

# The Coalition of Action on Healthy Diets from Sustainable Food Systems (HDSFS) for Children & All

# September 2025



# The HDSFS Coalition aims to...



...**create and catalyze a shift**  
towards actions  
contributing to  
healthy diets  
throughout  
sustainable  
food systems

*through 3 **FUNCTIONS***

**1** Facilitate **stakeholder coordination** to align policies and actions across food systems at country level

**2** Spark engagement through **advocacy, knowledge management, and learning**

Special projects:

- 3**
- Dietary considerations in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)
  - The integration of sustainability in dietary guidelines
  - Fostering healthy diets in fragile contexts

*and these **ACTIONS***

Resource sharing

Dialogues and events

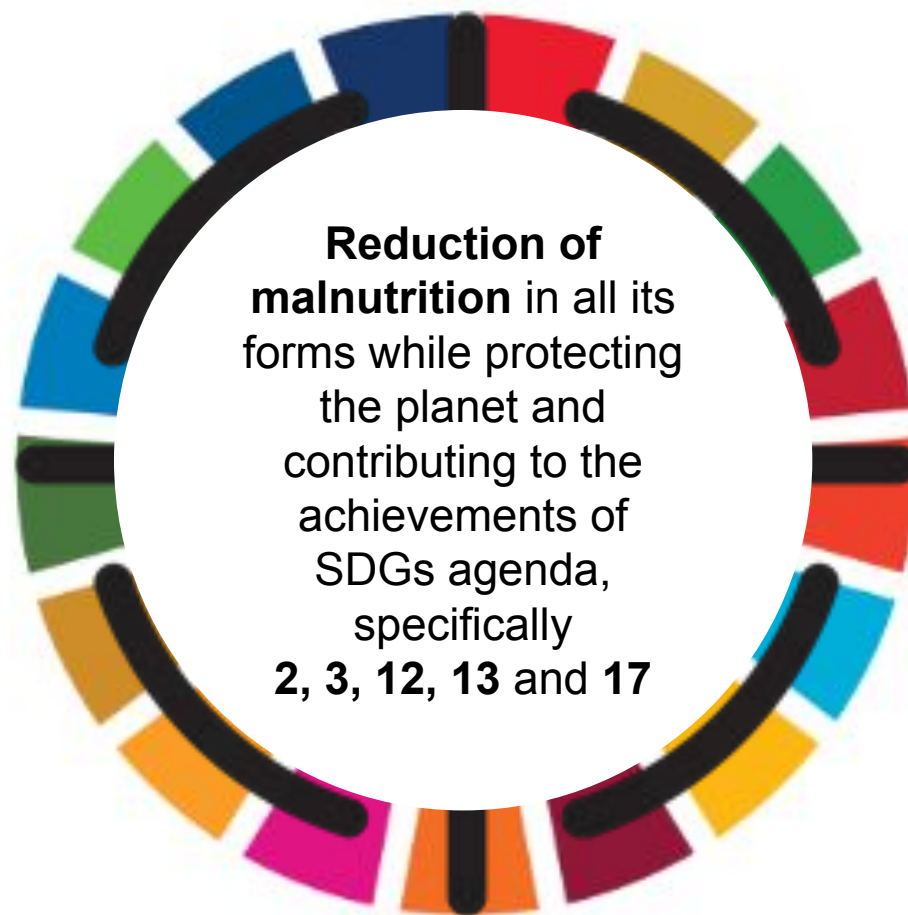
Peer-to-peer learning and networking

With the overall **OUTCOME...**

and ultimate **GOAL**



Stakeholders  
implementing **coherent  
and aligned strategic  
policies** and actions that  
promote **access,  
affordability, availability  
and consumption** of  
healthy diets from  
sustainable food systems



to realize the **VISION**

a world where all people eat healthy diets from sustainable food systems

2 ZERO  
HUNGER



3 GOOD HEALTH  
AND WELL-BEING



12 RESPONSIBLE  
CONSUMPTION  
AND PRODUCTION



13 CLIMATE  
ACTION



17 PARTNERSHIPS  
FOR THE GOALS





# VISION >>

A world where all people eat healthy diets from sustainable food systems.

