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INTRODUCTION

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT EMMANUEL MACRON



We are what we eat, said Hippocrates. Malnutrition, in all its forms, affects our societies, slows down economic growth and burdens future generations. This is why one of my main priorities, both domestically and internationally, is to invest in healthy and balanced nutrition. This is especially important to unlock our children's potential and build more prosperous, fairer societies. In France, I pushed to make sure children can have a free breakfast at school, because it is impossible to learn on an empty stomach. I pushed to make sure the state could reimburse schools meals for disadvantaged families, so that they do not cost more than one euro. I supported ambitious bills in favour of nutrition equality while also supporting our farmers, and helping our schoolchildren have healthier, more local and sustainable diets. I truly believe that our health and the health of the planet are inextricably linked.

This is also a planetary issue, which is why I have pushed for France to support a global vision where strong agriculture and healthy nutrition are two pillars of our collective health. I have often called this 'nutritional sovereignty,' in other words, the ability for a country to meet the needs of its people and especially its children. France, a leader in nutritional innovation can share its knowledge, its companies and its research.

Under the leadership of France, several initiatives have already been implemented and have shown that we can provide concrete and effective solutions to meet these challenges. For example, the Paris Agreement shows that no country will be forced to choose between the fight against poverty and the fight against climate change. Similarly, the Food and Agriculture Resilience Mission (FARM) has allowed the world to mitigate the potentially disastrous impacts Russia's war in Ukraine could have had on global nutrition – and the Free School Meals Coalition offers each child in the world free school meals to make sure they can learn properly.

This is the dynamic we are pursuing with the Nutrition for Growth Summit (N4G). It marks a key moment where French ambitions and international commitments to nutritional security intersect, and a moment to pursue goals we set when we decided to host the Olympic and paralympic Games. It must allow us to definitively affirm that nutrition is at the heart of the great challenges of the 21st century, and it is a matter of public health, education and adaptation to climate change.

The summit is a call to action. Governments, international organisations, civil society and the private sector each have a role to play to guarantee universal access to healthy and sustainable nutrition.

It is a call to action for everyone to act however they can in their own domain for the health of generations to come!

MESSAGE FROM MR. JEAN-NOEL BARROT, MINISTER FOR EUROPE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS



In a world beset by crises, taking action on food security and nutrition is a moral imperative and a global strategic challenge. In 2024, 343 million people faced high levels of food insecurity, 200 million more than before the COVID-19 pandemic. Poor nutrition makes populations fragile. A malnourished child is 11 times more likely to die than a well-nourished one. On a national level, nutritional insecurity fuels social tensions, intensifies forced displacement and slows economic development. Access to high-quality food is also a cause of many conflicts, with malnutrition both a cause and a consequence. Nutrition must therefore be integrated into crisis prevention and management strategies. Guaranteeing resilient food systems and universal access to quality nutrition and supporting local agriculture is critical to ensuring countries can mitigate crises.

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and its reprehensible use of the weapon of hunger have exacerbated this global food crisis. Obstacles to humanitarian access, including in Gaza and Sudan, are preventing humanitarian actors from providing vital aid to food-insecure communities.

France is committed to combating food insecurity and malnutrition, which have implications on health, education and economic systems around the world. Immediately following the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine three years ago, France took action to respond to the war's consequences on global food insecurity and strengthen the resilience of populations and local food systems through the FARM (Food and Agriculture Resilience Mission) initiative. France is the second-largest donor to the 'Grain from Ukraine' operation launched in 2022 to address the consequences of Russian aggression on global food insecurity in seven countries around the world (Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, Palestine, Djibouti, Malawi and Zambia).

Committed to effective multilateralism, France has strengthened its financial support for international organisations by allocating an unprecedented contribution of €180 million to the World Food Programme (WFP) in 2024. This support has enabled the WFP to support

both emergency food aid operations and innovative projects. It hosted the first global meeting of the School Feeding Coalition in Paris in October 2023 and the 13th replenishment of IFAD in December 2023, with an ambitious contribution of €138m to the fund for sustainable agricultural development and global food security.

