



Global Touchpoint with National Convenors

Review of the UNFSS work of 2024 and preparation for the 2025

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Overview of the Hub work after the UNFSS+2

“Convene, Stimulate and Support Action for Food Systems transformations towards the acceleration of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.”





New Work Plan of the Hub

Five coordination clusters that facilitate a more interconnected articulation of the priority coordination initiatives over the next biennium, fostering a systems approach for the workplan implementation.

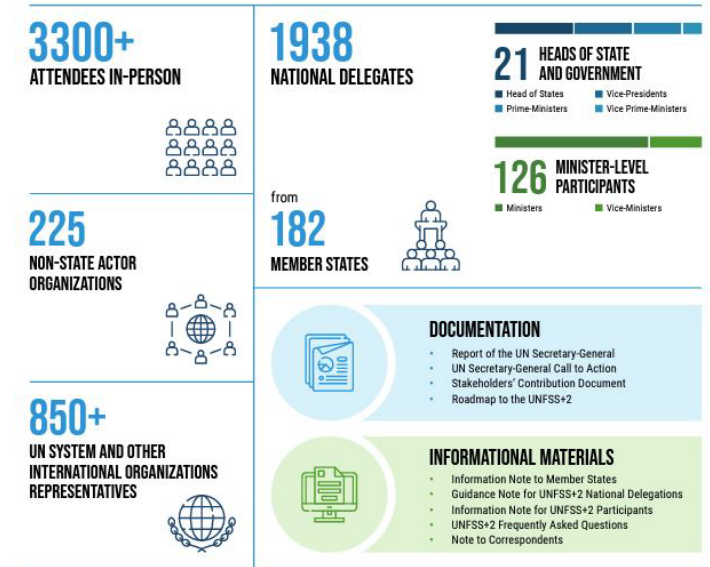
Five regional convenors meetings back-to-back with the Regional SD Fora

Workshops and coordination projects in over 30 countries

Joint UN Task Forces for flagship programmes

Fundraising and new strategic partnerships

Keeping the momentum of the UNFSS+2



Operationalizing the UNFSS+2 Call for Action

Incorporating food systems strategies into all national policies and link to climate action

Investing in research, data, innovation and technology

Deepening joined-up participatory design and implementation

Promoting increased engagement of businesses

Establishing food systems governance that engages all sectors and stakeholders

Short and long-term concessional finance, investments, budget support and debt restructuring.

Flagship Initiatives

**Climate and Food
Systems
Convergence
Initiative**

**Cooperation with
the Global
Countdown
Initiative (M&E)**

**Youth Leadership
Programme**

**Private Sector
Engagement and
Accountability**

**Joint SDGF FS
Window and
Pathways
operationalization**

**3FS and IFIs
platform for food
systems
transformation**



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The Convergence Initiative

*“Strengthening Synergetic Action between Food
Systems Transformation and Climate Action Agendas”*

