

Concept Note

Roundtable on Leveraging the HDP Nexus for Agriculture, Food Systems and Food Security Solutions in Forced Displacement Situations

(Joint roundtable by HDP Nexus and Agriculture Multistakeholder pledge initiatives)

1. Background

Forced displacement, driven by conflicts, natural disasters, and economic instability, has become a critical global issue, impacting millions of people worldwide. Displacement crises, especially when protracted, disrupt traditional agricultural practices, strain local food systems, and exacerbate food insecurity both for the displaced populations and host communities. Addressing these challenges requires a holistic approach that integrates humanitarian, development, and peace-building efforts.

The number of people forcibly displaced continued to rise. According to UNHCR 2023 Global Trends Report, 117 million people were forcibly displaced at the end of 2023 and that number is estimated to have exceeded 120 million by April 2024. There is high correlation between displacement and food insecurity, and approximately 90 million of the displaced people globally are living in the 59 countries/territories covered in this year's edition of the Global Report on Food Crises. Most of the displaced people in the 59 food crisis countries/territories where data is available, are internally displaced, accounting for 64.3 million internally displaced people (IDPs). The remaining 26 million fled across international borders, mainly to neighboring countries, and are living as refugees, asylum-seekers or other persons in need of international protection.

The 2023 financing flows and food crisis report tells us allocations to food sectors in food crisis contexts for humanitarian and development assistance remains marginal when situated against global external financing. Global development financing tends to be more than six times higher than its humanitarian counterpart, and while a significant amount of it is directed to food crisis contexts, just 3 percent goes to food sectors in these countries and territories, compared to 32 percent of global humanitarian financing. However, the proportion allocated to emergency agriculture interventions remains very low (less than 5%).

A significant proportion of refugees and other displaced populations are reliant on limited humanitarian assistance that can only focus on trying to meet people's most basic needs, yet does not take into account that refugees do not live in a vacuum. Even in the most extreme situations, people have a livelihood on which they depend, or have depended. They have knowledge and skills. For the majority of those suffering acute food insecurity, this means some form of agriculture-based livelihood (such as farming, pastoralism or agropastoralism). Equally, they have a strong desire to provide for their families and re-

establish their self-reliance, for example by producing their own food and engaging in economic activities related to food systems. Expanding opportunities for forcibly displaced people and their hosts to engage in productive agricultural livelihoods will support improved, sustainable access to food and incomes, enhanced economic inclusion and agency, and build durable solutions.

The continued rise in global displacement necessitates innovative, sustainable solutions that address the needs and stated priorities of both displaced populations and host communities. This roundtable aims to bring together supporters of two GRF Multistakeholder Pledges (MSPs)¹ to leverage the Humanitarian-Development-Peace (HDP) nexus to enhance agriculture, food systems, and food security solutions in forced displacement contexts.

The roundtable will focus on the link between a food systems approach and the role that humanitarian, development and peace partners can play. It will also highlight the need for host countries to be better supported to implement their food system pledges and role of sustainable (development) financing, highlight initiatives that can be brought to scale and discuss expanding partnerships with relevant stakeholders, to ensure comprehensive and sustainable solutions.

2. Objectives

The strategic objectives of this roundtable are to:

- 1. Showcase Pledges' synergies and joint implementation Opportunities and Challenges from Host Country Perspectives:** Host countries to highlight humanitarian and development operational context affected by forced displacement focusing on specific agricultural and food security opportunities and the key challenges they are facing.
- 2. Promote scalable and innovative Solutions:** Share best practices and propose practical, scalable and innovative solutions using integrated HDP approaches, explore innovative financing mechanisms...
- 3. Promote Multistakeholder Collaboration and transformative partnerships:** Strengthen partnerships among host governments, resource partners, international organizations, NGOs, the private sector, and local communities for coordinated action.

¹ The MSP 'Accelerate and Better Leverage HDP Nexus Approaches in Forced Displacement Settings' and the MSP 'Agriculture, Food Systems, and Food Security'.

3. Participants

The roundtable will convene a strategic group of stakeholders, including:

- **Government Representatives:** host countries, relevant Ministries and donor countries.
- **International Organizations:** Representatives from the UN, World Bank, and other global entities.
- **NGOs and CSOs:** Community organizations working on integrated approaches on agriculture, food systems and food security in displacement situations
- **Academic and Research Experts:** On food security, agriculture, displacement and development.
- **Private Sector:** Companies and other entities involved in agriculture, food systems, and related industries, operating in forced displacement situations.

4. Agenda

Opening Session

10:00	Welcome remarks by Government of Japan
10:05	Keynote Address by FAO
10:15	Overview of opportunities and pledge analysis by UNHCR
10:20	Opening of Pannel discussion by UNDP
10:25	Presentations by Host Countries of progress, challenges and opportunities (Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda)
10:55	Intervention by the World Bank
11:05	Intervention by NGO/Private sector entity
11:15	Opening of Q&A by WFP
11:20	Q&A
11:55	Closing remarks by Government of Norway

5. Expected Outcomes

- **Roundtable Report:** A comprehensive report summarizing discussions, strategic insights, and recommendations from host countries' perspective.
- **A joint call/position paper to be presented at the subsequent GRF informal briefing**

6. Logistics

- **Date:** 10:00 am -12:00 am,10 Sep 2024 (CEST)
- **Format:** online
- **Duration:** 2 hours
- **Language: English** (No translation into other languages.).
- **Registration:** by email (japan-fp-grf2023@gv.mofa.go.jp) **before Tuesday 3rd September COB.** Registration is required.

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