## Functions

### 01 >> Facilitate stakeholder coordination

Facilitate stakeholder coordination to align policies and actions across food systems at country level

### 02 >> Advocacy

Advocacy, knowledge management, and learning

### 03 >> Special Projects

- Dietary considerations in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)
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## Actions

Organize and participate in **healthy diets in SFS dialogues**

Raise awareness and share resources on integrating healthy diets in SFS

Peer-to-peer learning to exchange experiences among countries on **priority topics**

Mobilize members **expertise** and promote partnerships

## Intermediary Outcomes

*Global impact leveraged at country level via*

- Renewed/established **global partnerships** to empower governments for aligned, coherent and strategic actions at **country level**
- Increased **commitment, knowledge, and opportunities** for **sharing data and evidence** among countries
- Strengthened network of support at country level through an **enabled policy environment**
- **Country level capacities and resources** for policy alignment and actions strengthened
- Enhanced **multi-sectoral dialogues** and **collaboration** at country level

## Outcomes

Stakeholders implement coherent and aligned **strategic policies and actions** that promote **access, affordability, availability and consumption** of healthy diets from sustainable food systems

## GOAL:

**Reducing malnutrition in all forms while safeguarding the planet and contributing to the achievements of the **SDG** agenda; specifically 2, 3, 12, 13, 17**



# Governance

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Launch 2022 May  
700 participants

Principles of  
Engagement  
(PoE)

**Member Countries  
(40)**

**Steering Committee**

(Partner entities &  
4 countries rotating biannually:  
Netherlands, Brazil, **Sierra  
Leone**, Pakistan)

