



## GERMANY

# Statement of Commitment to the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty

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### General section

1. Germany hereby voluntarily *joins the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty* and states its dedication to pursue the Alliance's mission, objectives and principles, as *expressed* in the Global Alliance's Terms of Reference and Governance Framework, and to collaborate with other members to achieve lasting solutions to poverty and hunger worldwide, as expressed below.

Germany:

2. *Recognizes* that hunger and malnutrition are the perverse manifestations of persistent, structural poverty and inequality, and recognizes the need to end poverty and hunger in all their forms and dimensions and to fully and effectively implement the 2030 Agenda.
3. *Acknowledges* the alarming growth in the number of people facing food insecurity and poverty in recent years, noting that, despite all significant past and current efforts, the world is not on track to meet SDG 1 and 2 targets, inequality is also on the rise (SDG 10), and a significant increase in collective ambition, as well as improvement in collective alignment and coordination for the fight against hunger and poverty, is urgently needed.
4. To that effect, *endorses* the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty and its mission to support and accelerate efforts to eradicate hunger and poverty (SDGs 1 and 2) while reducing inequalities (SDG 10), contributing to revitalize global partnerships for sustainable development (SDG 17) and to the achievement of other interlinked SDGs, and championing sustainable, inclusive and just transitions.
5. *Notes* that it is crucial for the world to unite behind large-scale, integrated approaches combining international, regional, national, and local levels, that recognize the interconnected nature of challenges and solutions to hunger and poverty and pair social protection with access to goods and services that can help the poor and vulnerable populations to overcome structural barriers and drive responsible investment in their productive capacity. These complementary services include but are not limited to interventions for poverty reduction, food security and nutrition, early childhood support, education and skills development, employment services, health and care services, as well as family farmers and smallholders' access to finance, extension services, research and/or agricultural inputs, in line with international commitments and obligations.



6. *Particularly recognizes* the high value and positive impact of quality implementation of national and local country-owned, inclusive policy instruments and programmes, focused on the poorest and most vulnerable, in the fields of poverty reduction, social protection, food security and nutrition, gender equality, decent work in the agri-food sector, skills development, family farming and smallholder agriculture, food systems transformation, health and care services and resilience building.
7. Also *acknowledges* the Global Alliance’s reference basket of such policies as a collectively built, ongoing collection of examples with robust evidence to reduce hunger and poverty, and as a useful basis to guide joint action and increase alignment of the international community at country level. This acknowledgement is applicable to the policy basket approach as a general guide to action and does not imply endorsement of any specific policy instrument or programmes contained in the basket.
8. Therefore, by joining the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty, *commits* to do its best efforts, in its own field of action, and according to its own mandate, capacities, priorities, preferences, procedures, and legal arrangements and framework, to support the implementation of policy instruments and programmes at country level as appropriate, including by the promotion of shared learning and the mobilization of resources, public and private, at scale.

In particular:

### Domestic policy implementation commitments

Germany acknowledges its role in the national-level implementation of policies and programmes against hunger and poverty, as well as for providing guidance and support to sub-national level policies and programmes.

Germany:

*Commits* to make its best efforts to implement, improve, and/or scale-up the implementation of policy instruments and programmes from among those contained in the Global Alliance’s policy basket in our national context. These policy instruments and programme suggestions would be adapted to the specific conditions, realities and opportunities presented in our country.

In particular, Germany commits to implement, improve, or scale-up the implementation of the following policy instruments or programmes, referenced in the Global Alliance’s reference basket:

1) **Agroecology:** (as related to several policy instruments in the Policy Basket, including on support to smallholder farmers, climate resilient agricultural technologies for family farming, and promoting short value chains, among others): implementation of national agroecology programmes set that spans from organic food and farming to setting up national nutritional strategies and protein plans. The 13 agroecological principles as

defined by the High-level Panel of Experts of the CFS are used as a framework to design National Agroecology Strategies such as Germany’s “2030 Organic Strategy” to strengthen policies related to food systems and outline specific policy interventions that accelerate food systems transformation through agroecology.

2) **Minimum Wage:** strategic tool that introduces a wage floor that may not be undercut, so as to protect employees from unreasonably low wages and hence ensures greater stability in the national social security system. The wage level is adjusted regularly. So as to ensure the facilitation of fair and functioning competition conditions without jeopardizing employment.

*Commits* to observe good practices throughout the implementation of such policy instruments and programmes, including maintaining effective governance, seeking avenues for domestic resource mobilization for funding such programs and providing for appropriate monitoring and evaluation, with adaptation and learning based on social involvement and consultation, local stakeholder engagement, minimizing negative impacts and seeking to adequately manage policy trade-offs.

## Policy cooperation and support commitments

Germany:

*Commits* to, within its capacities, share its own learnings and otherwise provide appropriate help and support, within its means, to other Global Alliance member countries to implement, improve, or scale-up the implementation of policies and programmes referenced in the Alliance’s basket.