The Nutrition for Growth Summit will strengthen these commitments to build a system of global governance for nutrition, and to ensure that everyone has access to adequate nutrition, an essential ingredient for global peace and stability.

MESSAGE FROM MR, THANI MOHAMED SOILIHI, MINISTER DELEGATE FOR FRANCOPHONIE AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS



There can be no sustainable development without a well-nourished population. That said, 1 in 4 children under the age of 5 continues to suffer from malnutrition. Malnutrition is the leading cause of infant mortality, and it has incredibly damaging impacts on the physical and intellectual development of children. Anaemia on the other hand affects 1 in 3 women, and it drastically reduces their prospects for socio-economic integration worldwide. Nutrition is not just a health issue; it is also a major hurdle for economic development.

At the same time, nutrition is one of the most profitable investments a society can make. According to the World Bank, every euro invested in the fight against malnutrition yields €23 in return. A well-nourished child will have better grades in school and will see better access to gainful employment, breaking cycles of poverty and underdevelopment. The international community can no longer afford to wait to invest in this powerful catalyst for economic growth.

This is why France is committed to making nutrition a catalyst for a global transformation. By acting on nutrition, we can work towards achieving more sustainable food systems, fight for gender equality and fight against climate change. Improving global nutrition means improving in our own economic health and in the well-being of our people.

The Nutrition for Growth summit will help to anchor this vision in global development priorities. It is time to adopt a proactive approach: investing in nutrition is a strategic choice for building more resilient and equitable societies.

ABOUT NUTRITION FOR GROWTH

Launched in 2013, the Nutrition for Growth (N4G) platform mobilizes a wide range of global stakeholders to make concrete political and financial commitments on nutrition. The Summit is held every four years by the host country of the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

N4G PARIS

In 2025, the French Government's Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs will host Nutrition for Growth in Paris, on 27-28 March, 2025.

OBJECTIVES

"We want the N4G Paris Summit to be a turning point in nutrition, a summit that brings about a paradigm shift."

Brieuc Pont, Special Envoy on Nutrition and Secretary General of the N4G Summit, France

As the [UN Decade of Action on Nutrition](#) concludes, N4G Paris presents a landmark moment for global leaders to embrace a new vision for nutrition and sustainable development by:

- **Aligning policies and resources** by integrating nutrition into broader development efforts across health, agriculture, education, and climate action.
- **Closing the funding gap** by delivering coordinated investments to bridge the \$13 billion annual shortfall in nutrition funding.
- **Setting bold targets** by committing to measurable national nutrition plans, establishing funding targets, and implementing robust tracking systems to ensure accountability.

N4G PARIS THEMES

N4G Paris will feature three core areas and three cross-cutting themes:

Core areas

- Nutrition, health and social protection
- Nutrition and transition toward sustainable climate-smart and resilient food systems
- Nutrition and resilience to crisis

Cross-cutting themes

- Nutrition and gender equality
- Nutrition, data, research, artificial intelligence and innovation
- Financing and accountability for nutrition.

SPEAKERS AND PARTICIPANTS

The N4G Summit will gather a diverse audience, including:

- Heads of State and Government
- Ministers
- Bilateral and multilateral donors
- UN organizations
- Civil society organizations
- Development banks
- Philanthropies
- Private sector
- Research institutions
- Media representatives

Further details on the on the Summit's speakers and participants can be found on website [here](#).

FRANCE'S COMMITMENTS TO NUTRITION

France has a strong track record of engaging and mobilizing global actors to support nutrition.

France plays a key role in the fight against malnutrition in all its forms, focusing its efforts on the first 1,000 days of life, a crucial period for child development. That is why France launched the [French Muskoka Fund](#) in 2010, and since its inception, have committed €10 million per year to boosting support for young people, adolescents and the field of nutrition.

