



## HDP Nexus Coalition

### Update November 2023-January 2024

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#### SPOTLIGHT

### **Global Refugee Forum – launch of the Multistakeholder pledge (MSP) on Agriculture, Food Systems and Food Security and next steps.**

**You can consult the pledge dashboard [here](#).**

The Global Refugee Forum (GRF) is the world's largest international gathering on refugees. Taking place every four years, it is designed to support the practical implementation of objectives set out in the Global Compact on Refugees, including easing pressures on host countries, enhancing refugee self-reliance and improving conditions in countries of origin. A number of multistakeholder pledges designed to contribute towards achieving one or more of the eight key outcomes for the GRF were presented in 2023.

**The Government of Norway, WFP, UNHCR and FAO co-led the first multistakeholder pledge (MSP) on Agriculture, Food Systems and Food Security, which was supported by the HDP Nexus Coalition.**

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Members of the Coalition were encouraged to engage and pledge when relevant and feasible for their respective institutions.

Significant new commitments have been made by host governments to increase refugees' access to land, develop agricultural value chains, expand market linkages and more for refugees and host communities.

**Starting in 2024, UNHCR will convene the pledge leaders in a consultation to set out the process and arrangements for stocktaking, follow-up, and implementation of each MSP.** Pledge co-leads, supported by UNHCR, will determine follow-up arrangements for their multi-stakeholder pledge and/or for several multi-stakeholder pledges linked to a common theme (such as protection, inclusion, solutions, climate, etc.) to ensure a more comprehensive follow-up process.

You can consult the **pledge dashboard** [here](#). For further information on the GRF MSP on Agriculture, Food Systems and Food Security, please contact [sally.james@fao.org](mailto:sally.james@fao.org), [meera.jhaveri@wfp.org](mailto:meera.jhaveri@wfp.org) and [valerie.gatchell@wfp.org](mailto:valerie.gatchell@wfp.org)

### **The World Food Programme contribution to the Multistakeholder pledge on Agriculture, Food Systems and Food Security**

WFP country offices, supported by HQ, developed specific commitments in support of the MSP on Agriculture, Food Systems and Food Security, in addition to the development of three WFP corporate pledges committing to:

1. Allocate at least 20 percent of unearmarked multilateral contributions to operations supporting refugees and to continue its work with UNHCR to ensure that the most vulnerable are prioritized for assistance while sustaining operations with funding shortfalls.
2. Scaling up programmatic approaches for longer-term solutions for refugees in priority contexts.
3. Improving accountability to affected people through strengthened feedback mechanisms in refugee contexts.

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### **Advancing livelihood and food security resilience through an integrated nexus approach: piloting the Farmers Field and Business Schools model in refugee-hosting contexts.**

To address the key issues of fragmentation and compartmentalization of efforts in the context of building resilience in humanitarian/development settings, the idea of piloting of Farmers Field and Business Schools in refugee settings was collectively proposed as a game-changing solution to the UN Food Systems Summit, particularly fit to advance the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus through a food systems approach.

The Farmer Field and Business Schools (FFBS) model builds on an FAO extension service programme designed in the 1990s, which was enriched by CARE and its partners over the years, to become gender-transformative, holistic, aligned to the seasonal calendar and specific geo-ecological conditions, and

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sustainable over the long-term through inclusion of graduation pathways (when linkages with key actors are secured, and strong negotiation skills acquired to advocate for social and economic change moving forward). Through this pledge, by the end of 2026, CARE will have piloted the FFBS model with refugees and host communities in at least three refugees hosting countries (including Uganda, Lebanon and Turkiye). In total, 27 087 persons (refugees, host communities' members) will be impacted - including 8,872 women directly reached.

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## COUNTRY SUPPORT

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

The HDP Nexus Coalition participated in a joint mission led by IGAD, with support from the Global Network Against Food Crises (GNAFC), the SUN Movement, to support, at the request of the Federal Government of Somalia, the operationalization of [Somalia's National Pathways for Resilient and Sustainable Food Systems](#). The mission and the design of the workshop built on the outcomes of the national stocktaking discussions held in early July 2023; and the scoping mission in Mogadishu, led by IGAD, with the support of the GNAFC and the HDP Nexus Coalition.