**Partner entities (22)**  
NSA, UN, Academia,  
Research institutions

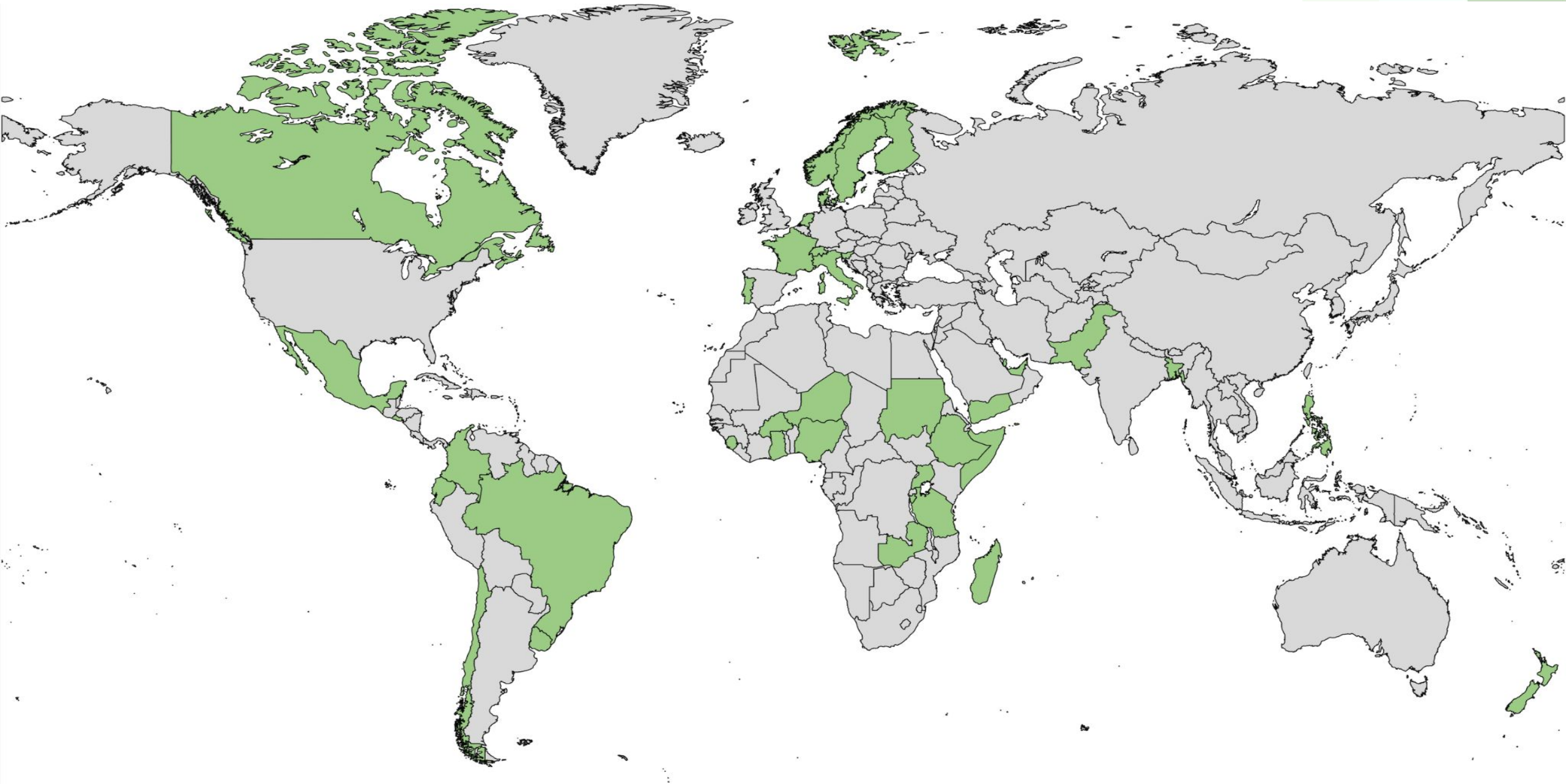
**UN-Secretariat**

(FAO, WHO, UN-Nutrition  
Secretariat)





# HDSFS Member Countries and Friends of the Coalition





# Members

**ILRI**  
INTERNATIONAL  
LIVESTOCK RESEARCH  
INSTITUTE



Food and Agriculture Organization  
of the United Nations



Centre for  
Food Policy  
Shaping an effective food system



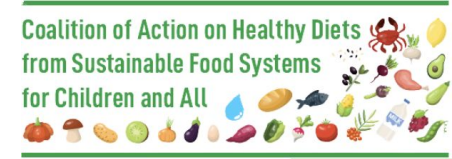
**UNHCR**  
The UN Refugee Agency



**UNIVERSITY  
OF GHANA**



World Food  
Programme



Investing in rural people



World Health  
Organization



Bangladesh  
Burkina Faso  
Burundi  
Brazil  
Canada  
Colombia  
Chile  
Denmark  
Ecuador  
El Salvador  
Ethiopia  
European Union  
Finland  
France



Ghana  
Italy  
Madagascar  
Mexico  
Netherlands  
New Zealand  
Niger  
Nigeria  
Norway  
Pakistan  
Philippines  
Portugal

Sierra Leone  
Slovenia  
Somalia  
Sudan  
Sweden  
Switzerland  
Tanzania  
Tonga  
UAE  
Uganda  
Uruguay  
Qatar  
Yemen  
Zambia

# Activities 2024

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**New partners:** PATH (CSO), IFAD & UNHCR (UN)  
**New countries:** Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Canada



**Newsletters (2)**



## Events, knowledge exchanges, activities

### Global (2)

- CFS: *Healthy diets, sustainable futures: bridging nutrition, biodiversity and climate change policies* (90 participants)
- COP29: *Aligning Food Systems, Nutrition and Climate Action* (238 participants)

### Regional (4)

- Interventions at Hub regional meetings (WFP, WHO, Yemen)
- AUDA-NEPAD home grown school feeding meeting for Southern Africa (Zambia)

### Peer-to-peer learnings (3)

- April: *Strengthen food systems and improve nutrition in fragile settings* (120 participants)
- July: *Policy alignment on healthy food environments and the role of markets* (160 participants - 48 countries)
- September: *Sustainability in food systems based dietary guidelines* (200 participants - 82 countries)

### Publications/Tools (1)

- Coordinated expert input from partners to the [Food Forward NDCs tool](#), which guides countries on policy options for food systems, healthy diets, and nutrition within NDCs.



