

HDP Nexus Coalition

Update May-July 2023

We are pleased to share with you the third status update in 2023. Below you will find a summary of key developments since May 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.

NEW MEMBERS

The HDP Nexus Coalition is honoured to welcome new member states, **Chad, Italy, Ghana, Somalia, and South Sudan**, as well as the local Civil Society Organisations **IIDA Women's Development Organisation – Somalia**, and **Reachout Cameroon**. We warmly welcome our new members who are joining our efforts in contributing to the establishment of resilient food systems, reduced hunger and enhanced prospects for peace.

COUNTRY SUPPORT

Scoping Mission to support the Operationalization of Food Systems National Pathways in Somalia

Following the [Regional Eastern Africa ministerial strategic dialogue held in October 2022](#) co-organised by IGAD and the Global Network against Food Crises in collaboration with the HDP Nexus Coalition, IGAD together with the Global Network and the Coalition carried out a **scoping mission to support Somalia national convenors** to engage relevant country-level stakeholders in the identification of priority gaps and support opportunities for the implementation of the food systems National Pathways in Mogadishu, from 16 to 20 July 2023. The mission sought to (i) **promote a common understanding of the contribution of an HDP nexus** approach to strengthening food systems; (ii) **prioritise and sequence the implementation of the National Pathways** to inform the development of a concrete operationalisation 'roadmap'; (iii) **build on current efforts** at country level to advance nexus approaches & ensure cohesive; and (iv) **ensure alignment and linkages to regional mechanisms and capacities**.

Opened by the Minister of Agriculture as well as Permanent Secretary from the Office of the Prime Minister (on behalf of the Deputy Prime Minister), and bringing together a wide range of stakeholders, including many HDPN Coalition members, the scoping mission identified a number of key challenges or bottlenecks to operationalizing the National Pathways, commonly agreed by various stakeholders, around analysis, coordination, planning and financing. A mission report is being finalized and will be shared with the membership to identify ways for the Coalition to support



Somalia concretely. For more information, please contact hugh.macleman@wfp.org or Immaculate.Atieno@fao.org from the Technical Support Unit of the Global Network.

RESEARCH WORKSTREAM

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Coalition research institutions to form a Research Consortium. In parallel, an expression of interest for [Research services on drivers of, and approaches to address food crises across the HDP nexus](#) has been published by WFP on the UN Global Marketplace website, with a deadline set on 8 September. For more information, contact sepideh.soltaninia@sipri.org.

RECENT AND UPCOMING ADVOCACY ENGAGEMENTS



Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development, May 2023 The HDP Nexus Coalition convened a side-event titled [Disarming hunger: the role of peace within Humanitarian-Development-Peace nexus approaches in addressing food crises](#) to explore the challenges and opportunities of fully leveraging the peace pillar of the HDP nexus approach to address food crises. It brought together Coalition speakers from conflict-affected countries who are working on locally led initiatives to address food crises in fragile and protracted contexts. A [Key](#)

[recommendations outcome document](#) was endorsed by the speakers to feed in the Coalition's work and messaging.

UN Economic and Social Council's (ECOSOC) Humanitarian Affairs Segment (HAS) June 2023, Geneva The Coalition co-sponsored a side event titled [The Global Food Crisis: What are the most impacted people and communities telling us at this extraordinary time? What are the solutions?](#) which sought to put a human face on

the global hunger emergency and leverage the voices of frontline partners responding to this crisis to illustrate the on-the-ground and differentiated impacts of this crisis and propose meaningful, people-centered solutions. The Coalition provided inputs to talking points and facilitated statements from g7+ countries, from Timor Leste and Sierra Leone.