As part of its commitment to food security and strengthening food systems, France has pledged to allocate 50% of its food assistance to nutrition, amounting to 354 million euros over the same period. Additionally, the French Development Agency (AFD) has mobilized 121 million euros for cross-sectoral actions in agriculture, health, education, water and sanitation and support for civil society organizations. These commitments reflect France's determination to promote sustainable and resilient food systems, placing nutrition at the heart of its international action.

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

THE GLOBAL MALNUTRITION CHALLENGE

Malnutrition occurs from imbalanced nutrient intake due to deficiencies, excesses or poor absorption. This includes undernutrition – wasting, stunting, underweight and micronutrient deficiencies – as well as overnutrition, leading to obesity and diet-related diseases.

Undernutrition

- **Child malnutrition:** Nearly half of all deaths in children under five are attributed to undernutrition. In 2022, 149 million children under 5 were estimated to be stunted and 45 million were estimated to be wasted.
- **Micronutrient deficiencies:** Over half of the global population lacks sufficient intake of essential micronutrients, including iodine, vitamin E, calcium, iron, and vitamin C.
- **Malnutrition in older adults:** Undernutrition in older people is a rising problem, often exacerbated by factors such as chronic illness, reduced appetite, and social isolation.
- **Maternal health:** Poor nutrition during pregnancy results in adverse effects for both mother and newborn, including stillbirth and maternal mortality. Each year, 17 million children born to malnourished mothers have a low birthweight, causing lifelong health and developmental issues, such as anaemia, poor cognitive development, and being too short for their age.

Overnutrition

- **Overweight and obesity:** In 2022, 2.5 billion adults were considered overweight, including over 890 million adults living with obesity. Obesity-related conditions kill 2.8 million people each year.
- **Childhood overweight:** Rates of childhood overweight and obesity are rising, particularly in high-income and upper-middle-income countries.

BARRIERS TO PROGRESS

While progress has been made in recent decades - such as a reduction in child stunting - ongoing challenges like food insecurity, conflict, economic instability, and climate change threaten these gains.

- **Challenged financing:** Today, spending on high-impact, life-saving nutrition investments accounts for less than 1% of global development assistance.
- **Climate vulnerabilities:** Rising temperatures, carbon emissions and extreme weather disrupt food production, reducing crop yields and nutrient concentrations. Just a 2°C temperature increase could push 189 million more people into hunger, and a 4°C rise could leave 1.9 billion people facing food insecurity.

- **Crisis-induced vulnerabilities:** The increasing volume and intensity of conflicts around the world is further disrupting supply chains and fuelling food insecurity, with children living in a conflict setting twice as likely to face malnutrition as those who do not.

NUTRITION FOR DEVELOPMENT

Strategic investments in nutrition fuel economic growth, reduce inequalities, and amplify the impact of other development initiatives.

- **Economic cost:** Malnutrition will cost the global economy an estimated \$41 trillion over the next decade, including \$21 trillion from undernutrition and \$20 trillion from obesity-related issues.
- **Return on investment:** According to the World Bank, every \$1 invested in nutrition interventions unlock an estimated \$23 in economic benefits in average, reaching up to \$53.
- **Sustainable food systems:** Helping people afford healthier, more sustainable diets through enhanced regulation, incentives and innovation will reduce emissions, improve nutrition outcomes and reduce climate and health-related costs by up to US\$1.3 trillion.
- **Health impact:** A good diet is fundamental to good health, by strengthening immunity, preventing the onset overweight, obesity and of a range of subsequent chronic diseases, enhancing longevity and supporting healthy growth and development.
- **Education and productivity:** Well-nourished children are 19% more likely to read proficiently, 20% more likely to earn higher incomes in later life and 33% more likely to escape poverty as an adult, improving the quality of life at all ages.
- **Gender equality:** Women and girls bear a disproportionate burden of malnutrition, limiting their education, earnings and health.

