

High Level Task Force on the Global Food Security Crisis
Programme of Work for 2009

Respond to the Global Food Security Crisis:

1. Supporting effective action in countries.
2. Advocating for funds needed for urgent action and long term investment
3. Inspiring a broad engagement by multiple stakeholders.
4. Improving accountability of the international system.

1 Supporting realization of Comprehensive Framework for Action (CFA) outcomes in countries:

HLTF members will respond both to country needs, and requests from national authorities,

- a. Providing prioritized and coordinated policy support and technical assistance (focusing on the full range of outcomes in the CFA);
- b. Working together to help strengthen capacity and mobilize funds for the pursuit of agreed national priorities, in conjunction with relevant national, regional and global bodies;
- c. Building on work already initiated in as many as 60 countries, intensively in 27 countries, in support of the EC 1 billion Euro initiative;
- d. Stimulating systematic links between knowledge, policies and investments, and encouraging the best use of existing and emerging research capabilities.

2 Advocating for funds needed for urgent action and long term investment

HLTF members will work in ways that encourage investor confidence:

- a. Focusing together on priority issues needing urgent action within the next six months (such as urgent responses to needs for food assistance and social safety nets, plus agricultural inputs and market access for smallholder farmers in coming planting seasons);
- b. Intensifying advocacy for an urgent increase in investments for longer term resilience through systems to sustain improvements in smallholder agricultural productivity and markets and for social protection;
- c. By ensuring high level political attention to overall needs for food security and responses to date;
- d. By ensuring better coordination of financial support for food security that inspires confidence and galvanizes additional private and public investments for the CFA outcomes.

- 3 Inspiring a broader engagement:
HLTF members will encourage the full involvement of hundreds of stakeholders in a concerted movement for food security
 - a. by disseminating elements of the Comprehensive Framework for Action and encouraging wide-ranging debate on its contents at local, national and international level (through face to face meetings and the www);
 - b. By building and sustaining links with stakeholders within civil society (farmers associations, producer organizations, social protection groups and cooperatives), with regional and international NGOs and with private entities;
 - c. By providing support for the processes (conversations, debate and convergence) to establish a global Partnership for Food Security with its aim of a sustained reduction in world hunger

- 4 Ensuring accountability: HLTF members will assess achievements, review progress, demonstrate results, and adjust activities that are sub-optimal
 - a. By mapping issues, tracking progress, synthesizing data, information sharing and reporting;
 - b. By engaging with other groups involved in monitoring progress (right-to-food trackers, nutrition surveillance initiatives, and other intergovernmental, private sector, NGO and research-based tracking);
 - c. By contributing to the Annual Report that is to be prepared by the Secretary General in the light of the December 2008 General Assembly resolution on Food Security.