

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

Update February – April 2023

We are pleased to share with you the second status update in 2023, which complements the Coalition-wide meeting that took place on 04 May 2023. The readout of the meeting can be found in the accompanying ZIP file attachment. Below you will find a summary of key developments since February 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.

COALITION LEADERSHIP RETREAT

The Coalition organised its leadership retreat in the first quarter of 2023, where the discussion focused on the landscape of food security initiatives at the global level and the Coalition's positioning in this setting, as well as on the strategic orientations and objectives for 2023 and beyond. Based on key outcomes of the retreat (which were shared with Coalition members by email on 12 April and are included in the accompanying ZIP file), kindly take note of the following:



- It was agreed during the retreat that there is a need for a clear **narrative** on how the Coalition operates within a changing and crowded food crisis landscape. A small working group with a balanced representation of the Coalition membership will be convened to develop such a narrative. The concept note for the working group is attached in the accompanying ZIP file. Coalition members interested in contributing can contact the Secretariat.
- The **Research** Workstream concept note is being updated to articulate the workstream's two new key components: 1) packaging existing research in support of the Coalition's narrative and 2) facilitating the commissioning of new research. Once ready, the concept note will be circulated to coalition members.
- An updated **Advocacy** Workstream concept note which now includes a theory of change section and 2023 engagement opportunities. See attachment in the accompanying ZIP file.
- The new **Transformation** Workstream aims to complement efforts on research and advocacy, focusing on the actions and solutions required to transform food systems. A concept note for this new workstream has been developed, see attachment in the accompanying ZIP file.

COUNTRY SUPPORT

A detailed update was shared with Coalition members by email on 14 April and is included in the accompanying ZIP file for ease of reference. However, note that given the recent political and security developments in Sudan, country support work related to Sudan is currently on hold.

RECENT AND UPCOMING ENGAGEMENTS

- Co-sponsorship of a side-event at the Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week "[Climate, Peace and Security: Bridging the Nexus](#)" on 27 April 2023 (hybrid). Co-organised with FAO and Switzerland - Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA). Speakers included the Switzerland FDFA and Coalition membership (FAO, CGIAR, SIPRI, IOM).
- The Coalition is organizing a roundtable at the Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development titled "Disarming hunger: the role of peace within Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus approaches in addressing food crises", which will take place on 15 May 2023 (attendance in-person only). The event will be moderated by Coalition co-lead Habib Ur Rehman Mayar, Deputy General Secretary, g7+. Speakers will be from affected countries and research practitioners.
- The Food Systems Coordination Hub's [Stock-Taking Moment \(STM\)](#) will take place on 24-26 July in Rome, Italy and will serve as the first global follow-up to the 2021 Food Systems Summit. The Coalition Secretariat joined forces with three other coalitions - Climate Resilient Food Systems Alliance, Coalition of Action on Healthy Diets from Sustainable FS for Children and All, and the Social Protection and Food Systems Coalition - to submit a proposal for a side event unpacking the linkages between climate change, conflict and food and nutrition crises, with a panel exclusively from affected countries.



COALITION MEMBER UPDATES

BUILDING FOOD SYSTEMS RESILIENCE IN PROTRACTED FOOD CRISES

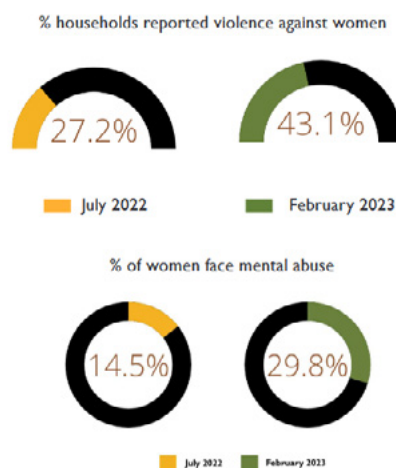
As part of FAO's [FNS-REPRO](#) programme in the Horn of Africa, a number of activities have taken place under its learning and capacity building agenda. The first [event](#) was an expert consultation and learning exchange on building resilient food systems in the Horn of Africa, which included national actors from Sudan, Somaliland, and South Sudan. Additionally, the South Sudan Seed Hub was established at the University of Juba with the aim to build a resilient seed sector in support of improved food systems performance. You can find two related publications of interest [here](#) and [here](#). The FNS-REPRO programme, FAO South Sudan and the Netherlands Food Partnership designed and implemented with the University of Juba a state-level Food Systems Resilience Dialogue including Pathway Development. This [initiative](#) is aligned with and deepens the national pathways for transforming South Sudan's food systems (South Sudan national Food Systems Dialogue).

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GENDER, WATER AND FOOD SECURITY

CARE published the [Her Voice report](#) that showcases how important food security has become in the last year, with 64% of women and 50% of men saying their primary actions right now are about getting food for their families. Interesting research on price hikes in Bangladesh was published through CARE's SHOUHARDO project which shows dramatic increases in gender-based violence (GBV) connected to the increase in the price of food: (see figure). Several stories were rolled out by SHOUHARDO including [barriers to medication](#) and the [affordability of food commodities](#). Further, [Water+ Retrospective Report](#) by CARE showcased a selection of lessons learned from CARE's water+ programming in 2022. Watch a [short video](#) where CARE's Water Team Director introduces the Report from the UN Water Conference in New York, March 2023. CARE announced its annual [prize for World Water Day](#) to the teams providing services in fragile contexts: Somalia, Yemen, and Sudan.