UN Food Systems Summit+2 Stocktaking Moment (UNFSS+2 STM), 24-26 July The Summit was well attended by Member States and rekindled a strong momentum for food systems. The Secretariat has met with several National Convenors from Coalition member states to discuss their expectations and next steps. The Food Systems Coordination Hub has developed an "[offer of assistance](#)" from the ecosystem of support, including the HDP Nexus Coalition. The Coalition has been directly engaged in:

- One side event [Food systems transformation amid a polycrisis: Addressing climate, food insecurity, malnutrition, and conflict](#). The **President of Timor Leste** provided a recorded statement. Other speakers included a representative from the Coalition (Yemen shadow national convener), and representatives from other Member States (Lebanon National Convener, Timor Leste Director General of Agriculture for the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries).



- The *Leadership Dialogues on Coalitions of actions*, where the Sudan National Convener presented her engagement with the Coalition and called for stakeholders to continue supporting Sudan.
- The HDP Coalition Secretariat also played an instrumental role in the [Leadership Dialogue on partnerships for Food Systems](#), co-organised by the Sahel and West Africa Club (SWAC/OECD) and the Global Network Against Food Crises, which included an intervention from the National Convener of Chad, new member of the Coalition.



COALITION MEMBERS UPDATES

CALL FOR PROPOSAL FOR INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT

In July, a [new call for proposals was issued in the Czech - UNDP Partnership for SDGs Programme](#). The call targets innovative solutions for development problems in countries such as Cambodia, Ethiopia or Zambia. Among the targeted problems is climate change adaptation and mitigation, innovative solutions for agriculture and water management. The deadline for submissions is 20 August. On 8 August 1- 2 pm CET, a MS Teams on-line seminar will be organized. Innovations across the HDP nexus are also welcome - such as the mapping of water sources for local communities in Somalia region of Ethiopia.

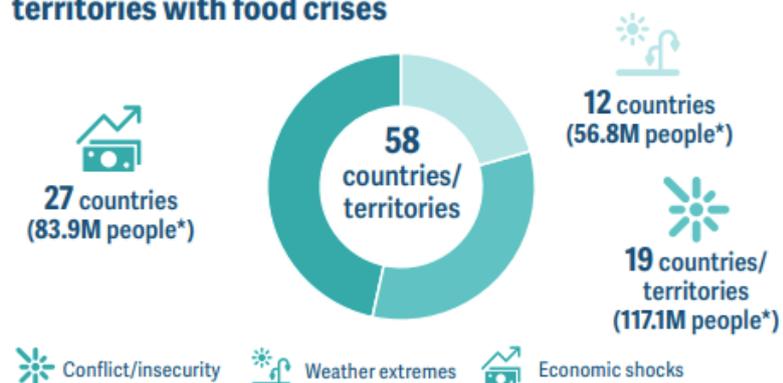
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HIGH LEVELS OF ACUTE FOOD INSECURITY HAS INCREASED FOR THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVELY YEAR

The [Global Report on Food Crises \(GRFC\) 2023](#)

estimates that over a quarter of a billion people were acutely food-insecure and required urgent food assistance in 58 food-crisis countries/territories in 2022. This is the highest number in the seven-year history of the GRFC. The food crises outlined in the GRFC are the result of

Primary drivers of acute food insecurity in countries/territories with food crises



Food crises are the result of multiple drivers. The GRFC has based this infographic on the predominant driver in each country/territory.

* Number of people in IPC/CH Phase 3 or above or equivalent.

Source: FSIN, GRFC 2023.

interconnected, mutually reinforcing drivers – conflict and insecurity, economic shocks and weather extremes. In 2022, these key drivers were associated with lingering socioeconomic impacts of COVID-19, the knock-on effects of the war in Ukraine and repeated droughts and other weather extremes. Conflict/insecurity was the most significant driver in 19 countries/territories where 117.1 million people were in IPC/CH Phase 3 or above or equivalent. This is fewer than in 2021 (24 countries/territories with 139 million people).