**Stock-take survey**



**2 Member Meetings  
2 Steering Committee  
Meetings**



# Completed events 2025 Q1-Q2



## Nutrition for Growth (N4G) in Paris

Side event with School Meals Coalition  
*Maximizing the nutrition impact of school meals programmes* (130 participants)  
Member countries involved: Brazil, Norway  
Partner entities involved: UNICEF, WFP, FAO, UN-Nutrition

## One Planet Network Conference of the Sustainable Food Systems Programme (OPN SFSP) in Brasilia

HDSFS involved in two sessions via research partners and Member countries:

1. Solutions Workshop: *"Leveraging social protection & school meals through sustainable food procurement"*  
Represented by academic partner: University of Ghana
2. Plenary Session: *"Linking food systems policies with nutrition, biodiversity & climate"*  
Represented by Member country: Yemen

March

May

May

July

## Rome Nutrition Week

Side event with Agroecology Coalition  
*Enhancing Policy Coherence Towards Delivering Healthy Diets Through Agroecological Practices: A Global Call for Integrated Action* (140 participants)  
Member countries involved: France, Ecuador, Sierra Leone, Switzerland  
Partner entities involved: FAO, WHO, UN-Nutrition, Youth

## UNFSS+4 STM Side event

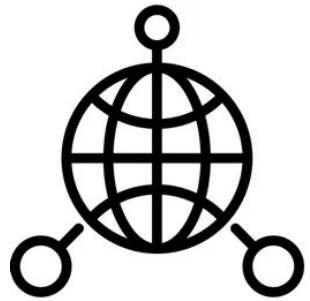
*Breaking silos and fueling change: aligning nutrition and climate for food system transformation*  
Member countries involved: Madagascar, Netherlands, Pakistan, Brazil, UK  
Partner entities involved: SUN, FAO, WHO, UN-Nutrition, Youth, UNICEF, I-CAN

# Completed activities 2025 Q3



## Study trip to Brazil

- **UN-Nutrition and the HDSFS Coalition, with support from Irish Aid**  
*From 15-20 September, 10 member countries from Asia and Africa engaged in cross-ministerial peer learning and policy exchange in Brasília, followed by participation at the School Meals Coalition Summit in Fortaleza. Report is forthcoming. Read more about the Study trip [here](#).*



## Engagements at global fora's

- **Committee on World Food Security (CFS) [side events](#)**
  - **21 October** - *Financing a sustainable future: Making responsible investments for healthy diets, climate action, and equity in food systems*, co-organized with I-CAN, UN-Nutrition, the Government of Brazil, DanChurchAid and others.
  - **22 October** - *Local Food Solutions for Healthy Diets: Strengthening Urban and Peri-Urban Agri-food Systems*, co-organized with UN-Nutrition, WFP, FAO, IFAD, COMIDA, COLANSA, the Government of Brazil, and others.
- **COP30** - details forthcoming. Current engagement is within shaping [Action Agenda of COP30 Presidency](#) Objective 10 and 17 where the Coalition was invited to partake.



## New partners (2025)

Egyptian Food Bank (EBF), CREATS International



## Newsletters (2)

# Ongoing activities and plans ahead 2025 Q4



## Case studies

- National validation workshop process for **Ghana** and **Zambia** with UN teams and HDSFS Country Member focal points  
*Linking climate and nutrition policies (in collaboration with Initiative on Climate Action and Nutrition (I-CAN))*
- Aligning agendas for food systems transformation with a focus on nutrition and healthy diets for **Sierra Leone** and **Pakistan** with Country Member representatives (consultants in-country)



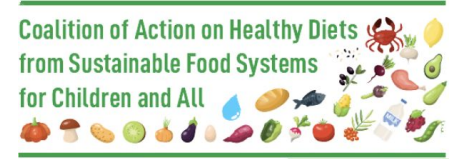
## Webinars planned

- **NDCs and diets webinar**  
*Nutrition and healthy diets in Nationally Determined Contributions*  
Collaboration with Initiative on Climate Action and Nutrition (I-CAN)



# Key features of the HDSFS Coalition

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- Established after the UNFSS in 2021
- Member country led
- Takes a holistic food systems approach
- Focused on ensuring healthy diets for all
- Many country focal points are from the Ministry of Health - not usual for UNFSS Coalitions
- Strong NSA Principles of Engagement
- Collaborative spirit - with other initiatives and other coalitions
- Global and country technical support

# The Coalition of Action on Healthy Diets from Sustainable Food Systems (HDSFS) for Children & All

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