

Joint Statement on Food and Nutrition Security to the High-Level Panel of eminent persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda

1st May 2013

Dear Members of the High Level Panel on the Post-2015 Development Agenda,

We, the undersigned, welcome the outcomes of the 'Global Thematic Consultation on Hunger, Food Security and Nutrition' and fully endorse the *Joint Chairs and co-Leads Synthesis Report* of 4th April including the clear vision therein:

"Hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition can be ended sustainably by 2025. The eradication of hunger and malnutrition must be definitive and irreversible based on the right of everyone to safe, sufficient, nutritious and affordable food. This vision is achievable. Bold and effective action is urgent and both a moral and political imperative."

We commend the High-Level commitment expressed in this report and urge this to be taken forward by ensuring the post-2015 framework includes:

- a global goal to eradicate hunger and ensure food and nutrition security for all;
- a strong focus specifically on nutrition, including
 - a bold target to reduce stunting that builds upon the World Health Assembly-endorsed target to reduce the prevalence of stunting by 40% by 2025;
 - a recognition of the need to address wasting in line with the World Health Assembly-endorsed target to reduce the prevalence of childhood wasting to less than 5% by 2025;
- a recognition that improving nutrition requires action across multiple sectors, including health, water, sanitation and hygiene, agriculture, education, and women's empowerment, through the inclusion of nutrition targets throughout the framework.

Good nutrition is not just an outcome of development, but also a driver of development and economic growth. A clear goal on food and nutrition security, with a focus on the getting to zero on stunting especially during the vital 1,000 day window from pregnancy to age two, provides an approach to end extreme poverty that addresses inequalities, focuses on the most vulnerable and reinforces resilience.

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