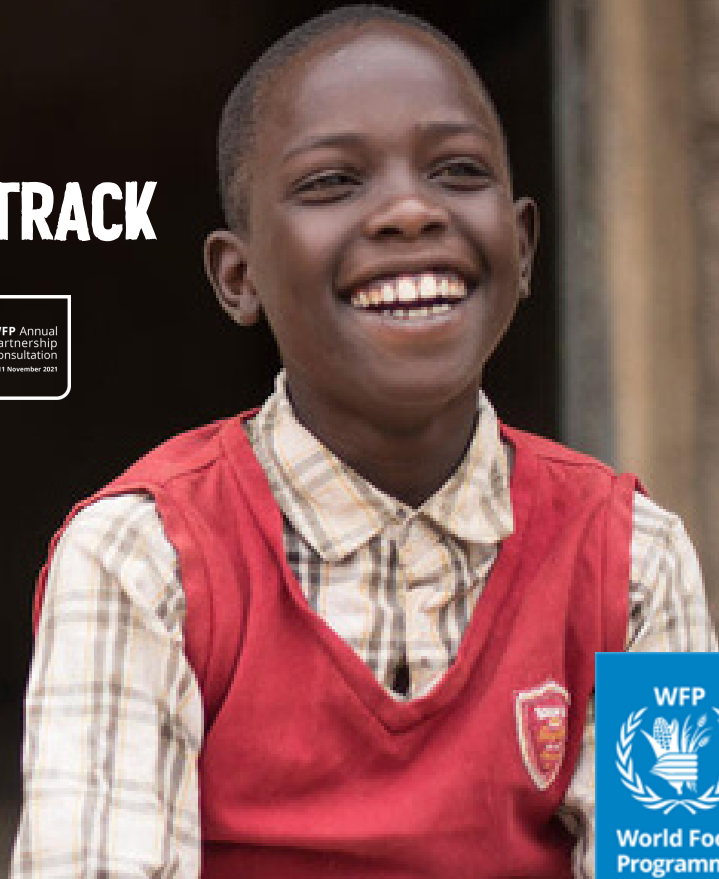


GETTING BACK ON TRACK TO ZERO HUNGER



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HIGHLIGHTS AND KEY TAKEAWAYS

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the World Food Programme, I would like to thank you all for your valuable contributions to the success of the 2021 Annual Partnership Consultation.

Despite the logistical challenges, our time together produced fruitful conversations that I hope you found as inspiring as we did. We addressed urgent and complex topics such as the fight against famine, the need for more sustainable global food systems and the importance of more effective localization strategies.

Thanks to your insights, we were able to share concrete ideas and practices to ensure we can work together even more closely to reach the people we all serve.

APC 2021 marks an important moment for our partnership: we must come together and do all we can to focus the eyes of the world on the millions now threatened by famine. At this critical time, your friendship and collaboration have never been more important to WFP.

Thank you for your continued partnership and we look forward to working with you all in 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David M. Beasley".

David Beasley

SESSION 1: ADVOCACY ON THE PATH TO ZERO HUNGER

"We are faced with a catastrophic reality before our very eyes. We need to once again amplify our message to the world that famine just isn't acceptable and we need all hands on deck to prevent the worst from happening."

Valerie Guarnieri, Assistant Executive Director, Programme and Policy Development Department, World Food Programme



The session was moderated by **Corinne Woods**, Director of Communications, Advocacy and Marketing (CAM) at WFP and featured the following speakers:

Waseem Ahmad, Chief Executive Officer, Islamic Relief Worldwide

Gloria Somah, Chief Executive Officer, TITI Foundation, Uganda

Valerie Guarnieri, Assistant Executive Director, Programme and Policy Development Department, WFP



In the months preceding the APC, several NGO partners stressed the **NEED FOR STRONGER JOINT ADVOCACY** to get the focus back on famine. It was inspiring to hear during the APC that most partners are eager to work collectively to amplify our voices and the voices of the people we serve.

At the first session of APC 2021, **A COMPACT FOR FAMINE MITIGATION AND PREVENTION** was presented. This is an initiative to speak with one voice and build momentum on the most urgent issue of our time.

The draft Compact received positive and constructive feedback: **WE ALL AGREE THAT WE NEED TO ACT NOW** and that we need to act together.

Speakers acknowledged the importance of listening carefully to the **INSIGHTS COMING FROM THE FRONTLINE**. Local and national NGOs working in affected countries can help WFP and other international actors better understand their reality, providing first-hand data and information to mitigate risks. The role of WFP and international NGOs is to elaborate this information and share it with policymakers in key positions to drive the change.

The current draft language of the Compact will be open to comments and feedback until 6th December.

It will then be open for signatures from 6th to 16th December. When we have the Compact, we will start working together to build a collective advocacy campaign that will help us translate the Compact's commitments into action.

