

PRESS RELEASE - Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty Marks One Year with Concrete Country Partnerships and Expanded Membership

From Commitment to Delivery: Countries Secure Multi-Partner Support for National Programs as Alliance Membership Surpasses 200

DOHA, QATAR (November 3, 2025) – One year after its launch, the Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty demonstrated today that a new model for international cooperation is taking root, with four countries announcing concrete multi-partner implementation plans for large-scale national programs, with several others following suit, and Alliance membership expanding to over 200 countries and organizations.

At the Alliance's First Leaders' Meeting in Doha, Qatar, the governments of Ethiopia, Haiti, Kenya, Palestine and Zambia unveiled partnerships that bring together international financial institutions, bilateral donors, UN agencies, and philanthropies around country-owned programs against hunger and poverty spanning social protection, agriculture, nutrition, and climate resilience. The announcements mark the first tangible results of the Alliance's Fast-Track Initiative, launched just nine months ago.

"The impact of the work of the Alliance goes beyond the initial wave of Fast-Track countries," said Wellington Dias, Brazil's Minister of Social Development and Co-Chair of the Alliance. "It has put the fight against hunger and poverty back on the global map and agenda. Countries all around the world are reinforcing their programs and plans, generating economic inclusion and jobs. Brazil itself is an example, having removed 24.4 million people from hunger and lifted 7.6 million out of poverty since 2023 thanks to a range of evidence-based policies and President Lula's willingness to include the poor in the budget."

Eva Granados, Spain's Secretary of State for International Development and Co-Chair of the Alliance, emphasized the Alliance's distinctive approach: "What we are seeing today is not business as usual. This is about countries leading with their own plans and priorities, and the international community aligning behind them with coordinated support."

This is how we accelerate progress not through fragmented projects, but through integrated partnerships that strengthen national systems and deliver at scale."

Ms. Granados also emphasized Spain's leading role and commitment in the fight against hunger and food insecurity through a rights-based approach and a feminist gender perspective, which will be reflected in the launching, next year, of a new Cooperation Strategy on the Right to Food.

BY THE NUMBERS: ONE YEAR OF PROGRESS

- 200+ members: From 148 founding members in November 2024 to over 200 today, including more than 100 countries
- 14 country pre-plans: Developed by 12 countries for large-scale national programs
- 9 validated plans: Officially endorsed by national governments and opened for partnership
- 85+ partnership offers: Expressions of Interest received from international financial institutions, bilateral donors, UN agencies, and philanthropies
- 4 countries in implementation: Ethiopia, Haiti, Kenya, and Zambia have progressed to national roundtables and partnership announcements
- 2 Seville Platform initiatives: Launched at the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development to mobilize integrated finance for hunger, poverty, and climate action

A NEW MODEL IN ACTION The Fast-Track Initiative, endorsed by the Alliance's Board of Champions in February 2025, represents a fundamental shift in how international cooperation operates in the fight against hunger and poverty. Rather than countries competing for donor attention with fragmented proposals, the Alliance facilitates a structured process where governments develop strategic implementation plans for proven, large-scale programs, and multiple partners coordinate their support around these national priorities.

With national development budgets under pressure, the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty offers a chance to allocate aid resources more effectively and equitably in the interests of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people.

"Zambia's Cash-Plus approach represents our bold commitment to move beyond income support and tackle the root causes of poverty and hunger," said Hon. Doreen Sefuke Mwamba, Zambia's Minister of Community Development and Social Services. "By integrating livelihoods, nutrition, education, and climate resilience into our Social Cash Transfer programme, we aim at empowering vulnerable households to build lasting self-reliance. This partnership with the Global Alliance and our development partners reflects Zambia's determination to achieve inclusive growth and social protection for all."

The countries announcing partnerships today (more details in a separate press announcement) have secured commitments spanning:

- **Financing:** Hundreds of millions of dollars in new and realigned resources from the World Bank, African Development Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, IFAD, and bilateral partners.
- **Knowledge:** Technical cooperation from UN agencies (FAO, ILO, PAHO, UNICEF, UNIDO, WFP, WMO, among others), research institutions, national cooperation agencies, bilateral partners and civil society organizations.
- **Implementation support:** Deployment of proven social technologies, capacity building for government systems, and South-South cooperation.

LOOKING AHEAD

Beyond the countries announcing partnerships today, several others are advancing through the Fast-Track process. Several other countries have also finalized or are putting the final touches in their plans under the Fast-Track approach and are garnering support, including Cambodia, Dominican Republic, Indonesia, Palestine, Rwanda, Tanzania and others. Additional countries including Somalia, Cuba, and Lebanon have expressed interest in joining future waves of the Fast-Track Initiative.

The Alliance's Board of Champions is also preparing a Belém Declaration on Hunger, Poverty, and Climate Action to be endorsed by Heads of State at COP30 in Brazil. The declaration will underscore that the worst impacts of climate change fall on the poorest and most vulnerable and propose a just climate transition that protects their rights and strengthens their resilience.

ABOUT THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE AGAINST HUNGER AND POVERTY

Launched at the G20 Summit in Brazil on November 18, 2024, the Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty has grown from 148 founding members to over 200 members in one year, including more than 100 countries, the African Union, European Union, 24 international organizations, 9 international financial institutions, and over 30 philanthropic and non-governmental organizations. The Alliance aims to accelerate progress toward SDGs 1 and 2 through providing coordinated support from its members towards national, large-scale evidence-based policies and programs.

A key goal driving the Fast Track Initiative and the country-level work of the Alliance is the implementation of the six "2030 Sprints" — bold, collective efforts to scale up proven policies and programs from the Alliance Policy Basket.

The Alliance is governed by a Board of Champions composed of senior representatives of up to 50 member countries and organizations, and is supported by a Support Mechanism led by Director Renato Domith Godinho with teams and liaison officers based in Brazil, Ethiopia, Italy, the United States, and Thailand.