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PARTNERSHIPS PROMOTION

The WFP Centre of Excellence against Hunger in Brazil is a global hub for knowledge exchange, capacity development and technical assistance to support countries achieve zero hunger. The WFP Centre works closely with regional and national stakeholders (governments and institutions) to expand food and nutrition security policies and programmes from a multi-sector perspective, particularly social safety net programmes that include school feeding connected to local agriculture and nutrition (home-grown school feeding—HGSF). The WFP Centre fosters food and nutrition security solutions for countries to deliver long-term development benefits for children and vulnerable populations in the Global South. Building innovative partnerships between governments, private sector and other organizations is at the core of the WFP Centre of Excellence’s strategy to support countries to fight hunger and malnutrition and to reach the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The flexibility and the impacts reached with its work have made the Centre a partner of choice for countries and supporters. The Centre has established partnerships with governments in over 40 countries, with Brazilian public institutions, private sector, and with universities worldwide. Partnerships are vital to achieve the 2030 agenda. Partnerships have never been more important for international cooperation. Today’s challenges are too complex for any organization to tackle alone. A revitalized Global Partnership to deliver on all the SDGs facilitates an intensive global engagement, bringing together governments, civil society, the private sector, the United Nations system and other actors, and mobilizing and utilizing all available resources, to transform the world for the better by 2030. The SDGs are global in nature and universally applicable but communicate directly with policies and actions on the regional and local levels. To ensure the achievement of the targets established by the SDGs, it is essential to encourage action by local rulers and administrators, a principle which governs all actions of the WFP Centre of Excellence. The countries with which the Centre has been working perceived the importance of regional articulation to turn their plans to create and implement sustainable school feeding programmes into reality.

WFP CoE recognizes that the achievement of SDG 2 depends on effective partnerships in line with SDG 17. Governments alone cannot finance the results called for in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The private sector and civil society have an increasingly important role to play in facilitating new solutions through funding, innovation, and capacity strengthening.

REGIONAL NETWORKS COORDINATION AND FACILITATION

The WFP Centre has supported the creation and implementation of regional networks for knowledge exchange and joint initiatives. This strategy was validated by the 45 countries participating in the Global Child Nutrition Forum in 2016, which recognized global and regional networks as effective platforms for sharing good practices and lessons learned.



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**Regional Networks
Coordination & Facilitation**

International Policy Dialogue

**Multisector Coordination &
Stakeholders Mobilization**

The WFP Centre has been working with the African Union and the WFP Africa Office since 2015, when a delegation was in Brazil for a study visit on HGSF. Since then, the African Union has adopted school feeding programmes as a strategy to promote sustainable development and improve education throughout the continent. This year, the continent celebrated the fourth Africa Day of School Feeding in Cote d'Ivoire.

The African Union also launched the School Feeding Cluster, as part of the Continental Education Strategy for Africa. The WFP Centre is a member of the Cluster is providing technical support to the elaboration of its strategy. The Cluster aims to encourage mechanisms for harmonization of school feeding initiatives within the continent towards achieving the African Union Agenda 2063 and the SDG 4.

INTERNATIONAL POLICY DIALOGUE

The Global Child Nutrition Forum is a learning exchange change and technical assistance conference held annually to support countries in the development and implementation of sustainable school feeding programs. Since 1997, the annual Global Child Nutrition Forum has united leaders from countries around the world for five days of intensive training, technical assistance, and planning, all directed toward establishing country-operated sustainable school feeding programs. By sharing their insights, experiences, and challenges, an informal worldwide alliance of leaders dedicated to advancing school feeding has evolved. As a result, the Forum has become a global catalyst for school feeding development.

Organized by the Global Child Nutrition Foundation (GCNF), and the WFP Centre of Excellence in Brazil, in partnership with varying host countries, the Forum brings together those interested in school feeding and child nutrition programs, including representatives of government offices, companies, international organizations, NGOs, academic institutions, and many others. The Forum encourages open dialogue and the sharing of experiences, best practices, lessons learned, challenges, and options to sustainably support nutritious HGSF programmes. The Forum is hosted in a different country each year, affording participants the opportunity to visit local schools and see one another's programs in action.

The WFP Centre is also an active participant in other policy dialogue moments such as the Committee on World Food Security (CFS, the foremost inclusive international and intergovernmental platform for all stakeholders to work together to ensure food security and nutrition for all and the Global South-South Development Expo, strategically engaging all development actors, including the private sector, civil society, academic and philanthropic organizations, to scale up concrete Southern-grown initiatives to help achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

MULTISECTOR COORDINATION & STAKEHOLDERS MOBILIZATION

School feeding programmes have multiple benefits and, therefore, constitute a central element of the Centre's work methodology. School feeding contributes to improving child nutrition, to increasing school enrolment and attendance rates, and to improving students' performance, in addition to creating opportunities for local farmers and communities.

The WFP Centre continuously mobilize stakeholders in benefit of HGSF and social protection/safety net programmes. In 2016, for example, WFP staff and representatives from around 30 African countries participated at the II WFP Regional HGSF Workshop: How to Integrate Systems, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Led by the African Union with support from the Centre, the seminar provided technical information to countries on how to improve the design and implementation of their national school feeding programmes and how to integrate them into social protection, nutrition and agriculture.

Integrated and multi-sectorial social development initiatives are essential to overcome hunger and poverty, to ensure food and nutritional security, and to achieve the SDGs. How to implement social protection systems is one of the most frequently requested topics by partner countries of the Centre of Excellence for knowledge exchange, technical capacity strengthening and continued technical assistance. The WFP Centre regularly organizes different learning opportunities in this area, in addition to specific technical assistance initiatives directly to countries, coordinating multisector activities and frequently mobilizing stakeholders.

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