"We are putting our brands, egos and flags to the side. We need collective action and we need it now!"
Justin Byworth, Global Humanitarian Director, World Vision International

SESSION 2: CREATING THE FOOD SYSTEMS OF TOMORROW TOGETHER

"We need to be thinking of peacebuilding when working towards resilient food systems and we need to be thinking of food security when working towards peace."
Mathias Mogge, Secretary General/Chief Executive Officer, Welthungerhilfe



The session was moderated by **Kate Phillips-Barrasso**, Director of Humanitarian Policy at InterAction. It featured the following speakers:

Mathias Mogge, Secretary General/Chief Executive Officer, Welthungerhilfe

Mahamane Mahamane Mourtala, Head of Migration and Humanitarian Emergency, ONG Karkara

Volli Carucci, Head, Resilience and Livelihoods Unit, WFP

Betty Ka, Deputy Director, Supply Chain Operations Division, WFP



The session was an opportunity to brainstorm on how we can overcome the many challenges the humanitarian community faces in trying to protect and enhance food systems in countries affected by political instability and conflicts.

There was widespread acknowledgment around the fact that, if we want to succeed, we need to push a joint and bold advocacy effort in order to get the most important message across:

"CONFLICT IS THE PRIMARY DRIVER OF HUNGER".

Mathias Mogge shared best practices and empirical evidence from conflict torn countries, and these inspired conversations around creative and effective approaches to resilience building.

Volli Carucci built on this conversation by stressing that resilience building is impossible if we do not shift away from a scattered, small scaled and short-term modus operandi.

STRENGTHENING FOOD RESILIENCE REQUIRES QUALITY, INTEGRATED EXPERIENCE, AND SCALE.

Another important message that was brought to the fore is that international organizations, both UN and NGOs, should engage with local NGOs long term.

If we want to deliver change, **WE CANNOT HAVE A TOUCH AND GO APPROACH WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

Lots of emphasis was put on the need for **FURTHER INVESTMENT IN LOCAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT**, to better capitalize on national networks and acknowledge the critical role of local NGOs in reaching beneficiaries and crafting tailored solutions to specific contexts.

"We need to invest in local skill sets to deliver capacities and tackle complexity."
Volli Carucci, Head, Resilience and Livelihoods Unit, WFP

SESSION 3: RESPONDING TO THE CLIMATE CRISIS THROUGH ANTICIPATORY ACTION AND ADAPTATION

"Moving from reactive emergency response to proactive action requires a substantial shift in mindset, operational systems and program designs."

Inger Ashing, Chief Executive Officer, Save the Children International



The session was moderated by **David Kaatrud**, Director of Programme, Humanitarian & Development at WFP, and featured the following speakers:

Inger Ashing, Chief Executive Officer, Save the Children International

Tolotra Ranaivoharimanana, Executive Director, Centre Technique Agroécologique du Sud (CTAS) Madagascar

Pasqualina di Sirio, Country Director Madagascar, WFP



The session on the **CLIMATE CRISIS** presented an opportunity to discuss how we, together, can help people and countries anticipate, prepare, respond and recover from climate shocks and stresses.

There is no doubt that the climate crisis is the defining issue of our time and that it is **DRAMATICALLY IMPACTING OUR STRATEGIES AND SHIFTING THE FOCUS OF OUR OPERATIONS.**

WFP has equipped its country humanitarian programmes with tools in disaster risk reduction, early warning and safety nets. This has widened WFP's reactive crisis response, to **INCLUDE A MORE FORWARD-LOOKING APPROACH THROUGH ANTICIPATORY RISK MANAGEMENT.**

As a response to the alarming statistics on the impact that the climate crisis will have on future generations, Save the Children is implementing new strategies and substantial changes to its frameworks and funding systems to strengthen early action.

Direct testimonies from the front line of Madagascar have been a forceful reminder of how **INVESTING IN PREVENTION IS BOTH VITAL FOR THE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES AND COST EFFECTIVE FOR THE RESPONDERS.**

Tolotra Ranaivoharimanana brought everyone's attention to the crucial role of indigenous knowledge for affected communities, especially in terms of decision-making processes. This knowledge must complement the positive impact of new technologies and innovations.

"We are well beyond climate change, we are dealing with a crisis that is unfolding rapidly. This will demand new ways of working."

David Kaatrud, Director, Programme, Humanitarian & Development, WFP

SESSION 4: MOVING THE NEEDLE ON MALNUTRITION PREVENTION

"We need to act with urgency, both when treating and preventing malnutrition."

Patrick Webb, Professor, Tufts University



The session was moderated by **Abigail Perry**, Director, Nutrition Division at WFP, and featured the following speakers:

Valerie Guarnieri, Assistant Executive Director, Programme and Policy Development Department, WFP

Patrick Webb, Professor, Tufts University

Mesfin Teklu Tessema, Senior Director, Head of Health Unit, International Rescue Committee

Timothy Chewere, Nutrition Coordinator, Andre Foods International

Khadeeja Azhar, Director, Shifa Foundation

Jo Burton, Head of Economic Security Unit, International Committee of the Red Cross

Abukar Samow Mohamed, Health and Nutrition Manager, WARDI Relief and Development Initiatives



HIGHLIGHTS

While treating acute malnutrition is critical, **NO CHILD OR HUMAN SHOULD GET TO THAT STATE IN THE FIRST PLACE.**

This session was designed as a consultation to discuss how to together move the needle on acute malnutrition prevention. It explored different approaches and interventions and looked at some concrete examples of where we have experienced success and learnings.