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LIVELIHOODS ASSETS RESILIENCE ACADEMY

In March 2023, Czechia supported the WFP-led program Livelihoods Assets Resilience Academy (LARA) for Africa with USD 100,000. The LARA program is WFP's response to the natural hazards and climate variabilities, conflict and political instability, human and animal diseases and agricultural pests that are causing countries around the world to experience record levels of hunger and malnutrition. The program focuses on adaptation, rehabilitation and resilience through capacity building of local stakeholders. The Czech contribution will cover the costs of several weeks of training and will be geographically directed to the Johannesburg Regional Bureau. The support is in line with the long-term priority of the Czech humanitarian and nexus activities, namely disaster risk reduction and climate resilience.

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NUTRITION AND THE HDP NEXUS

SUN-Yemen Secretariat (SYS) is leading the SUN National Gathering, in partnership with UNRCO, UNICEF, WHO, WFP, and FAO to enhance the HDP nexus approach for nutrition. This event will support the harmonization of national platforms and mechanisms that ensure the application of the nexus among national actors from the government, donors, UN and NNGOs. Additionally, donors and UN agencies conducted a workshop on food and nutrition security in Yemen to review their different Nexus frameworks. Hence, the SUN National Gathering aims at sharing knowledge and inspiring stakeholders for sustainable investments in Yemen. Moreover, SYS, in partnership with FAO and supported by EU, is conducting activities to strengthen the HDP nexus mechanisms at the sub-national level, as well as the development of a HDP Guidance Note.

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HDP NEXUS EFFORTS IN THE SAHEL AND WEST AFRICA



In the Sahel and West Africa, the Global Network Against Food Crisis, together with regional institutions, held a high-level event in April 2022, to improve and accelerate response to the growing food insecurity affecting the region. Countries, regional institutions and partners agreed that 'business as usual' was not good enough in addressing the complex drivers of this crisis – including growing insecurity, and that new approaches and a stronger nexus approach was needed to address the growing crisis. The process has engaged actors across the Humanitarian-Development-Peace spectrum, integrating regional, national and subnational geographical dimensions. Collectively, partners committed in 2022

more than 2.5 billion EUR for immediate and longer-term initiatives. By today, more than 2 billion EUR has already been provided for essential humanitarian actions and more than 2.6 billion EUR for longer-term, structural response to tackle the underlying causes of the crisis, totalling 4.75 billion to date.

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HDP NEXUS EFFORTS IN EAST AFRICA

In East Africa, the Regional Ministerial strategic dialogue co-hosted by the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and the Global Network Against Food Crisis (GNAFC), in collaboration with the Fighting Food Crises along the HDP Nexus Coalition, was held in October 2022. The event aimed to foster a collective understanding of the food crises context in the region and its evolving prospect among the humanitarian, development and peace actors, and an agreement on key solutions required to address the worsening food security context from a regional perspective. The high-level strategic dialogue resulted in a [communiqué](#) endorsed by IGAD member state ministers agreeing on the process of strengthening, adapting, and accelerating national and regional efforts to address food crises in East Africa. To date, IGAD with the support of GNAFC, and in coordination with the HDP Nexus Coalition and the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub, are working with national conveners to support the translation of the commitments into concrete actions to be implemented through the priorities set in member state national pathways.



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PEACE AND FOOD SECURITY REPORTS

In January, SIPRI published '[Financing Food Security: Promises and Pitfalls of the Humanitarian–Development–Peace Nexus in South Sudan](#)'. The report explores the potential for donor governments and institutions to support the operationalization of HDP nexus to respond to the food insecurity crisis in South Sudan and the challenges it presents. In the same month, SIPRI also published '[Food Insecurity in Africa: Drivers and Solutions](#)', which explores how climate change, violent conflict, the Covid-19 pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis combine to drive rapidly increasing levels of food insecurity in Africa.

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FOOD SECURITY AND CONFLICT DYNAMICS IN NORTHERN KENYA

On 02 March 2023, Caritas Marsabit, PACIDA (Pastoralist Community Initiative and Development Assistance) and BICC (Bonn International Centre for Conflict Studies) organized a dissemination

and reflection workshop in Marsabit, Kenya, to present the results of a study on Food Security and Conflict Dynamics in northern Kenya (FooCo project), which they jointly conducted in November 2022, funded by Caritas Germany. The workshop with government, civil society from Marsabit and international humanitarian organisations developed recommendations for policy and action in the field of humanitarian, development and peacebuilding work, specifically addressing how both food security and peace can be mutually and sustainably enhanced in Marsabit county. The study results will be published in May this year.

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FOOD SECURITY CRISIS PREPAREDNESS PLANS

Conflict, economic shocks, natural disasters, soaring fertilizer and food prices have combined to create a global food and nutrition security crisis of unprecedented proportions. To promote greater preparedness, the World Bank as part of the Global Alliance for Food Security (GAFS), and together with several food and nutrition security partners, is working with countries to develop and operationalize [Food Security Crisis Preparedness Plans \(FSCPP\)](#).



Each national preparedness plan brings together various crisis preparedness elements into a cohesive decision-making framework to support the systematic recognition of an emerging food and nutrition security crisis. Once a crisis is recognized, FSCPPs will prompt timely, joined-up early action across government, humanitarian, and development partners to prevent and mitigate impacts of the crisis. Government preparations are commencing in 26 countries. These efforts will complement longer-term investments that addresses the root causes and help break the cycle of repeat food crises.

For more information about this initiative, contact Zacharey Carmichael (zcarmichael@worldbank.org), Sara Karimbhoy (skarimbhoy@worldbank.org) and Nugroho Sunjoyo (nsunjoyo@worldbank.org).

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