



## HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE ON BRAZIL'S CONTRIBUTION TO ENHANCING SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE 2030 AGENDA:

### THE SUSTAINABLE NATIONAL SCHOOL FEEDING CASE

Side event on the margins of the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board

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#### ABSTRACT

The role of the Global South in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is being debated in the months that forego the **Second United Nations High-Level Conference on South-South Cooperation (BAPA+40)**. In this setting, Brazil's innovative South-South Cooperation (SSC) experience and key lessons learned are worth to be discussed and explored as they can contribute to the BAPA+40 debate. The innovative partnership established by **Brazil, through the Brazilian Cooperation Agency – Ministry of External Relations (ABC/MRE)**, and the **World Food Programme (WFP)** resulted in the creation of the **WFP Centre of Excellence against Hunger in Brazil (WFP-CoE)**. The Brazil-WFP pioneering partnership achieved important results in the African continent, both at national and regional levels. This joint initiative in **Sustainable National School Feeding (SNSF)** epitomizes the meaningful contribution Brazil and the United Nations Funds, Programmes and Specialized Agencies can make to sustainable and inclusive development.

#### BACKGROUND

Brazil's cooperation with other developing countries is grounded in the principles of **SSC**, as stated in the 2009 Nairobi Declaration, namely, horizontal and mutual benefit, national ownership, respect for national sovereignty, and non-interference in domestic affairs. Not-for-profit and disconnected from commercial interests, such cooperation is demand-driven and free of conditionalities. Brazil's SSC promotes the sharing of knowledge and experience from several national institutions with their peers, aiming at strengthening the capacities of individuals, organizations and institutions of partner countries in important sectors, such as education, health, social development, public administration, environment, energy and agriculture. Furthermore, SSC enables the reinforcement of ties between partner countries.

#### Sustainable National School Feeding Programme

The mainstay of the Triangular South-South Cooperation (TSSC) with international organizations is the sharing of knowledge, experience and resources which have the potential for adaptation, assimilation and generation of positive impacts on the autonomous development of partner countries. Through concerted efforts, it offers viable opportunities for partner countries to attain self-reliance in technical and policy domains, ultimately contributing to the achievement of national development goals. In this regard, the **Brazilian SNSF Programme** (Programa Nacional de Alimentação Escolar (**PNAE**)), is one of the oldest and largest school feeding programmes in the world. The PNAE, coordinated by the **National Fund for the Development of Education (FNDE)** and implemented by subnational entities, has been inspiring other developing countries of the Global South in its best practices.



## **BRAZIL – WFP Partnership**

In the institutional setting of South-South International Organizations Trilateral arrangement mentioned above, the Brazilian Government, through **ABC/MRE**, has established effective partnerships with 10 United Nations Specialized Agencies such as WFP, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). Among those partnerships, the one with WFP stands out due to its innovative and far reaching features. Brazil established a partnership with WFP in 2011 to create the **WFP-CoE**. This partnership puts together the Brazilian experience in fighting hunger and poverty, especially through SNSF programmes, and WFP expertise in supporting school feeding in more than 60 countries. The WFP-CoE brings together the two expertises to support third countries to develop or improve their SNSF programmes. The WFP-CoE has enabled the Brazilian Government to expand its capacity to meet the growing number of demands from developing countries wishing to have an in-depth knowledge of the Brazilian successful SNSF programme and, at the same time, has allowed for WFP to better conceive, implement and expand the quality of national school feeding programmes.

## **Main Achievements of the Brazil-WFP Partnership**

Through the WFP-CoE, Brazil and WFP promote policy dialogue on SNSF programmes aiming at advancing this strategic agenda in the context of Food and Nutrition Security and, more generally, of sustainable development. The WFP-CoE has become a global hub for TSSC and knowledge building, capacity development and policy dialogue on school feeding. By facilitating the sharing of the Brazilian experience on SNSF abroad, it supports countries in their efforts towards establishing and enhancing efficient and scaled-up SNSF programmes as integrated interventions with social protection and Food and Nutrition Security, while ensuring institutional markets for local smallholder agriculture.

Since its creation, the WFP-CoE has supported almost 30 countries in setting up SNSF programmes as an agenda issue for their development. This policymaking topic promotes investing in and allocating budget for appropriate tools to increase the number of children receiving balanced meals and the number of smallholder farmers producing for SNSF markets. Today, 28 governments are fomenting national policy and legal initiatives for SNSF programmes. Amongst these, 19 are progressing towards national SNSF programmes.

## **OBJECTIVES**

Considering the above, the proposed side event on the margins of the WFP Executive Board aims at provoking reflections on the lessons learned in the implementation of TSSC and on the results achieved by this innovative Brazil-WFP partnership. More specifically, the side event will:

- Showcase the Brazilian tools, mechanisms and normative framework that allow the country to contribute to the 2030 Agenda through TSSC;
- Present the Brazil-WFP successful TSSC experience in advancing the school feeding agenda in the African continent through the CoE and its contribution for advancing SDG 1 and 2 through SDG 17;
- Present the African Union Commission's experience to advance the school feeding agenda across the continent;
- Provide contributions to inform BAPA+40 discussions on TSSC.



## AGENDA

### Welcome and Opening Remarks (10 minutes):

#### Moderator: Ms Valerie Guarnieri, WFP Assistant Executive Director, Operations Services

- WFP: Mr David Beasley, WFP Executive Director
  - *Present the value of the Brazil-WFP partnership In South-South cooperation in supporting countries to advance in their school feeding programmes*
- Government of Brazil: H.E. Alberto Beltrame, Minister of Social Development, Brazil
  - *Present the integrated approach to Food Security and Nutrition (FSN): Intersectorial Governance and social participation key pillars of the Brazil FSN System.*

### Key-note speakers and speakers (5 minutes each, total 25-30 min)

- Government of Brazil: H.E. Ruy Pereira, Director of the Brazilian Cooperation Agency
  - *Present the Brazilian experience in innovative TSSC partnership with WFP: tackling global issues through local solutions*
- Government of Brazil: Mr Rogério Lot, Chief of Cabinet of the National Fund for Education Development, Ministry of Education, Brazil
  - *The convening role of knowledge sharing of the Brazilian NSSF experience.*
- Government of the Gambia: Her Excellency Claudiana Cole, Minister of Basic and Secondary Education, Gambia
  - *Results and challenges of the Gambia national school feeding programme and the contributions of the Brazil – WFP TSSC*
- Government of Mozambique: Her Excellency Conceita Sortane, Minister of Education and Human Development, Mozambique (TBC)
  - *Results and challenges of the Mozambique SNSF Programme (PRONAE) and the contributions of the Brazil-WFP TSSC*
- African Union Commission: Dr Laila Lokosong, Senior Advisor, Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture, AU Commission
  - *AU agenda for School Meals Programmes, Regional clustering and networking for supporting new agendas for development*
- WFP-Centre of Excellence against Hunger: Mr Daniel Balaban, WFP-CoE Director and Representative
  - *Presentation of the WFP-CoE main achievements and considerations about possibilities for the future of WFP-CoE-Brazil collaboration*

### Concluding Remarks (5 minutes):

- Government of Brazil: H.E. Ruy Pereira, Director of the Brazilian Cooperation Agency
  - *Considerations about the main future perspectives for the future of WFP-Brazil collaboration*

### Remarks from the floor followed by Q&A (15-20 minutes)

#### EXPECTED OUTCOMES

1. Improve awareness of the WFP-Brazil partnership successful results in South-South in school feeding programmes with the CoE;
2. Provide recommendations on how to improve coordination and results-based evaluation of TSSC initiatives that can inform BAPA+40 discussions.