

Zero Draft of the CFS Contribution to the 2021 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)

WFP's Preliminary Inputs

WFP would like to thank the CFS Secretariat for the opportunity to review and contribute to the Zero Draft of the CFS contribution to the 2021 HLPF. Please find below WFP's preliminary comments and suggestions.

On page 2, it is not clear how the point "*link between malnutrition and COVID-19*" concerns "*utilization*". It may perhaps just need to be re-worded.

On page 3, we would suggest rewording the second paragraph ("*The pandemic is also underscoring...*") as follows: *The pandemic has highlighted the importance of ensuring healthy, affordable diets for all, and has underscored how crucial food safety and protection of health food workers are to achieve food security.*

On page 3, we would suggest adding the following priority action under recommendation #1:

- Advocate for scale up of integrated school health and nutrition programmes, given their multiple benefits and returns beyond schools.

On page 3, we would also suggest breaking up the chapeau of recommendation #2 into two or three sentences to make it clearer.

Overall, WFP strongly feels that a COVID-exclusive focus is no longer useful as the pandemic has now become a compounding problem in the countries where we work - a problem that can only artificially be isolated from other factors contributing to food and nutrition insecurity.

Our additional concern relates to recommendation #4 and, specifically, the first 3 suggested actions. We see no need or value added in establishing yet another coordination mechanism (certainly not a COVID-specific one) with additional reporting requirements.

While many recommendations are indeed valid, they should be pursued through existing food security and nutrition coordination mechanisms - lead agencies or inter-agency - and without creating additional ones.