GLOBAL ACTION

- **Global nutrition targets:** In 2012, the World Health Assembly set the first global nutrition targets. Aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, world leaders pledged to end all forms of malnutrition by 2030.
- **UN Food Systems Summit:** At the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit, 119 countries committed to transforming food systems, and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- **Nutrition for Growth:** Commitments delivered at previous N4G summits are advancing progress:
 - In 2013, more than 100 stakeholders at N4G London endorsed the Global N4G Compact, pledged more than \$4 billion in new nutrition-specific projects and a further \$19 billion in nutrition-sensitive projects.
 - In 2017, leaders gathered in Milan to track progress, and generate an additional \$3.4 billion in nutrition pledges.

- In 2021, the N4G Tokyo summit mobilized over \$27 billion through 396 registered commitments made by 181 stakeholders across 78 countries.

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR THE PRESS

MEDIA ACCREDITATION

Only accredited members of the press will be granted access to the N4G Summit in Paris on 27-28 March 2025.

Journalists working in print, broadcast, and digital media are encouraged to apply for media accreditation via the official French Ministry of Foreign Affairs platform before the registration deadline on **March 21st, 2025, at 1155 CET**.

[\[APPLY FOR MEDIA ACCREDITATION\]](#)

PRESS OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION

All media enquiries regarding the N4G Summit should be directed to Portland Communications and the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France, who will support with directing your enquiries to the relevant event partners or spokespeople, as required.

- **Portland:** n4g@portland-communications.com
- **Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs:** accreditations-medias.dcp-pp@diplomatie.gouv.fr

USEFUL MATERIALS

- **Press materials:** Press releases, case studies and wider media assets available for media to use [here](#).
- **Photography and video:** A bank of photography and video content approved for use by the media. This [folder](#) will be updated throughout the Summit with official event content.
- **Website:** All information and content about the Summit will be published on the N4G website in English and French (<https://nutritionforgrowth.org/>)
- **Livestream:** The main stage of the event will be livestreamed on the official N4G digital channels.

EVENT RESOURCES

Please find the following information on the 2025 N4G Summit hosted on our website [here](#).

- **Event FAQs:** Frequently asked questions about N4G, its impact, and how to take action.
- **Event program:** The final program and list of confirmed speakers.
- **Event map:** A map of the venue, including the Village of Solutions for Nutrition.
- **Logistics:** Information for planning your accommodation and transport during the Summit.

VILLAGE OF SOLUTIONS FOR NUTRITION

To strengthen mobilisation for nutrition, we will create a space for multi-stakeholder dialogue on the sidelines of N4G Paris, entitled the “*Village of Solutions for Nutrition*”. This space will be set up by Expertise France with the support of the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs and the European Commission, and host around 30 exhibitors to present innovative initiative aimed at improving nutrition.

- **WHEN:** 26-28 March 2025
- **WHERE:** Orangerie greenhouse, at Parc André Citroën. *This space is a 10-minute walk from the Summit, and will be able to accommodate up to 700 people standing and 350 seated.*

The Village of Solutions for Nutrition aims to:

- **Bringing together those involved** in the fight against malnutrition and promoting their work.
- **To raise public awareness** of the importance of good nutrition in France, Europe and internationally by offering educational activities.
- **Promoting and encouraging innovations** and solutions to combat malnutrition.
- **Offer Summit participants a space** for debate and exchange on nutrition issues.

The Village of Solutions for Nutrition is open to everyone, upon [registration](#).

Additional information on the programme for the Village of Solutions for Nutrition can be found on the Summit [website](#).