Speakers highlighted that we are at a crossroads for nutrition and there is an urgent need to give greater visibility to nutrition- through political channels, humanitarian support and country-based programming. We need to ensure all vital systems and services are contributing to reduce wasting. We need to work together- globally and in the field- to help children escape the devastation of wasting.

Speakers shared how they have adapted to bring services closer to their communities, in a time when wasting has been exacerbated by Covid-19, and prevention has become essential. Shared practices included family MUAC, mother-and child nutrition programming and projects that enhance diets through fish farms, chicken coops and animal raising. **NUTRITION CANNOT BE ADDRESSED THROUGH A SINGLE PATHWAY.**

"Let's bring our best brains and ideas together and hold ourselves accountable for whether or not we are delivering impact for children suffering from wasting."

Abigail Perry, Director, Nutrition Division, WFP

SESSION 5: CAPACITY STRENGTHENING FOR LOCALIZATION

"Localization of humanitarian action is made to achieve the same results as atomization in the manufacturing industry: it reduces time and resources required to achieve desired objectives."

Elijah Manyok, Chief Executive Officer, Smile Again Africa Development Organization



The session was moderated by **Michael Hyden**, Director of Programme at International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA) and featured the following speakers:

Raj Nooyi, Chief Executive Officer, Plan International

Elijah Manyok, Chief Executive Officer, Smile Again Africa Development Organization, South Sudan

Eleanor Davey, Editor, Humanitarian Advisory Group

Annalisa Conte, Director of Geneva Office, WFP



This insightful conversation helped paint a clearer picture of the multiple dimensions to the localization debate. Speakers firmly agreed on the important role that localization plays for actors at all levels, local, regional and global. They also drew everyone's attention to the need for reliable instruments which can **TRACK THE IMPACT OF LOCALIZATION COMMITMENTS.**

Annalisa Conte stressed the many steps that WFP has taken towards institutionalizing localization. This emerges also from the WFP Strategic Plan (2022-20125), which highlights the importance of engaging with local and national responders to bring forth national capacities.

Elijah Manyok reminded us of the need to elevate local actors and ensure they are, in fact, leading localization efforts. This not only ensures the quality of humanitarian programming, but it also saves lives, by empowering local and national responders to address emergencies in a swift and timely manner.

Monitoring progress of localized humanitarian action, and measuring its impact, was seen across the panel as crucial for the successful implementation of localization efforts. **MEASURING LOCALIZATION SHIFTS OUR CONVERSATIONS FROM AMBITIONS AND IDEAS TO CONCRETE EVIDENCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY.**

These tools and frameworks must, however, be context-specific, holistic and reliable.

"Localization of humanitarian action is a catalyst for key transformative change."

Raj Nooyi, Chief Executive Officer, Plan International

SESSION 6: ADVOCATING FOR CHILDREN'S WELLBEING THROUGH THE SCHOOL MEALS COALITION

*"I can't think of a single intervention that achieves more transformation directly for children
School Meals bring life, they allow children to flourish."*

Andrew Morley, President and Chief Executive Officer, World Vision International



The session was moderated by **Justin Byworth**, Global Humanitarian Director at World Vision International. It featured the following speakers:

Andrew Morley, President and Chief Executive Officer, World Vision International

Valerie Guarnieri, Assistant Executive Director, Programme and Policy Development Department, WFP

Carmen Burbano de Lara, Director, School-Based Programmes, WFP

Linda Schultz, Senior Operations Lead, Global Research Consortium for School Health and Nutrition

Boitshepo "Bibi" Giyose, Senior Advisor on Food and Nutrition Security to the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)

Prabha Pokhrel, Institutional Development Expert, Integrated Development Society Nepa, Nepal



Speakers emphasized the importance of school meals to tackle hunger and the education crises fuelled by the COVID-19 pandemic. They strongly called on partners to **ACT TOGETHER AND TO ACT NOW**, to ensure a generation of children is not left behind.

Clear indications emerged on moving forward in: awareness raising and joint advocacy, monitoring and evaluation programmes, research and operational studies. The newly launched **SCHOOL MEALS COALITION (SMC)** and its initiatives were presented as avenues to streamline efforts.

The Coalition can pave the way by mobilising leaders and driving school meals programmes worldwide. The SMC includes initiatives, such as: an advocacy and communications taskforce; a monitoring and data initiative and The School Health and Nutrition Research Consortium, which produces data and evidence to inform policymakers on how to best design, implement and monitor programmes.

One thing is certain: the success of this mission depends on joint efforts of all parts involved.

Partners can help children have access to healthy and nutritious meals by:

- Joining the SMC (SMC [Declaration of Support](#)).
- Supporting any of the SMC initiatives (e.g. Research Consortium, Peer to Peer, Advocacy and Communication, Monitoring and Data, and others to come - SMC [Initiatives](#)).

*"The School Meals Coalition is a government-led initiative that will gather partners to support countries
strengthen national programmes."*

Carmen Burbano de Lara, Director, School-Based Programmes, WFP