The mission team facilitated a three-day multistakeholder workshop in Mogadishu from 12-14 November for approximately 60 participants from relevant government ministries, UN agencies, civil society, private sector and with the following objectives:

- Convene multiple stakeholders to conduct a joint planning process to translate the thematic priorities of Somalia's National Pathways into concrete, achievable shared objectives, supported by complementary and coherent programming from across government, the United Nations system, civil society, private sector, and donor agencies.

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- Assess the institution strengthening requirements to support the effective operationalization of the newly established National Council on Food Security, Nutrition and Climate, hosted within the Office of the Prime Minister.
- Identify next steps and a clear workplan with roles and responsibilities to accelerate implementation of Somalia's National Pathways.

Building on the thematic priorities of Somalia's National Pathways, participants:

- Identified concrete and measurable 'collective outcomes' to guide the implementation of the pathways until 2027;
- Agreed on the key risks and stressors that impact food systems, including the development of 'heat maps' to determine the likelihood and impact of these risks on each of the thematic priorities of the National Pathways.
- Identified existing programming and actions across all the stakeholder groups that can contribute to the achievement of the 'collective outcomes' and address key risks and vulnerabilities within Somalia's food system.
- Undertook a mapping of additional actions that would be required to complement existing programming to deliver the agreed 'collective outcomes' by the end of 2027.
- Completed a 'system analysis' of existing and proposed programming to highlight opportunities to strengthen coherence and complementarity of programming between government, UN, civil society, and other actors; and to ensure that actions are mutually reinforcing at national, state, community and household levels, and across humanitarian, development and peace actions.

The Secretariat would like to give a special thanks to the in-country staff of Coalition members who participated in the discussions: Action Against Hunger, CARE International – who also represented the [Somali NGO Consortium](#) -, Concern Worldwide, IOM, Mercy Corps, UNHCR, Welthungerhilfe.

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## RECENT AND UPCOMING ADVOCACY ENGAGEMENTS

### COP28 – [Key takeaways](#)

Drawing from the Coalition membership's engagements at COP28, in particular with the COP28 Presidency, three main points could be highlighted after the COP in Dubai:

- The unprecedented focus on relief, fragility, and conflict, with a full day dedicated to this issue, and the adoption of the Declaration on Climate, Relief, Recovery and Peace by 80 member states, including members of the HDP Nexus Coalition.
- A strong engagement of member states on food, agriculture and water with a Declaration Sustainable Agriculture, Resilient Food Systems and Climate Action, endorsed by 159 members states, covering over 70% of the global food production.

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- An upward, but insufficient, trend in climate finance.

The Secretariat looks forward to our discussions in 2024, to see how we can build on the successful engagement of the HDP Nexus Coalition with the COP28 Presidency.

Reflecting on the discussions that took place at the Africa Climate Week and at the COP28, the HDP Nexus Coalition also published a piece [\*From the Africa Climate Week to COP28 and beyond, people on the frontline of climate change, conflict and hunger must not be left behind.\*](#)

You can find the two-pagers COP28 takeaways [here](#). Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Secretariat of the Coalition for additional information.

## RESEARCH WORKSTREAM - PUBLICATION

The Collating Evidence pillar of the Research Workstream published a report on [Exploring the Research Gaps in Climate Security Pathways for Somalia](#), to be linked to the efforts of the Coalition to support the operationalization of the Food Systems National Pathways in Somalia.

In a multi-method approach, the working paper explores potential research gaps within climate security pathways in Somalia. Through an iterative process, a qualitative analysis of existing pathways leading from climate-related risks to forms of insecurity and conflict was complemented by a network analysis of existing academic literature on Web of Science, to explore outlooks for future research on climate security in Somalia. The analysis identified five preliminary pathways and their potential research gaps: Resource Access and Availability; Livelihood and Food Insecurity; Disaster and Conflict Displacement; Armed Groups Tactics and Exploration; Social Vulnerability and Fragility. In the proposed next steps, the research will qualitatively assess the identified links within the pathways, validate findings in an expert consultation and establish a confidence scaling of the research available.

The work was produced with inputs from members of the HDP Nexus Coalition.