SOCIAL MEDIA

Summit information will be shared on the official N4G social media accounts and those of the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs:

- **Nutrition for Growth**
 - [X @nutritionwin](#)
- **French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs**
 - [X @francediplo](#), [@jnbarrot](#), [@thanimohamedsoilihi](#)
 - [Instagram @francediplo](#), [@jeannoelbarrot](#), [@thanimohamedsoilihi](#)
 - [LinkedIn: Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires étrangères, Jean-Noel Barrot, Thani Mohamed-Soilihi](#)
- **Brieuc Pont**
 - [X @byypont](#)
 - [LinkedIn](#)
 - [Bluesky](#)

We encourage the press to include the official event hashtag in all social media content relating to the Summit.

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KEY SPOKESPEOPLE

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Thani Mohamed Soilihi, French Minister Delegate for Francophonie and International Partnerships

Thani Mohamed Soilihi has served as Minister of State for Francophonie and International Partnerships since September 2024. Prior to this, he was part of the RDPI parliamentary group in France's Senate, and appointed Vice-President of the Senate for three terms.

Outside of his public commitments, Mr Soilihi volunteers for several social causes in Mayotte, where he is from, including co-founding the combatting youth exclusion charity TAMA and the Chambre Régionale de l'Économie Sociale et Solidaire, and chairing the Supervisory Board of Mamoudzou Hospital.

Expertise: International affairs | Development policy

Languages: French | English



Briec Pont, Secretary-General, Nutrition for Growth Paris

Briec Pont is France's Special Envoy on Nutrition and Secretary-General of the Nutrition for Growth Summit.

He previously served as France's ambassador to Nicaragua (2020-2023) and Consul General in Sao Paulo 2016-2020. He is a graduate of the Bordeaux Institute of Political Studies.

Expertise: Nutrition | Diplomacy | International affairs | Development policy | France

Languages: French | English | Portuguese | Spanish

GLOBAL NUTRITION VOICES



Afshan Khan, SUN Movement Coordinator, Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement

Afshan Khan is an Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and Coordinator of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement. Ms. Khan was appointed by United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres. In this role, she is the highest authority in the United Nations for the global nutrition agenda.

Ms. Khan has been an international public servant for more than 30 years and has held numerous senior roles within the United Nations system and the broader international community, including UNICEF.

Expertise: Global burden of nutrition | Global partnership

Languages: English | French



Anna Hakobyan, Chief Impact Officer & Executive Director Nutrition, Children's Investment Fund Foundation

Anna Hakobyan leads CIFF's global nutrition acceleration efforts. CIFF is an independent philanthropic organization which works with a range of partners seeking to transform the lives of children and adolescents.

Expertise: Philanthropy | Global nutrition programmes | Tech for Impact | Evidence | Development Financing

Languages: English



William Moore, Chief Executive Office, Eleanor Crook Foundation

William Moore has served as Chief Executive Officer of the Eleanor Crook Foundation (ECF) since 2015. ECF's mission is to end global malnutrition through scaling high-impact, cost-effective solutions. ECF invests in research that proves what methods work, policy analysis to drive systems reform, and advocacy that makes the case for urgent action to address this global crisis.

Expertise: Research | Policy | Advocacy

Languages: English



Matthew Freeman, Executive Director, Stronger Foundations for Nutrition

Matt Freeman is the Executive Director of Stronger Foundations for Nutrition, a global community of philanthropy fighting to end malnutrition. The organization connects philanthropies to each other and to the broader development ecosystem, helps guide impactful giving, and champions good nutrition as the foundation for a stronger world.

Expertise: Philanthropy | Multi-stakeholder partnerships

Languages: English



Dr. Lawrence Haddad, Executive Director, The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)

Dr Lawrence Haddad CMG and World Food Prize winner is GAIN's Executive Director since 2016, a Swiss-based foundation launched at the United Nations in 2002 to tackle the human suffering caused by malnutrition and transforming food systems to make healthier diets available to all. In such capacity, he was behind the Initiative on Climate and Nutrition at COP27, he chaired Action Track 1 of the 2021 United Nations Food Systems Summit, and co-founded the Standing Together for Nutrition consortium, a response to the COVID19 pandemic and the current food crisis.