Specifically, informs and commits to implementing the following actions, programmes, and other activities related to lessons-learned and international cooperation in support of the Global Alliance’s objectives:

In line with Germany’s continued commitment to promoting social protection around the world in support of SDG 1.3 to reduce and prevent poverty, Germany stands ready to share experiences and to support partner countries in their efforts to establish and expand their social protection systems, both through bilateral as well as multilateral efforts and a stronger link between them. In addition to political dialogue in line with Germany’s commitment to **universal social protection**, this includes offering advice on specific programmes, including: social assistance, social insurance instruments, how to integrate them into a national social protection system, and strengthening local administrative structures.

At country level, Germany offers support in the effective management of health financing and social protection schemes, including through **openIMIS** as a digital public good to operate such schemes in an integrated way. At global level, Germany supports the joint effort of international partners of the **Digital Convergence Initiative** (DCI) for



standards and guidance to create integrated and interoperable social protection information systems.

In order to ensure social protection systems can continuously and effectively support people also in times of shocks and stresses due to climate, economic or other crises, Germany commits to supporting partner countries affected by fragility and crisis situations in building adaptive social protection systems, such as the Sahelian countries through the “**Sahel Adaptive Social Protection Programme**”, to strengthen particularly the resilience of vulnerable people to shocks and stresses; and to leveraging the potential of social protection for inclusive climate action, amongst others through an **international task force on linking social protection and climate financing** with key partners.

Through strong international alliances for social protection to tackle poverty and hunger, Germany offers further actions in support of the Alliance’s objectives, aligned with the goals of the UN’s Global Accelerator. Germany commits to supporting partner countries in this effort through the “**Multistakeholder Engagement to implement the Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions and the World Bank Social Protection Compass**” (M-GA).

All people have the right to sufficient, safe and nutritious food. To achieve this, our agriculture and food systems need to be transformed sustainably, to become resilient to shocks of all kinds, and environmentally, economically and socially sustainable, contributing to income and employment, overcoming poverty and creating prosperity. The rights and interests of producers – in particular small-scale producers – need to be balanced fairly against those of consumers. Protecting the climate and conserving natural resources, such as land, water and biodiversity, are essential factors for well-functioning agricultural and food systems.

Germany stands ready to integrate its experiences and lessons on how to achieve healthier, more food secure, (gender) equal, resilient, and sustainable agricultural and food systems, relying on the experience of those hit hardest by the multidimensional challenges of the crises we face, into cooperation with partner countries and multilateral initiatives. Within the Special Initiative “Transformation of Agricultural and Food Systems”, Germany works with partner countries that are particularly badly affected by hunger and malnutrition, comprises about 300 projects, and focuses on fostering smallholder farming in Africa. Germany and the African Union set up an “Agricultural Policy Dialogue” to strengthen resilience of agri-food systems and contribute to the objectives of the Agenda 2063.

Germany is committed to aligning global agendas for agricultural and food systems transformation with regional, national, and local initiatives, connecting implementation efforts with political decision-making, and promoting South-South dialogue. Germany



actively drives this process forward through the creation of the **Partners for Change Network**.

Our cooperation with FAO and CFS in particular stand for our commitment to human rights-based approaches in transforming agriculture and food systems. It is within CFS as the foremost most inclusive multi-stakeholder platform, that we support strategies to strengthen food security. Through CFS, the world community can rely on human rights-based policy approaches that aim at realizing the human right to adequate food. With its Science Interface, the High-Level Panel of Experts (HLPE), CFS stand for substantial and reliable scientifically approved policy approaches. Germany sees the opportunity to strengthen this work through the Global Alliance and promote the global governance work in realizing SDG2 of CFS with partners in the GAHP.

The government ministries and agencies are ready to conduct direct lesson-sharing activities with counterparts from Global Alliance members through different modalities and arrangements.

Germany tasks its two main implementing organisations, the **GIZ** (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit) and the **KfW Development Bank** (Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau) that are working in about 120 countries to share knowledge and provide above-mentioned technical and financial development cooperation services in support of the Alliance's objectives within political priorities, their respective capacities, availability, and fields of activity, as appropriate.

In addition, Germany stands ready to continue its full support for FAO and CFS, as well as WFP and IFAD as pre-eminent organizations addressing food security and nutrition, so that GAHP can rely on the specific Rome expertise.

## Financial support commitments

Germany:

*Commits* to make its best efforts to improve the destination, allocation and alignment of the use of its resources, including through coordination and cooperation facilitated by the Global Alliance, to support member countries to implement, improve, or scale-up the implementation of select programmes or policy instruments in the Alliance's reference basket to drive the fight against hunger and poverty, in line with sustainable country-led financing and implementation strategies.

*Pledges* continued support to the multilateral organizations aimed at the **transformation of agricultural and food systems** towards healthier, more equitable, sustainable, and resilient outcomes, addressing the root causes of hunger and poverty in the long term.

*Announces* that it will contribute to the Alliance's Supporting Mechanism.