You can access the full report [here](#). For more information, please contact [g.pacillo@cgiar.org](mailto:g.pacillo@cgiar.org)



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## COALITION MEMBERS UPDATES



### Call for nominations for the 8th Nexus Academy Training - February 2024

On behalf of the DAC-UN Dialogue, the Nexus Academy has published its call for application/nomination for its 8th Cohort, starting from Feb 15 to March 12. Please share with relevant colleagues or send your organization's nominees until February 7th. You then have until Wednesday 7th February to send your CV/bio and a recommendation/release letter from supervisor or equivalent to [nexus.academy@undp.org](mailto:nexus.academy@undp.org) (subject line: Application for Nexus Academy Training – February 2024). **The link to apply is the following:**

<https://forms.office.com/e/dTckx7b7AN>

### Publication in December 2023 of the IASC Guidance Note: Advancing the humanitarian-development-peace nexus approach through IASC global clusters, co-authored by FAO and UNHCR

Intended to support cluster coordinators, the [document](#) aims to facilitate the proactive design of responses that foster coherence and complementarity between lifesaving, development, and peace interventions towards collective outcomes. This requires collaborative, joint or joined-up analysis, planning and programming, as well as coordination with development and peace actors under the leadership of the RC/HC. The adaptive Guidance Note builds on and complements existing frameworks, approaches and tools informing the respective areas of work in each cluster/sector and unpacks implications for the work of coordinators. It also provides coordinators with a checklist to help apply a nexus approach in clusters' country-level assessment and analysis, area-based approaches and responses within the framework of the Humanitarian Response Plan, and in coordination with relevant development and peace actors. The document was developed through extensive consultation across the IASC and beyond, including the Global Clusters Coordination Group.

You can access the full guidance note [here](#). For more information, please contact [Julius.jackson@fao.org](mailto:Julius.jackson@fao.org)

### IOM institutional guidance to operationalize the HDP Nexus

As a triple mandated organization, IOM developed an institutional guidance to support its staff to operationalize the HDPN. The guidance assists IOM staff with programme coordination, project development and liaison functions to apply HDPN approaches throughout IOM's migration and displacement mandate. To ensure a broad dissemination and usage of the guidance, a robust whole-of-organization roll-out plan was developed. As part of the roll-out plan, a webinar series was designed and launched to strengthen capacities of IOM staff in connecting the guidance to practical examples in the

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field. During the last quarter, two webinars were delivered to IOM staff, the first of which focused on IOM's planning processes in fragile and crisis settings. The second interactive webinar highlighted the importance of diaspora communities as valuable actors across the HDP spectrum, focusing on their role in humanitarian and disaster response, as well as in post-conflict reconstruction and development. Additionally, as part of IOM's capacity building and training efforts, HDPN and the institutional guidance were further mainstreamed into core trainings through the inclusion and delivery of dedicated modules on HDPN.

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### Join the Humanitarian-Development-Peace (HDP) Coherence in Practice: Insights from the Implementing Community webinar series

Organized by Implementer-led Design, Evidence, Analysis and Learning Activity ([IDEAL](#)), each event in the series will highlight upcoming IDEAL publications, including practical studies and reports on HDP coherence in practice. Throughout the series, participants will have the opportunity to learn more about HDP coherence in a variety of contexts, and how peers have applied such principles in their activities and organizations.