Expertise: Nutrition Policy | Global nutrition programmes | Nutrition & Climate

Languages: English



Justin Vaïsse, Founder and Director General, Paris Peace Forum

Justin Vaïsse leads the Paris Peace Forum, an initiative which aims to revive and improve global governance and advance concrete solutions where none exist, centred around its annual gathering of world leaders.

Expertise: Nutrition policy | Nutrition & peace

Languages: French | English

PARTNERS AND SPONSORS

The following organizations have played an important role in delivering the Nutrition for Growth Summit in Paris.



Access to Nutrition Initiatives:
<https://accesstonutrition.org/>



Agence Française de Développement:
<https://www.afd.fr/fr>



The Children's Investment Fund Foundation: <https://cifff.org/>



Côte d'Ivoire Gouvernement:
<https://www.gouv.ci/Main2.php>



European Commission:
https://commission.europa.eu/index_en



Expertise France:
<https://www.expertisefrance.fr/en/web/guest/accueil>



Food and Agriculture Organization:
<https://www.fao.org/home/fr>



The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition:
<https://www.gainhealth.org/>



Paris Peace Forum:
<https://parispeaceforum.org/>



Scaling Up Nutrition:
<https://scalingupnutrition.org/>



SDG2 Advocacy Hub:
<https://sdg2advocacyhub.org/>



Stronger Foundations for Nutrition: <https://stronger-foundations.org/>



UNICEF France:
<https://www.unicef.fr/>



World Food Programme:
<https://www.wfp.org>



World Vision International:
<https://www.wvi.org/>



4SD Foundation:
<https://4sdfoundation.org/>

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GLOSSARY

The following definitions for key terms which feature in Summit materials are in accordance with World Health Organization standards.

<i>Term</i>	<i>Definition</i>
<u>Nutrition</u>	The intake of food, considered in relation to the body's dietary needs. Good nutrition is essential to good health, and poor nutrition can lead to reduced immunity, increased susceptibility to disease, impaired physical and mental development, and reduced productivity. Nutrition impacts the development process at every stage of the life cycle from conception to death.
<u>Hunger</u>	An uncomfortable or painful sensation caused by insufficient energy from diet. Food deprivation. In this report, the term hunger is synonymous with chronic undernourishment and is measured by the prevalence of undernourishment.
<u>Malnutrition</u>	An abnormal physiological condition caused by inadequate, unbalanced or excessive intake of macronutrients and/or micronutrients. Malnutrition includes undernutrition (child stunting and wasting, and vitamin and mineral deficiencies) as well as overweight and obesity.
<u>Undernourishment</u>	A condition in which an individual's habitual food consumption is insufficient to provide the amount of dietary energy required to maintain a normal, active, healthy life. The prevalence of undernourishment is used to measure hunger.
<u>Obesity</u>	Overweight and obesity are defined as abnormal or excessive fat accumulation that presents a risk to health. Obesity is one side of the double burden of malnutrition, and today more people are obese than underweight in every region except the South-East Asia Region.
<u>Stunting</u>	Stunting is the impaired growth and development that children experience from poor nutrition, repeated infection, and inadequate psychosocial stimulation. In the first 1000 days from conception until the age of two, stunting, or impaired growth, has adverse functional consequences on the child.
<u>Wasting</u>	Wasting is defined as low weight-for-height. It often indicates recent and severe weight loss, although it can also persist for a long time. It usually occurs when a person has not had food of adequate quality and quantity and/or they have had frequent or prolonged illnesses.
<u>Micronutrient deficiency</u>	Micronutrient deficiencies are a lack of vitamins and minerals that are essential for body functions such as producing enzymes, hormones and other substances needed for growth and development.
<u>Anaemia</u>	Anaemia is a condition in which the number of red blood cells or the haemoglobin concentration within them is lower than normal. Anaemia is a serious global public health problem that particularly affects young children, menstruating adolescent girls and women, and pregnant and postpartum women.

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