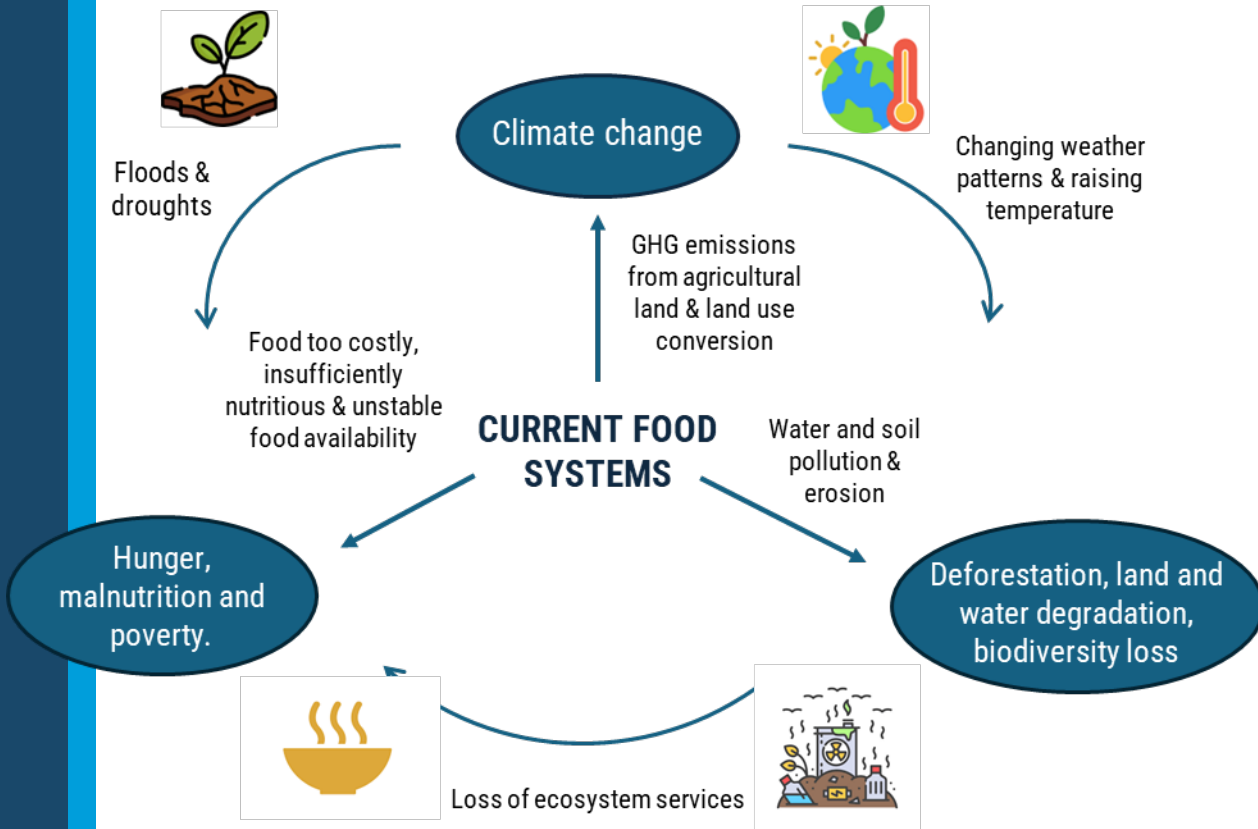
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Food systems, Climate Change, Hunger and Desertification

A Vicious Circle



Emissions

Food systems contribute 21%–37% of global greenhouse gas emissions annually (IPCC). Emissions stem from farming, land use, processing, packaging, transport, and retail.



Deforestation

Industrialized agriculture drove a sharp rise in global deforestation in the late 1900s. Agriculture is now linked to 75% of global deforestation (CGIAR).



Land degradation & desertification

Cross cutting: production and poverty)
75% of Earth's land is degraded (JRC). Drylands cover 50% of land and house 3 billion people. 9% of drylands are desertification hotspots, affecting 500 million (IPCC).



Water pollution

Farming uses 70% of global freshwater.

Water demand to exceed water supply by 40% in 2030,



Species loss

Biodiversity is declining rapidly, with farming threatening 86% of species at risk (UNEP).

The Convergence Initiative based in two urgent calls:



The **UN Secretary-General's Call to Action for Accelerated Food Systems Transformation** released at the 1st UN Food Systems Summit Stocktaking Moment (UNFSS+2) in July 2023

COP28 UAE Declaration on Sustainable Agriculture, Resilient Food Systems, and Climate Action endorsed by the heads of 160 Member States.



Objective: Support national efforts to advance the **alignment** between the “food systems transformation (FST)” and “climate action (CA)” agendas to enable governments and stakeholders at the national level to strengthen synergetic action that will simultaneously support the achievement of the SDGs and the Paris Climate Agreement.

Outputs:



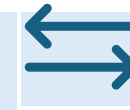
Convergence Action Blueprints (CABs) developed in **5-10 countries**



Convergence Initiative Dialogues in **20 countries**



5 Regional Meetings



Toolkit for enhancing capacity-building.

CONVERGENCE INITIATIVE

Targeted Areas

Governance

Cross-sectoral and multi-stakeholder coordination mechanisms being **established** or **strengthened**

Policy

Based on each country's policy mechanisms and tools, develop **Convergence Action Blueprint (CABs)** with the objective to **coordinate action** towards improved outcomes.

Implementation

Programs, projects and initiatives being implemented that **reflect convergence and collaboration**

Monitoring Progress at the country level

Are there **cross-sectoral and multi-stakeholder mechanisms established** that include relevant sectors (e.g. agriculture, climate, nutrition, environment, health, and others)? How do they function?

Are **food systems issues integrated** into NDPs, NAPs, Long-term Strategies, National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, and other related strategies within the coming two years, in time for COP30?