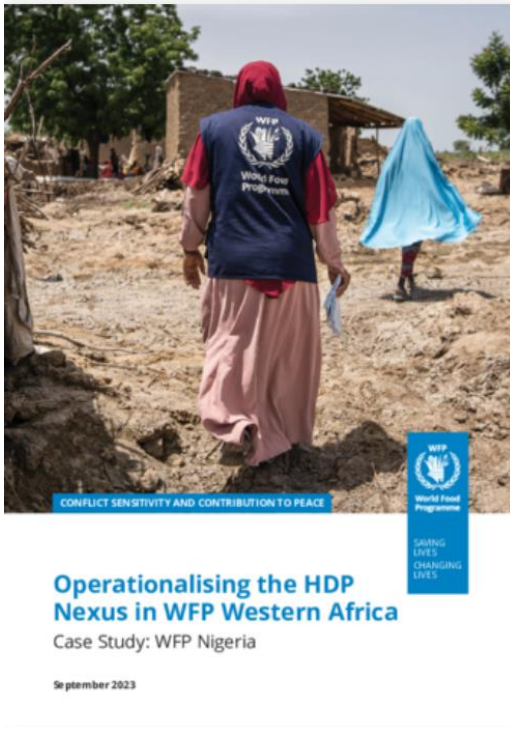
- **March 6, 2024** - [Lessons from the Greater Horn of Africa Regional Knowledge Sharing Meeting](#): gain insights on the key highlights and lessons learned from the Greater Horn of Africa Regional Knowledge Sharing Meeting on HDP Coherence which took place in Kenya in May 2023 and hear from implementing partners about how such learnings had an impact in their work.
- **April 3, 2024** - [Data Sharing for HDP Coherence](#): learn from three case studies of activities in Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, and Madagascar, where implementing partners made a concerted effort to share data and information across HDP pillars.
- **May 8, 2024** - [Promising Practices from Recent Multi-Year Humanitarian Activities](#): gain insights from IDEAL's study on multi-year humanitarian activities, focusing on recommendations from five BHA-funded activities in South Sudan, Nepal, and Somalia.
- **June 5, 2024** - [Operationalizing HDP Coherence](#): learn from practitioners approaches to HDP coherence that prioritize communities and local engagement, sequence and layer interventions, and integrate conflict sensitivity.

*\* Each event takes place from 8:00-9:30am Eastern Time (US) and each will be recorded and shared with registrants. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and French. For more information, please reach out to [IDEAL\\_Activity@savechildren.org](mailto:IDEAL_Activity@savechildren.org)*

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## Operationalizing the HDP Nexus across WFP's operations in Western Africa



The World Food Programme's Regional Bureau in Dakar has been assessing how WFP country offices in Western Africa design and implement complementary, context specific, and agile HDP Nexus approaches. Two first reports were published, which respectively outline key findings from [Burkina Faso](#) and [Nigeria](#), articulating around four pillars: (1) scaling up life-saving assistance and complementary measures to prevent and mitigate the risks of severe food insecurity; (2) reinforcing integrated community-based resilience, (3) strengthening national system, and (4) joint analysis and learning, and coordination. The reports also identify context-based strategic opportunities for HDP Nexus operationalization in both countries.

The reports are building on face-to-face interviews conducted in Ouagadougou and Abuja with WFP staff and other external HDP Nexus stakeholders, virtual focus groups with WFP sub-offices, and desk review of WFP and partner documents.

Two similar reports focusing on Chad and Cameroun are currently being finalized and will be released soon.

The full reports can be found [here](#) (Burkina Faso) and [here](#) (Nigeria).

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## South Sudan food systems under the spotlights in the Netherlands Food Partnership Transformation Talks

The Netherlands Food Partnership is organizing a series on understanding food systems transformation in South Sudan, with a focus on exploring the current opportunity in food systems governance for the country. Two sessions focused on understanding what food systems transformation and food systems governance mean in South Sudan, and how it can be seen as an opportunity. They also dived into three cases of food systems governance interventions to see what we can learn from them and how they can be practically supported. A third session 'Insights to Action' is upcoming and will focus on how to engage with these kinds of efforts practically.

You can access the recording of the sessions and the supporting materials [here](#) and [here](#). For more information, please contact [rbolling@nlfoodpartnership.com](mailto:rbolling@nlfoodpartnership.com)

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## Agricultural economic resilience in Southwest Cameroon

In May 2023, torrential rains hit the city of Buea, which led to a flash flood rendering several agricultural communities vulnerable to food insecurity as several smallholder farmers saw their crops washed off. These were farmers who were still recovering from the loss of their livelihoods because of the ongoing conflict in Cameroon thus compounding their food insecurity. Six affected farmers identified through door-to-door identification were trained by Reach Out Cameroon on climate-smart agriculture focusing on five elements in vegetable farming: water, soil nutrients, energy, crop and weather. Farm inputs and tools such as improved vegetable seeds, sprayers, fertilizers, hoes, and cutlasses, were provided to these farmers after their training.



