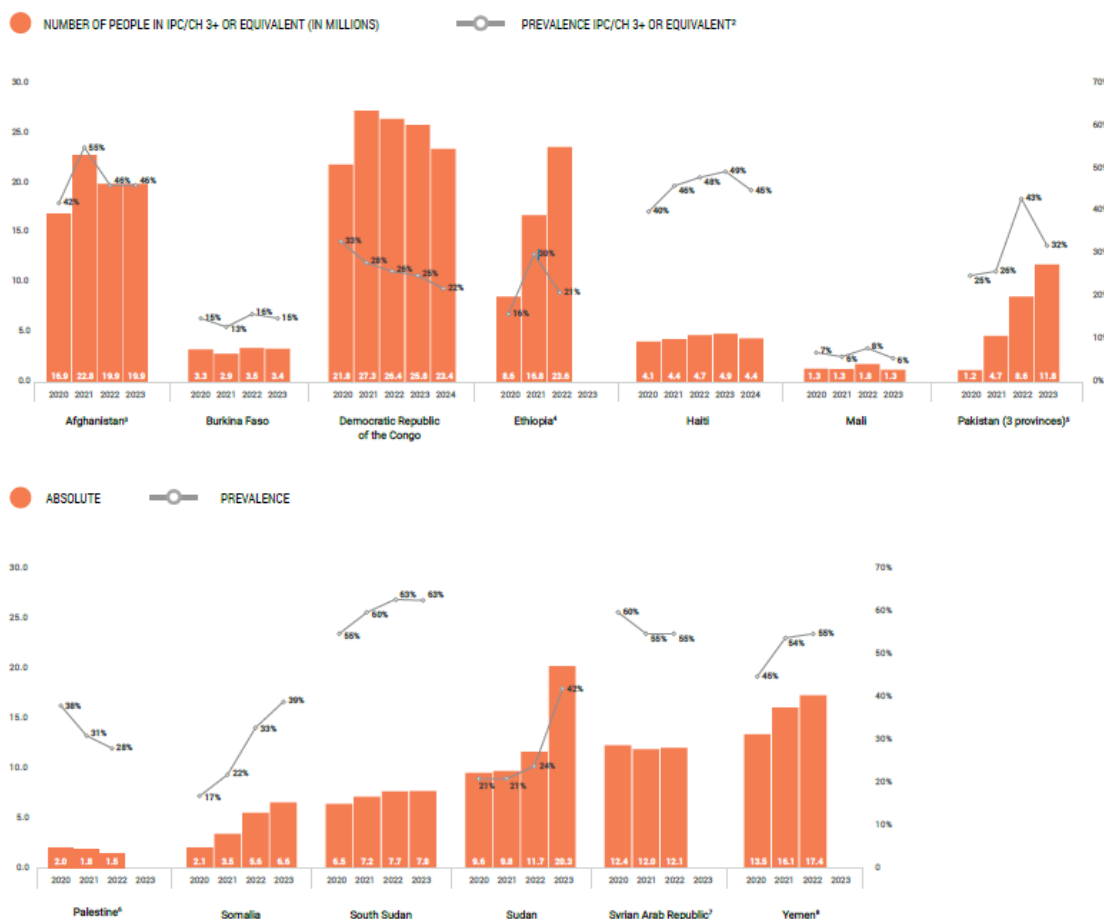
On October 20, 2023, the Global Alliance for Food Security (GAFS) launched a new interactive [module](#) on the [Global Food and Nutrition Security Dashboard](#) dedicated to the Food Security Crisis Preparedness Plans (FSCPPs). This module provides timely and up to date information on the progress made to develop FSCPPs and is a living repository for these plans once endorsed by governments. The Dashboard is also building additional functionality to 'live track' actions when FSCPPs are triggered. This, for instance, will enable the timely notification of local, regional, and global partners to raise awareness about the emerging crisis conditions in a country, promote greater advocacy, and encourage the mobilization of additional resources, where possible, across the fullness of the international food and nutrition crisis response system. The Dashboard and FSCPPs represents a new and exciting way of working across humanitarian and development communities to ensure countries and their partners respond faster and more effectively to food and nutrition security crises.