*Informs* that additional financial resources under its guidance, management or control are currently being employed to support the “**Multistakeholder Engagement to implement the Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions and the World Bank Social Protection Compass**” (M-GA) to fast-track actions to extend social protection to some of the 4 billion people uncovered and to create millions of decent jobs in sustainable and future-oriented sectors. Additional funds are being employed to continue bolstering the development and rollout of **openIMIS** and to continue the joint effort of international partners of the **Digital Convergence Initiative (DCI)** for standards and guidance to create integrated and interoperable social protection information systems. Further, Germany commits to continue its support to the “**Sahel Adaptive Social Protection Programme**”, to strengthen particularly the resilience of vulnerable people to shocks and stresses in order to fight hunger and poverty.

*Pledges* to strengthen existing support for **agroecological farming practices** through different measures, whose mission is to support smallholder farmers to earn a living income and contribute to food security by promoting knowledge centers, practices that enhance soil health, state initiatives for agroecological forms of cultivation in India, and the IFAD-led cooperation platform for “Scaling up Agroecology Initiative”.

*Pledges* to invest into multilateral and international initiatives aimed at making **agricultural supply chains** sustainable and equitable, promoting living incomes and wages, and enhancing social protection to combat hunger, poverty, and inequality.

*Pledges* continuous support to the multilateral financing platform **Global Agriculture & Food Security Program (GAFSP)**, whose mission is to improving food and nutrition security and building sustainability in agriculture and food systems and which is aiming to sign a statement of commitment in support of the Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty, too.

*Pledges* to build on already substantial support to the **World Food Programme (WFP)** to promote school feeding programs, ensuring that vulnerable children receive the nutrition they need while providing a safety net for families and incentives for school attendance.

*Pledges* to support a Knowledge Network dedicated to the sustainable transformation of agricultural and food systems, in particular through repurposing agricultural support policies. This includes monitoring and analyzing agricultural support as well as the development and promotion of evidence-based and more effective policies that target social, economic, and environmental sustainability, specifically improving sustainable productivity and reducing hunger, poverty, and inequalities.

*Declares* that Germany will work, as a member country of various MDBs, as well as in relevant discussions at the G7, G20 and other fora, to prioritize funding for poverty and hunger eradication in the overall policies and in programmes supported by MDBs.



## Knowledge support commitments

Germany:

*Commits* to make its best efforts to co-create and provide technical assistance, capacity building and strengthening, training and/or knowledge-sharing on voluntary and mutually agreed terms in response to requests by Global Alliance member countries that choose to implement policy instruments and programmes in the Alliance's policy basket that are compatible with its areas of expertise.

*Commits* to make its best efforts to improve the alignment of its actions, including through the Global Alliance's coordination mechanisms, leveraging, and partnering with other actors to better support large scale, country-owned implementation of policies and programmes in the reference basket by Global Alliance member countries, aiming at enhancing country-level outcomes.

*Commits* to collaborate with other Alliance members to develop innovative solutions and share good practices in learning and knowledge exchange and dissemination on voluntary and mutually agreed terms, data collection and analysis, including by leveraging existing local, national, and international knowledge networks, coalitions, communities and other fora related to aspects relevant to the fight against hunger and poverty.

Informs and commits to implementing the following actions, programmes and other activities in support of the Global Alliance's objectives:

As a longstanding supporter of the global knowledge sharing and capacity building platform **socialprotection.org**, which now hosts the Alliance's policy basket, Germany commits to supporting the integration of artificial intelligence in the work of the open-access platform to make knowledge collection and processing more efficient and user-friendly.

As a Consultative Group on **International Agricultural Research** (CGIAR) funding partner, Germany provides support to CGIAR Research Programs through targeted projects and bilateral investments in CGIAR Research Centers that combat hunger, poverty, and inequalities.

As part of its **accompanying scientific research**, Germany will promote the generation of evidence that is needed to support the governments of the Alliance's member states in implementing, improving, and expanding policies from the Global Alliance's basket of policy instruments.

Through the **Global Food and Nutrition Security Dashboard**, Germany supports information and knowledge sharing, offering the latest global and country-level data on food crisis severity, social protection, crisis preparedness, global food security financing, emerging risks, and potential measures to help strengthen agricultural and food systems,



while reducing the transaction costs to make donor and government programs more efficient and effective. Germany is also a key supporter of the **Preparedness Plans** for Food and Nutrition Security, government-owned and led national plans that provide a cohesive operational framework to support the systematic recognition of an emerging crisis and prompt timely joined-up action across government, humanitarian, and development partners to prevent and mitigate the impacts of future food and nutrition security crises.

## General acknowledgments

*Recognizes* the possibility to, including through the mechanisms available to Global Alliance members, coordinate, partner with and/or seek support from the Global Alliance's other members, within their respective capacities, availability, and fields of activity, to carry out the present commitments with greater effectiveness.

While recognizing that the above commitments are voluntary and non-legally binding, being subject to and carried out under its own capacities, regulations, priorities, and modalities, as well as to the availability of appropriate resourcing, *strives* to seriously consider, as appropriate, and according to its own legal frameworks and governance process, to review its procedures and priorities as found necessary to better deliver on the present commitments, enhance synergies and joint efforts with other entities and initiatives, and improve outcomes on the collective fight against hunger and poverty.