FROM ASHES TO INCOMES AND FOOD SECURITY

35 grassroot farmers in Lipenja were trained since 2020 by [Reach Out Cameroon](#) on SMART agriculture and provided with 400,000 disease and drought resistant cassava cuttings alongside other farming inputs. Their capacities were also built on farm management, post-harvest

preservation and cassava transformation techniques. The results are already measurable as Lipenja farmers reported higher cassava yields, better knowledge of garri and water fufu production, increased monthly income, and fostered inter-communities' dialogue:



Since 2020, the yields has increased to 70 tons per hectare, compared to 40 tons before that. The processing machine gives farmers a monthly income of at least 70,000 CFA franc and they now supply improved cassava cuttings in Lipenja community and beyond. Instead of buying garri, they supply both cassava cuttings, garri and water fufu. Neighboring communities come to grind cassava using the farmers' machine.

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OPERATIONALISATION OF THE HDP NEXUS IN YEMEN

Under the project "Enhanced Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus Mechanisms: Towards Sustainable Food Security and Livelihood Interventions in Yemen", SUN-Yemen Secretariat (representing the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation) is leading the operationalization of the HDP Nexus in Yemen. The Secretariat conducted a National Gathering in



June 2023 for the stakeholders from the government, UN, INGOs, NNGOs, business sector, and donors during which the planning, implementation, coordination, M&E, and financing mechanisms were mapped and discussed with the purpose of strengthening national mechanisms. Based on the outputs of the [National Gathering](#), as well as several national and sub-national consultations, the Secretariat is working on developing the National Guidance Note for HDPN in Yemen. The first draft will be discussed with HDPN Task Force in August 2023. The Guidance Note will ensure the sustainability of the interventions by enhancing national systems and bringing together the humanitarian and development structures.

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CONFLICT AND FOOD SYSTEMS

Concern, Dublin City University and Harvard Hu Initiative published is a [synthesis report as well as separate country reports](#) on Haiti, Somalia and Sudan.

Drawing on evidence from Somalia, Haiti and Sudan, this cross-country research systematically mapped components of local, national and international food systems; identified specific pressure points where conflict interacts with them; and proposed operational, policy and research actions tailored to supporting and strengthening food systems disrupted and transformed by conflict.

AID LOCALISATION

The Guidance Note, "[Promoting equitable partnerships with local responders in humanitarian settings](#)", was produced by Groupe URD after a long process providing support to DG ECHO as part of the Inspire + consortium. The Guidance Note was presented during the European Humanitarian Forum and was drawn up following broad consultation of DG ECHO's international and local partners and aims to translate the commitments of the Grand Bargain into concrete actions.

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FRAGILITY, CONFLICT, AND MIGRATION

CGIAR has launched the [Fragility, Conflict, and Migration \(FCM\) Initiative](#). Bringing CGIAR's expertise to bear on fragile and conflict-affected settings is critical given how they house 1.5 billion people globally and are often contexts in which severe hunger and malnutrition are rife. In many cases, migration is a tool for adaptation and resilience building. However, it can also strain food, land, and water systems and create challenges for those left behind. FCM additionally co-convened, with the World Food Program, an IFPRI Policy Seminar, "[Research Findings on Resilience & Social Cohesion in Burkina Faso and Niger](#)." An interview with the leads – [Katrina Kosec](#) (IFPRI), [Peter Laderach](#) (ABC), and [Sandra Ruckstuhl](#) (IWMI) – can be found [here](#).

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SUPPORT TO CONFLICT AFFECTED AND DISPLACED PEOPLE IN SUDAN



In late June, [Czechia contributed 5 million CZK \(Approx. 230 000 USD\) to the urgent food needs of conflict-affected and displaced people in Sudan through WFP](#). The contribution is additional in view of the serious food insecurity of the population in Sudan as well as given the damages on WFP infrastructure caused by the conflict.

