

## **Mid-Term Review of the CFS Multi Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) 2024-2027**

### **WFP's Inputs**

*Guiding question 1: Which elements, if any, of the 2026-2027 Programme of Work would benefit from further discussion with a view to sharpen their objectives and expected outcomes?*

WFP would like to thank the CFS Secretariat and welcome the opportunity to share views on the proposed mid-term review of the CFS Multi Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) 2024-2027.

#### **Prioritization and Streamlining:**

- Generally speaking, while WFP remains fully committed to continue providing technical support to the CFS, we would strongly encourage the Committee to strategically prioritize and streamline the number of workstreams being selected and carried out annually, as well as the number of Technical Task Team (TTT) meetings for each workstream (*see additional inputs under guiding question #2*).
- To date, the CFS 2024-2025 intersessional period counts one policy convergence process (Urban and Peri-Urban Food Systems) and six additional processes/workstreams<sup>1</sup>, amounting to nearly 30 meetings (including the Technical Task Teams) and 10 full days of negotiations – all of them envisage the engagement from the RBAs.
- The preparatory work for each workstream, especially those that do not fall under the ‘policy convergence’ function of the Committee, should be carried out by the CFS Secretariat, which can seek advice from TTT members as/when needed.

With regards to **specific workstreams** that form part of the MYPoW 2024-2027, we would like to stress and suggest the following:

#### **Uptake:**

- Generally speaking, while we welcome the follow-up to the Uptake Action Plan, considering an already packed RBA calendar and CFS MYPoW, WFP would like to caution against further overburdening the CFS workplan.
- WFP would like to emphasize that the implementation of the Uptake Action Plan should not envisage the creation of additional workload or ‘sub-workstreams’ which are not foreseen in the current MYPoW, and activities that are not yet funded or can realistically be funded.
- It is also important to avoid overlaps between the CFS Intersessional Dialogue on Uptake and the annual ‘CFS Advisory Group reporting exercise’. As such, the

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<sup>1</sup> Collaborative Governance; Uptake; MYPoW Mid-Term Review; Global Thematic Event on the CFS-FFA; High-Level Forum on Responsible Investment and Financing for Food Security and Nutrition; and High-Level Forum on Climate Change, Biodiversity Loss and Land Degradation.

reporting exercise should be included/absorbed in the Intersessional Dialogue and Uptake workstream, to avoid duplication of efforts.

- The CFS Intersessional Dialogue on Uptake should not prominently feature presentations by the RBAs only, but rather be opened to all interested CFS Member States and other stakeholders, including PSM and CSIPM.

### **Collaborative Governance**

- WFP would like to stress the importance for the Committee to ensure relevance and avoid overlaps and duplication of efforts with both other CFS workstreams and processes (e.g. Financing, FFA) and, above all, other relevant international initiatives/inter-agency mechanisms by working within its food security and nutrition mandate and leveraging its value added/comparative advantages. This will also ensure optimization of the available resources and cost savings.

*Guiding question 2: Which element, if any, of the 2026-2027 Programme of Work would benefit from further discussion with a view to align with the evolving global context and initiatives relevant to food security and nutrition?*

- WFP is of the view that the MYPoW process needs to be linked to a realistic and sustainable budget planning, and should only include prioritized workstreams for which resources would be available, or can realistically be mobilized.
- In the event that extra-budgetary resources for a certain activity are not available, this should be postponed or revisited.
- In this regard, ensuring a sustainable funding mechanism for the CFS remains a priority, if not the only way to ensure implementation of the MYPoW activities.
- As such, one of the criteria for prioritization of topics for future MYPoWs should include the availability of funding to implement each workstream.
- We note that the RBAs' annual contribution to the CFS (in-cash and in-kind) amounts to over 50% of the total annual budget/requirements of the Committee. Considering the recent global upheaval and current financial landscape, WFP would like to encourage the CFS Secretariat to further explore and mobilize alternative funding sources from other CFS Members and stakeholders.
- A revised resource mobilization strategy should be prepared by the CFS Secretariat and include different budget scenarios, taking into account the current financial landscape, the potential reduction of availability of resources and ensuring workstreams prioritization.
- To the extent possible, in order to maximize and avoid duplication of efforts, the CFS should continue linking up with and building on relevant global and UN initiatives, and their outcomes, such as G7, G20, N4G, Food Systems Summit Stocktaking Moments, HLPF, COPs, CSW, and UNGA/Summit of the Future.