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ACUTE FOOD INSECURITY IS LIKELY TO DETERIORATE FURTHER IN 18 HUNGER HOTSPOTS FROM NOVEMBER 2023 TO APRIL 2024

The [Hunger Hotspots: November 2023 to April 2024 outlook](#), a joint FAO-WFP product published by the Global Network Against Food Crises, warn that acute food insecurity is likely to deteriorate further in 18 hunger hotspots – comprising a total of 22 countries or territories including 2 regional clusters – during

Acute food insecurity trends in hunger hotspots of highest and very high concern
2020–2024¹ peak numbers and prevalence



the outlook period from November 2023 to April 2024. Burkina Faso, Mali, South Sudan and the Sudan remain at the highest concern level. Palestine was added to the list of countries/ territories of highest concern due to the severe escalation of conflict in October 2023. You can find the full report [here](#).

YEMEN - UPDATE TO THE YEMEN MULTISECTORAL NUTRITION ACTION PLAN USING A NEXUS APPROACH

The SUN Yemen Secretariat will be coordinating a process over the next few months to update the **Yemen Multisectoral Nutrition Action Plan** using a Nexus approach that brings humanitarian, development and peace actors together to identify priority actions in different sectors that build resilience, advance food and livelihood security, prevent as well as respond to malnutrition. The updated MSNAP will draw upon and integrate the national Food Systems Pathways, as well as sectoral and humanitarian cluster plans. Work is continuing on the development of National Guidelines on scaling up multisectoral actions through a Nexus approach. The Guidelines will inform the way in which HDP actors will work together to update the MSNAP, mobilise resources, scale up implementation and review progress.

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FNS-REPRO THEMATIC LEARNING EVENT FOOD SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION TO BUILD FOOD SYSTEM RESILIENCE IN PROTRACTED CRISES

The Food and Agriculture Organisation and Wageningen University organized a two-days learning event covering strategic elements in furthering the agenda on food systems transformation that builds resilience in local food systems in protracted food crises contexts. Strategic elements included: Fodder value chain development for improving livestock sector performance; Conflict sensitivity and HDP Nexus programming; Development of local pathways to maintain and strengthen resilience in local food systems; Value chain and agrifood enterprise, and the Development of a knowledge ecology to support food systems transformation in protracted crises. A report will be shared in due course.



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OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS FOR ADVANCING A NEXUS APPROACH TO NUTRITION AND FOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION

In the last few months, in N4D's **The Politics of Ending Malnutrition podcast**, featured Habib Ur Rehman Mayar, Deputy General Secretary of the g7+ Secretariat, Karima Al-Hada'a from the SUN Yemen Secretariat and Shawn Baker, Chief Program Officer with Helen Keller, former Chief Nutritionist with USAID. The conversations highlight opportunities and constraints in advancing a Nexus approach to nutrition and food systems. In our October episode, the N4D team reflect on the issues raised during these conversations and the constraints and opportunities in scaling up longer term actions that build resilience, including the need to influence national legislators in donor countries that set the policy frameworks for assistance to fragile and conflict affected contexts.

Building on the issues emerging from the N4D podcast, we are planning to hold a **roundtable event in January 2024**, to explore opportunities and constraints for advancing a Nexus approach to nutrition and food systems transformation. There will be speakers from a couple of countries affected by protracted conflict and fragility highlighting progress to date, determinants of success as well as national and international constraints. There will also be speakers from regional and global levels who will discuss how support from these levels can be strengthened to better respond to the priorities and needs of local actors in these contexts. More details will be available shortly.

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SIPRI WRITEPEACE BLOG PUBLICATIONS

In September, SIPRI published a blog piece on [*Food security programming: Strengthening preparedness, responses and prevention*](#). In October, SIPRI published another blog piece – written by the Coalition Secretariat– on [*Why peace and localization are key to transforming food systems*](#). The piece is part of a series of guest blog posts from partners of the 2023 Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development.

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