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HIGH-LEVEL PANEL

Implementation of the humanitarian-development-peace nexus at the country level

Annual session of the Executive Board
Monday, 20 June 2022, 10:45–12:15
Hybrid format event (WFP Auditorium + Zoom platform)

Context

The past decade has seen a significant shift in the scale and longevity of humanitarian crises. Crises increasingly display complex interactions between economic, environmental, climate, political, security, and societal factors that complicate both the immediate response, and the search for long-term solutions. More and more crises are linked to unresolved and intractable economic and socio-political disputes, including conflict, that lead to protracted humanitarian situations.

Much time has been spent in crafting policy and facilitating global commitments to address the multi-faceted and protracted nature of today's crises. The focus must now be on the progress made so far, as well as the actions needed to move the dial on the continued rising number of food insecure populations. As the repercussions of the war against Ukraine steer the world towards a new global food crisis and a humanitarian disaster with severe consequences far beyond Ukraine's borders, providing a substantial and well-coordinated international crisis response will be key. Initiatives such as the G7 initiated Global Alliance for Food Security can play a crucial role. Stronger and concerted action, supported by increased financing in coordination with the international financial institutions and guidance from the United Nations Global Crisis Response Group on Food, Energy and Finance will be critical to overcome this crisis.

Objectives

- Highlight the progress made in advancing the humanitarian-development-peace (HDP) nexus and the challenges faced in addressing increasing food insecurity – grounding this in the analysis of food crises and their key drivers in the 2022 Global Report on Food Crises.
- Showcase and discuss WFP's role and contribution across the HDP nexus within identified country contexts, in particular articulating the link between food security and peace, and food security and development.
- Agree upon the areas that require immediate concerted effort and investment as the world faces the compounding impacts of climate change, conflict, and the pandemic – all exacerbated by the war against Ukraine.
- Foster a substantial, inclusive, and well-coordinated international crisis response in order to avert a global food crisis.

The above issues will be addressed by a high-level panel comprising ministers from Germany and Norway, two countries that put a special focus on the HDP nexus in their support of WFP, and two key governments which are championing the operationalization of the nexus at the country level - Lebanon and the Niger; and the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Strengthening Programmatic Integration. These important viewpoints will consider the role of WFP in nexus implementation, while also serving to contextualize the challenges faced and investments that are needed to truly reduce and end hunger.

Opening statements that address the above objectives will be followed by an opportunity for interventions by the Lists of the Executive Board.

Agenda

High-level panel: Facilitated by Valerie Guarnieri, Assistant Executive Director, Programme and Policy Development Department, WFP

Statements by the high-level panel members:

- Her Excellency Svenja Schulze, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany
- Her Excellency Anne Beathe Tvinnereim, Minister of International Development of Norway
- His Excellency Laouan Magagi, Minister of Humanitarian Action and Disaster Management of Niger
- His Excellency Amin Salam, Minister of Economy and Trade of Lebanon
- Mr Oscar Fernández-Taranco, Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Strengthening Programmatic Integration

Remarks from the Lists of the Executive Board followed by discussion:

- Executive Board List representatives to deliver a statement to the panel.
- Facilitated response by the high-level panel members.

Closing remarks by the WFP Executive Director