

BRAC

Statements of Commitment to the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty

General section

1. BRAC hereby voluntarily *joins the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty* and states its dedication to pursue the Alliance's mission, objectives and principles, as *expressed* in the Global Alliance's Terms of Reference and Governance Framework, and to collaborate with other members to achieve lasting solutions to poverty and hunger worldwide, as expressed below.

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2. *Recognizes* that hunger and malnutrition are the perverse manifestations of persistent, structural poverty and inequality, and recognizes the need to end poverty and hunger in all their forms and dimensions and to fully and effectively implement the 2030 Agenda.
3. *Acknowledges* the alarming growth in the number of people facing food insecurity and poverty in recent years, noting that, despite all significant past and current efforts, the world is not on track to meet SDG 1 and 2 targets, inequality is also on the rise (SDG 10), and a significant increase in collective ambition, as well as improvement in collective alignment and coordination for the fight against hunger and poverty, is urgently needed.
4. To that effect, *endorses* the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty and its mission to *support and accelerate efforts to eradicate hunger and poverty (SDGs 1 and 2) while reducing inequalities (SDG 10), contributing to revitalize global partnerships for sustainable development (SDG 17) and to the achievement of other interlinked SDGs, and championing sustainable, inclusive and just transitions.*
5. *Notes* that it is crucial for the world to unite behind large-scale, integrated approaches combining international, regional, national, and local levels, that recognize the interconnected nature of challenges and solutions to hunger and poverty and pair social protection with access to goods and services that can help the poor and vulnerable populations to overcome structural barriers and drive responsible investment in their productive capacity. These complementary services include but are not limited to interventions for poverty reduction, food security and nutrition, early childhood support, education and skills development, employment services, health and care services, as well as family farmers and smallholders' access to finance, extension services, research and/or agricultural inputs, in line with international commitments and obligations.
6. *Particularly recognizes* the high value and positive impact of quality implementation of national and local country-owned, inclusive policy instruments and programmes, focused on the poorest and most vulnerable, in the fields of poverty reduction, social protection, food security and nutrition, gender equality, decent work in the agri-food sector,

skills development, family farming and smallholder agriculture, food systems transformation, health and care services and resilience building.

7. Also *acknowledges* the Global Alliance’s reference basket of such policies as a collectively built, ongoing collection of examples with robust evidence to reduce hunger and poverty, and as a useful basis to guide joint action and increase alignment of the international community at country level. This acknowledgement is applicable to the policy basket approach as a general guide to action and does not imply endorsement of any specific policy instrument or programme contained in the basket.
8. Therefore, by joining the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty, *commits* to do its best efforts, in its own field of action, and according to its own mandate, capacities, priorities, preferences, procedures, and legal arrangements and framework, to support the implementation of policy instruments and programmes at country level as appropriate, including by the promotion of shared learning and the mobilization of resources, public and private, at scale.

In particular:

Knowledge support commitments

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Commits to make its best efforts to co-create and provide technical assistance, capacity building and strengthening, training and/or knowledge-sharing on voluntary and mutually agreed terms in response to requests by Global Alliance member countries that choose to implement policy instruments and programmes in the Alliance's policy basket that are compatible with its areas of expertise.

Commits to make its best efforts to improve the alignment of its actions, including through the Global Alliance’s coordination mechanisms, leveraging, and partnering with other actors to better support large scale, country-owned implementation of policies and programmes in the reference basket by Global Alliance member countries, aiming at enhancing country-level outcomes.

Commits to collaborate with other Alliance members to develop innovative solutions and share good practices in learning and knowledge exchange and dissemination on voluntary and mutually agreed terms, data collection and analysis, including by leveraging existing local, national, and international knowledge networks, coalitions, communities and other fora related to aspects relevant to the fight against hunger and poverty.

Informs and commits to implementing the following actions, programmes, and other activities in support of the Global Alliance’s objectives:

BRAC commits to share its own learnings and provide support to governments across Africa and Asia to implement, strengthen, and scale-up evidence-backed, high-quality, socioeconomic inclusion - or Graduation - policies and programmes. Through partnerships with governments, BRAC strives to enable 21 million more people to create long-term trajectories out of poverty with a focus on those furthest behind - women in extreme poverty. Though they are disproportionately impacted, women in extreme

poverty are found to reinvest in their households and communities when provided with resources and training to better their lives and have demonstrated remarkable capacity for driving socioeconomic development.

BRAC will bring together various actors delivering what rigorous evaluations identify as the Graduation essentials that together achieve lasting impact, driving a more coordinated, comprehensive approach to poverty alleviation. They include 1) a productive asset or large investment in income-generating activities; 2) support for basic needs; and 3) ongoing coaching to unlock agency, know-how, and hope.

Through government-to-government knowledge exchange and highlighted successes of government-led, high-fidelity Graduation programmes, we demonstrate the feasibility to scale through existing efforts and advance individual and collective efforts to enhance programmes.

Alongside government partners, we map out which essential components of Graduation are already being delivered by different government actors and then identify ways they can be leveraged to drive down overall costs and improve the impact and sustainability of existing poverty reduction programmes.

We provide support to key partners on understanding what kind of coordination would be needed to achieve a more proven holistic approach; utilise the vast evidence on the long-term impacts and cost-effectiveness of Graduation to generate interest; and facilitate knowledge sharing and learning exchange among governments to demonstrate the feasibility of adopting and scaling a more holistic approach.

We engage with multilaterals and other stakeholders at the country, regional, and global level like academia, donors, and civil society who have the ability to influence policy and programmatic changes to better reach those furthest behind and create the enabling environment for governments to scale Graduation.

We utilise policy agendas to centre Graduation as a proven policy tool to help governments and multilaterals achieve their priorities and commitments to reaching and meeting the long-term needs of those furthest behind.

General acknowledgments

Recognizes the possibility to, including through the mechanisms available to Global Alliance members, coordinate, partner with and/or seek support from the Global Alliance's other members, within their respective capacities, availability, and fields of activity, to carry out the present commitments with greater effectiveness.

While recognizing that the above commitments are voluntary and non-legally binding, being subject to and carried out under its own capacities, regulations, priorities, and modalities, as well as to the availability of appropriate resourcing, *strives* to seriously consider, as appropriate, and according to its own legal frameworks and governance process, to review its procedures and priorities as found necessary to better deliver on the present commitments, enhance synergies and joint efforts with other entities and initiatives, and improve outcomes on the collective fight against hunger and poverty.