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- presentation by Action Contre la Faim

Following the meeting of the Working Party on Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid (COHAFA) of 12 September 2024, delegations will find in Annex the presentation made by Action Contre la Faim (ACF)¹².

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Food and Nutrition Security

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OUR MISSION

Our mission is to save lives and eradicate hunger through the prevention, detection, and treatment of malnutrition, in particular during and after emergency situations caused by conflicts and natural disasters. Today, Action Against Hunger is a major player in the fight against hunger in the world. Structured in an international network, our organisation provides a coordinated response in more then 50 countries. Since the reasons for hunger are plural, our response is multi-sectoral.

OUR AREAS OF EXPERTISE



















OUR KEY FIGURES

45

YEARS OF EXISTANCE

21M

OF PEOPLE SUPPORTED IN 2023

56

COUNTRIES OF OPERATION IN 2023

4

HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES: HUMANITY, NEUTRALITY, IMPARTIALITY, INDEPENDENCE

KEY FACTS: IN 2023



particularly women and girls were unable to afford healthy diets, and 733 million people 2024)



148 MILLION CHILDREN UNDER 5

of chronic malnutrition - and suffered from hunger. (SOFI 45 million children were suffering from wasting - a result countries/territories. of acute malnutrition. (SOFI (GRFC2024) 2024)



281.6 MILLION PEOPLE

were estimated globally to be or 21.5 percent of the anaaffected by stunting - a result lysed population faced high levels of acute food insecurity in 59 food-crisis



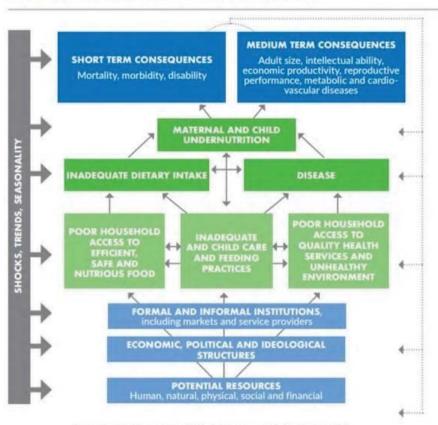
are affected by anemia globally. The prevalence of anemia among women aged 15 to 49 has risen, now affecting 29.9% of this population. (SOFI 2024)

CONCEPTS and FRAMEWORKS for ACTION

"Food and nutrition security exists when all people at all times have physical, social and economic access to food, which is consumed in sufficient quantity and quality to meet their dietary needs and food preferences, and is supported by an environment of adequate sanitation, health services, and care, allowing for a healthy and active life."

(UN Standing Committee on Nutrition)

FIGURE 3 CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK OF MALNUTRITION



Source: Ending Malnutrition by 2020, draft report to ACC, SCN, March 1999

To tackle the root causes of food and nutrition insecurity...



...we need a coordinated and inclusive response

- Advocate for the implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 2417
- Ensure continuous and robust international scrutiny over cases of starvation being used as a method of warfare
- Condemn illegal humanitarian access denials and conduct joint humanitarian diplomacy to address them
- Address the impact of criminalising legislations and the bureaucratic impediments on the humanitarian action

Ensure IHL compliance and accountability, and preservation of humanitarian space

Anticipate and prevent new food an nutrition crisis

- Invest in anticipatory humanitarian action with respect to conflict and climate change impacts
- · Commit new and additional funding to anticipatory action
- Reinforce early warning and forecast systems to trigger political action and prevent emergency and famine situations

 Support locally led co-design and action with the most vulnerable communities by promoting accessible, long-term and flexible funding for local communities, civil society organisations and grassroots groups;

Give local civil society, in all its diversity, a place in national, regional and international levels of discussion and negotiation.