*Credits: Reach Out Cameroon*

The results are already visible as Emerencia, one of the beneficiaries experienced an increased in her vegetable production due to her diligent application of the package of practice . With increased production, she makes an average monthly profit of \$150 from the sales of her vegetables compared to \$30 before the conflict. She supplies treated vegetable seeds to other local farmers as well. Many other beneficiaries like Emerencia are in need of such assistance in the South West Region and beyond.

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## Breaking the Silence: The 10 most under-reported humanitarian crises of 2023

For the eighth year in a row, CARE has produced a [report](#) on the 10 most under-reported humanitarian crises of 2023. These crises all represent millions of men, women and children struggling to survive in the face of hunger, climate change, conflict and insecurity. In a world where news cycles are becoming more short-lived, it is more important than ever that we collectively remember that every crisis, whether forgotten or not, brings with it a human toll.

You can access the full report [here](#). For more information, please contact [ophelie.hemonin@care.org](mailto:ophelie.hemonin@care.org)

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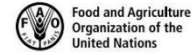
## Social protection as a pathway to sustaining peace

Globally, crises are becoming the new normal. From climate change to food price fluctuations, rural people are facing increasingly difficult challenges. These are even more pronounced where there is conflict, whose multidimensional nature demands to direct more attention to its drivers and impacts.

Over the past decades, social protection has emerged as an effective strategy to contribute to both development and humanitarian outcomes and to address shocks of different nature. Yet, there has been limited operational research regarding its contributions to peace. To start addressing this gap, FAO has developed a [paper](#) to explore how social protection can sustain peace by working “in conflict” and “on conflict”. While the former refers to efforts aimed at offsetting the impacts of conflict, the latter relates to interventions that intend to deliberately address its underlying drivers.

But the paper warns that if local power dynamics are not adequately considered, social protection interventions in a conflict-affected context can also be potentially harmful and fuel social tensions. Hence, social protection needs to be conflict-sensitive and go beyond the “do no harm” to make explicit contributions to peace.

You can access the full report [here](#). For more information, please contact [Julius.jackson@fao.org](mailto:Julius.jackson@fao.org)



### SOCIAL PROTECTION

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## Call to action for humanitarian exemptions to ECOWAS sanctions on Niger

In December, 10 major INGOS including CARE signed a collective call to action to adopt legally binding humanitarian exemptions that excludes from the scope of the sanctions on Niger the provision of essential supplies, services, and economic resources necessary to carry out impartial humanitarian activities, as well as required to meet basic human needs.

The Economic Community of West African States imposed some sanctions on Niger following the coup. In theory, humanitarian aid is exempt, however, actors lack legal clarity resulting in the clause not being well known and applied. As a result, aid is significantly delayed when not paused all together, affecting both vulnerable citizens and humanitarian actors in Niger. More than 4.3 million Nigeriens are in urgent need of humanitarian aid, and the negative impacts for the population are worsening by the day.

You can find the call for action [here](#). For more information, please contact [Manzo.Dembele@care.org](mailto:Manzo.Dembele@care.org)

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## Report publication on the HDP Nexus from a Decolonial Perspective

In January, the Bonn International Centre for Conflict Studies has published the Report [How can the HDP Nexus work from the bottom up? A Discussion Paper on Implementation Challenges from a Decolonial Perspective. Insights from Iraq, Mali, and South Sudan](#). The report asks how today's power imbalances between the global North and the global South are rooted in a colonial past, and how greater equity can be achieved beyond a bottom-up approach. The authors argue that a bottom-up approach to the HDP nexus requires a change in mindset, practices, and structures of power to succeed. By adopting a decolonial lens that makes power imbalances more visible, the HDP nexus offers an opportunity to uncover and reflect on the political positioning of international humanitarian actors in their contexts of intervention and to increase the influence of local actors. The report includes three spotlight papers with key findings from Iraq, Mali and South Sudan.

Building on the publication of the report, BICC held a conference on *"The Humanitarian–Development–Peace Nexus from a Decolonial Perspective: A Bottom-up Approach?"*. The hybrid event brought together 128 participants in presence and online from (I)NGOs and academia to share their analyses of the conceptualization and implementation of the HDP.

You can find the full report [here](#). For more information, please contact [marie.mueller@bicc.de](mailto:marie.mueller@bicc.de) and [esther.meininghaus@bicc.de](mailto:esther.meininghaus@bicc.de)

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