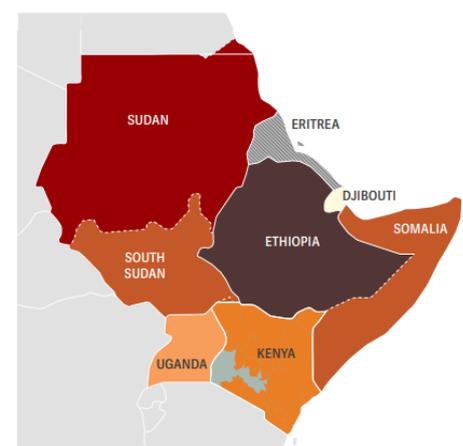
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IGAD REGIONAL FOCUS OF THE 2023 GLOBAL REPORT ON FOOD CRISES

The [IGAD Regional Focus](#) – a by-product of the [2023 Global Report on Food Crises](#) (GRFC) – provides a comprehensive assessment of acute food insecurity and malnutrition in the IGAD region in 2022, including major food crises, populations of highest concern, trends over time and projections for 2023. It examines the main drivers of these food crises and presents the most recent available data and information on displacement and nutrition in the IGAD region. It also illustrates the regional and global interconnectedness of the drivers and consequences of food crises.

The IGAD region continues to face alarming levels of acute food insecurity and malnutrition. This is attributed to a complex mix of reinforcing shocks and stressors, including

Number of people in IPC Phase 3 or above, or equivalent, 2022



The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on these maps do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

Source: IPC TWGs, HRP (Ethiopia), FEWS NET (Uganda).

increasingly frequent extreme weather events, unprecedented levels of conflict and insecurity, and economic shocks.

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PEACE AND FOOD SECURITY – CASE STUDIES FROM SOUTH SUDAN AND SRI LANKA

In May, SIPRI published a paper on [Improving the Prospects for Peace in South Sudan: Spotlight on Stabilization](#) and [The World Food Programme's Contribution to Improving the Prospects for Peace in Sri Lanka](#). In June, SIPRI also published a paper on [Improving the Prospects for Peace in South Sudan: Spotlight on Measurement](#). All three papers were part of the SIPRI-WFP Knowledge Partnership, established in 2018.

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CLIMATE SECURITY

CGIAR launched the [Climate Security Observatory \(CSO\)](#), a key innovation in which data and evidence that can help better tie together humanitarian, development, and peace-based approaches in settings characterised by both climate vulnerability and conflict and fragility. The CSO is an online decision-making support platform that provides access to a range of global climate and security-related analyses and evidence, using science to map out both the role food, land, and water systems may play in cascading climate-related security risk sequences, as well as how building resilience in such spaces can contribute to peace and security. The CSO aims to provide easy access to relevant knowledge at multiple scales for the purposes of policy and programme design.

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KEY LESSONS LEARNED FOR BUILDING FOOD SYSTEM RESILIENCE IN PROTRACTED CRISES IN SOUTH SUDAN AND SOMALILAND

As part of FAO's [FNS-REPRO](#) programme in the Horn of Africa, Wageningen University & Research (WUR) under its learning and capacity building agenda, finalized qualitative data collection processes centered around key learning questions, informing defining of key lessons learned for building food system resilience in protracted crises. These were presented and validated in writeshops in Somaliland and [South Sudan](#) in July, and are made available to the upcoming final evaluation of FNS-REPRO which will assess performance of the programme and making recommendation for future programming. WUR is also exploring opportunities to contribute to value chain development processes through its Farmer-Inclusive Value Chain Development approach, based on outcomes of earlier conducted state-level dialogues in South Sudan ([here](#) and

[here](#)), aligned with the South Sudan national Food Systems Dialogue. WUR published the call to action: [priorities and partnerships for a robust, inclusive, sustainable and resilient seed sector in South Sudan](#).

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CLIMATE SECURITY IN THE MENA REGION

CGIAR launched its first official [Regional Climate Security Hub for the Middle East and North Africa \(MENA\) region](#) in Cairo, Egypt. The CGIAR MENA Regional Climate Security Hub brings to bear its expertise in building inclusive and climate-resilient food, land, and water system for the purposes of sustaining peace and stability. Collating this expertise through the creation of the Hub is crucially important in a region marked by significant climate vulnerability and natural resource scarcity, particularly water; a high dependency on climate-sensitive productive sectors and imports, including agriculture; high rates of food and nutritional insecurity; as well as the presence of fragile and unstable contexts.



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