Enhance the effective inclusion of local civil society

Support
multisectoral
responses to
develop
effective and
affordable public
services

- Promote health systems strengthening and social protection policies including nutrition services (targeted emergency interventions along with comprehensive strategies) to treat and prevent malnutrition,
- Promote the Universal Health Coverage including access to nutrition care, sexual and reproductive health care, mental health care, and WASH services
- Advance sustainable and equitable food systems that prioritise food sovereignty, peasent agroecology, and climate resilience, while limiting the nefast impact of policy incoherence

Our Recommendations

Key Political Preconditions for Combating Food and Nutrition Insecurity

- Prioritise Food and Nutrition Security in EU International Cooperation: Advocate for a central focus in the EU's
 global partnerships and international cooperation agenda to support access to social protection systems and access
 to basic services.
- Commit to Long-Term and Transformative Food and Nutrition Policies: Shift the approach from unequal food systems towards just, sustainable, resilient, and nutrition-sensitive food systems centered on peasant agroecology
- Renew and Update the EU Nutrition Action Plan: Advocate for the renewal of the EU action plan for nutrition, creating a robust framework to implement a multisectoral and nexus approach to nutrition and food security in partner countries.
- Support Integration of Nutrition Goals in National Development Strategies: Encourage and assist partner
 countries in embedding nutrition targets and actions within their national and regional development and sectoral
 strategies
- Promote transparent, accountable, coherent, and inclusive policies: Strengthen effective consultative spaces and
 robust accountable mechanisms in food governance mechanisms, including including youth, women-led and
 women's rights organisations, and those representing marginalized communities and support policies
 against shrinking civil space

Our Recommendations

Enhancing EU Humanitarian Diplomacy to safeguard a principled humanitarian space

- Support a European Humanitarian Diplomacy Strategy: Develop and implement a coherent and coordinated approach to European diplomacy to promote humanitarian access and IHL compliance, the protection of civilians and prevent the use of violence against food security
- Promote IHL compliance to prevent the use the starvation as a method of warfare: Advocate for the implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 2417 and support enhanced compliance and strengthened accountability mechanisms in case of violations, and foster political solutions to conflicts that feed hunger
- Protect Unimpeded Humanitarian Access and Humanitarian Space: Support the Humanitarian Call for Action to facilitate collective and consistent commitment, and facilitate unobstructed humanitarian access by addressing the impact of bureaucratic and administrative impediments and promoting humanitarian exemption against criminalising legislations in line with the UN Security Council Resolution 2664

Our Recommendations

Unlocking Critical Funding for Food and Nutrition Security

- Redirect ODA to Strengthen Basic Services in Fragile Contexts: Prioritize Official Development Assistance (ODA) towards delivering public services and social protection systems in Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and fragile regions.
- •Scale Up Support to Anticipatory Action: Support all components of AA early warning system, early action protocols and operations, an prefunding allocation based on locally-led design and action with communities
- Boost Nutrition-Focused Funding: Advocate for increased investments in both nutrition specific and sensitive initiatives, including by setting benchmarks for sectoral spending in upcoming external action instruments to include significant nutrition objectives.
- Improve the Application of the Nutrition Policy Marker: as a reporting tool, promoting policy coherence and deeper integration of nutrition goals across various sectors.
- Support Food Sytems Transformation towards Agroecology: Advocate for increased peasant agroecology spending in the EU external action budget
- Reinforce Access to Funding for local actors: Increase and secure long-term and flexible funding for local communities, CSOs and grassroots groups

Upcoming opportunities for a Team Europe Engagement

An opportunity for An opportunity to A chance to strongly A time for the EU and An important moment An opportunity to A time for the EU to: united and coherent elevate nutrition on commit to and act on for the EU, as a key elevate the link its partners to 1)Promote Human action to address the the political agenda achieving the six global demonstrate their partner, to support between gender and Development efforts in prioritizing devastating impacts of and showcase what nutrition targets by global leadership and nutrition security 2)Utilize ODA 2030 the climate crisis on Team Europe can step up action to food and nutrition Effectively global food and leverage in terms of coordinate its security within this humanitarian nutrition security support and influence, partnership and 3)Prioritize Public enhance policy diplomacy Funding for Food and and to prioritise coherence. accountability and civil Nutrition Security society meaningful and to ensure civil inclusion society from both continents is adequately consulted Multiannual COP29 - The Nutrition for Financial Climate Crisis Is a Humanitarian Growth of Women Hunger Crisis Summit

Guiding questions

- 1. How will Member States leverage upcoming moments to ensure Team Europe contributes politically and financially to the achievement of food and nutrition security international targets and goals?
- 2. How do the EU and its Member States plan to enhance support and engagement in protecting food security through humanitarian diplomacy, an in what ways can NGOs contribute to these efforts?

Thank you for your attention