

Final Statement of the Nutrition for Growth Summit

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Nutrition lies at the heart of human and social development, serving as the strongest foundation to prevent, mitigate and combat the consequences of the numerous and recurring crises the world currently faces. It is a fundamental right, integral to the right to adequate food and a healthy, dignified life. Furthermore, nutrition is essential for achieving better health, well-being, and improved development outcomes across all stages of life. It directly contributes to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2 (Zero Hunger) and 3 (Good Health and Well-being) and fosters progress on 11 of the remaining 17 SDGs.

Malnutrition remains a global challenge, affecting all countries. Many nations grapple with multiple forms of malnutrition—at regional, national, household, and individual levels. Vulnerable populations, particularly those in fragile or conflict-affected regions, face heightened risks. According to the latest data, over 148 million children under five suffer from stunting, 45 million from wasting, and 37 million are overweight. At the same time, 881 million adults are obese. Deficiencies in essential vitamins and minerals continue to impact at least 1.6 billion women and children worldwide, with both immediate and long-term consequences for health and development. Malnutrition is a leading cause of death among infants, accounting for nearly half of all child mortality, with the majority of cases occurring in low and middle-income countries.

The true burden of malnutrition globally is likely underestimated due to the low amount or lack of data *inter alia* on vitamin and mineral deficiencies in school-aged children, adolescents, adults, and the elderly.

Although achieving SDG2 by 2030 requires significant investment—approximately \$39–50 billion annually, the potential economic and social returns far outweigh the costs, with projected benefits reaching \$5.7 trillion annually by 2030 and \$10.5 trillion annually by 2050. Investing in nutrition is among the most cost-effective global investments: according to the World

Bank, every dollar spent to combat undernutrition yields an average return of \$23 of wealth.

As the UN Decade of Action for Nutrition (2016–2025) has been extended to 2030, the Nutrition for Growth (N4G) summit in Paris serves as a critical milestone. It is an opportunity to accelerate progress on SDGs through integrating nutrition across sustainable development initiatives and to collectively advance toward the goal of ensuring good nutrition for all.

France, host of the Nutrition for Growth Summit, reaffirms its commitment to improving global nutrition and achieving both World Health Assembly global nutrition targets and Sustainable Development Goal 2: Zero Hunger which includes the objective of eliminating all forms of malnutrition.

At N4G Paris, all N4G stakeholders were praised for their efforts to tackle malnutrition on a global scale through ambitious policies and financial commitments that will pave the way for far-reaching results at the next N4G summit, hosted by the next Olympic and Paralympic Games.

At the N4G Paris summit, the urgent need for collective action to address malnutrition in all its forms—undernutrition, micronutrient deficiencies, overweight and obesity, and diet-related chronic diseases was highlighted. The health and well-being of millions, particularly women, children, elders and vulnerable communities, depend on our sustained efforts.

Commitments made at N4G Paris to: i) strengthen the transition towards sustainable food systems, promote equitable access to nutritious diets, ii) strengthen health systems and make them resilient and increase universal health coverage, to strengthen social protection systems and leave no one behind, to empower women while placing them at the heart of nutrition, at the heart of sustainable development, were welcomed, as well as the commitments made to integrate nutrition outcomes into a wide range of sectors including environment and climate. By prioritizing evidence-based policies, increasing financial commitments, and fostering multi-sectoral collaboration, meaningful progress toward ending malnutrition can be driven.

The importance of accountability and transparency in delivering on these commitments was emphasized, as was the pledges to work together across sectors to track progress, share best practices, and ensure that nutrition remains at the heart of global development efforts.

Through a coalition of partners and the SUN Movement continuity and coherence between the N4G summits must be ensured, by maintaining momentum, reinforcing commitments, and effectively implementing the agreed-upon actions. The recording of commitments in the Nutrition Accountability Framework will initiate this process.

Way forward

Building on the progress made at N4G Tokyo in 2021, the commitment to keep nutrition as a priority on the global agenda was reiterated as well as the commitment to seizing opportunities to integrate a strong nutrition focus into the upcoming UNFSS+4 summit, G7 and G20, Financing For Development, World Social summit for Development and COP 30 as well as the next SUN Global Gathering and to scale up N4G commitments via the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty platform. All provide critical milestones to ensure that nutrition remains central to the sustainable development Agenda.

The host state of the Summit acknowledges the significant efforts made by the International Advisory Group, chaired by the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and the SUN Movement, in the preparation of N4G Paris and its thematic working groups to advance nutrition-related key priorities namely health, social protection, gender equality, sustainable food systems, climate, crisis resilience, innovation, data, AI, research, financing and accountability. All the work carried out across these groups has been commended, and its will be valued as a contribution to shaping the global nutrition agenda in response to the challenges raised. France commends all stakeholders for the ambitious commitments that were made at N4G Paris.

No country should face the burden of malnutrition alone. Through solidarity and coordinated action, we can build a healthier, more resilient future for all. Together, we can create a world where nutrition becomes a universal reality, fostering prosperity for all.