

Background document

Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty & the School Meals Coalition

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About the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty

Through its G20 Presidency, Brazil is elevating the fight against hunger and poverty on the global stage through the establishment of a Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty, which will officially be launched at the G20 Leaders' Summit on 18-19 November.

The Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty represents a timely country-led effort to reverse the negative trends related to SDGs 1 and 2 and to accelerate action to achieve the 2030 Agenda. It aims to bring together governments, international organizations, research institutes and academia, philanthropic organizations, civil society and multilateral development finance institutions to pool knowledge, expertise, resources and partnerships to support ambitious country-level efforts to address hunger and poverty.

The Global Alliance has developed a '[Policy Basket](#)' of evidence-based programmes and policy instruments designed to tackle hunger and poverty. The Policy Basket serves as the key organizing principle of the Global Alliance. Among the policies included in the Policy Basket is [School Meals Programme](#), developed by the School Meals Coalition Secretariat and endorsed by 44 member states and 33 partners. It highlights the role of school meals in the fight against hunger and poverty.

Connection between the School Meals Coalition and the Global Alliance

In terms of the connection between the School Meals Coalition and the Global Alliance, the below text provides an overview of how the two companion initiatives complement and synergize with each other:

The Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty's overall goal is to mobilise partners in the fight against hunger, poverty, and inequality, serving as a "network of networks" that galvanises existing mechanisms, including the School Meals Coalition. The Coalition focuses on scaling sustainable school meal programmes to ensure every child has access to nutritious meals by 2030. Commitments (whether national, financial, or knowledge-based) towards school meal programmes from countries and other entities, will be recognised by both the Alliance and the Coalition to ensure alignment, avoid duplication, and guarantee consistency towards shared objectives. The Global Alliance, via its Support Mechanism, will serve as a facilitator, connecting the Coalition membership with new prospective partners. The Coalition and its four initiatives will continue to act as the primary vehicle for providing school meal-specific support across the Alliance's three pillars (national, financial, and



knowledge). Countries and other entities are welcome to join both the Alliance and the Coalition for enhanced and impactful collaboration.

About the School Meals 2030 Sprint process

Brazil's G20 Presidency is spearheading the "2030 Sprints" initiative. They are organizing a series of "sprints" in the lead-up to the launch of the Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty in November. These sprints are focused on some early action priority areas where there can be accelerated progress to fight hunger and poverty. School meals is among the six sprints.

The School Meals Coalition Secretariat is supporting the Brazilian G20 Presidency in these convenings. These convenings bring together various constituencies, including countries, IFIs, multilateral agencies, philanthropies and so on.

The 2030 Sprint for School Meals has held three meetings to shape a collective school meals press release and event to take place during the G20 Social Summit (Nov.15), immediately preceding the G20 Leaders' Summit. Each sprint will have a dedicated side event for Sprint participants to showcase and publicly announce their commitments on accelerated action. Working in partnership with Brazil, the School Meals Coalition Secretariat is coordinating with governments and partners to gather strong country commitments to develop a robust collective push on scaled-up and enhanced school meal programmes during the Social Summit.

The 2030 Sprint for School Meals and the collective press release aim to outline global and country-level targets that serve as a rallying call for action, mobilizing knowledge and financial partners to help member states accelerate action on school meal programmes by 2030.

For more information about the Global Alliance or the 2030 Sprint process, including contributing to the press release, please contact tf-alliance@g20.gov.br.