

SE01: Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty

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Description

Eliminating hunger and poverty is a global priority and a crucial requirement for sustainable development. The world is at the midpoint of the 2030 Agenda and progress on most of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is either moving too slowly or regressed below the 2015 baseline. In this regard, urgent, ambitious, but also consistent and sustainable action is needed to accelerate progress towards SDGs 1 (No Poverty) and 2 (Zero Hunger) while also contributing to other SDGs, in particular reducing inequalities (SDG 10).

To that effect, Brazil has proposed the launch of a Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty and created a dedicated G20 Task Force to discuss it. The Alliance is already open to members and will be formally launched at the G20 Summit in November.

By recognizing the intricate connections between hunger and poverty and prioritizing both in its framing, the Alliance aims to occupy a space that so far has been absent from most existing initiatives devoted to either poverty or food security.

The Alliance will focus on action at the national level, structured around three main pillars – National, Financial and Knowledge. Through articulation between these three pillars, the Alliance will seek to facilitate the implementation of actions to combat all forms of malnutrition and poverty, adjusted to the specific characteristics and needs of each participating country. To this end, it will take advantage of international knowledge and experience in the design and implementation of public policies in areas such as conditional cash transfer, social protection, homegrown school feeding and family farming – as well as the consensus arising from multilateral dialogue in fora such as the Committee on World Food Security (CFS).