Are **programs, projects and initiatives being implemented** that reflect convergence and collaboration between multiple stakeholders across different sectors, including agriculture, environment, climate and nutrition?

Convergence Action Blueprints



Vision and objectives



Key Convergence Interventions



Convergence milestones



Monitoring, evaluation and accountability



Convergence Group



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The Financing for Food Systems (3FS) tool and work with IFIs

*“Tracking Financial Flows for Food Systems
Transformation”*

FOOD SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION

EMPOWERING THROUGH EVIDENCE

COUNTRY WINDOW

- Evidence on domestic and international financing
- GAIN - 3FS scale up in 11 countries

PRIVATE SECTOR WINDOW

- Engage private networks
- Methodology under development

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCING WINDOW

Development financing

- First evidence on global development financing for food systems
- Africa deep-dive

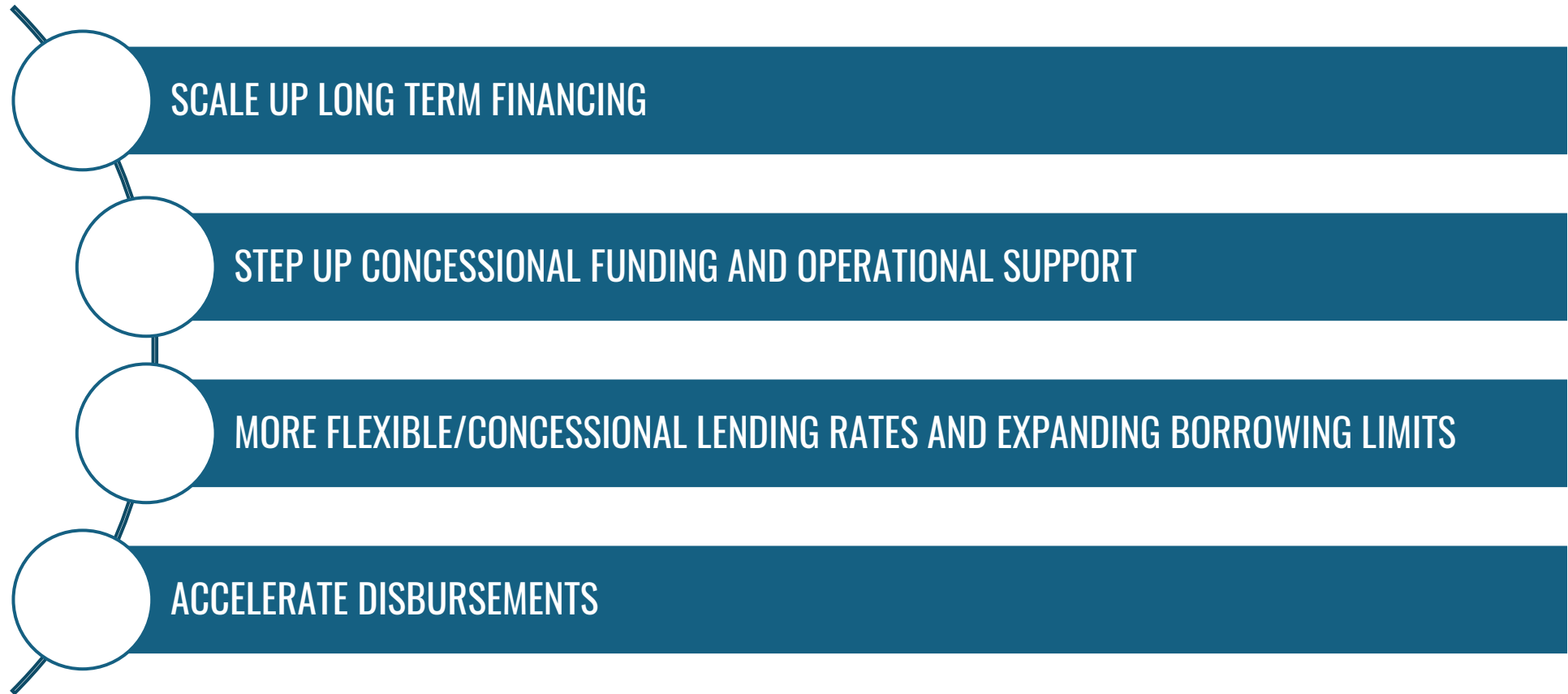
IFIs Forum

- Two case study for each IFI
- IFI deep-dive

FOOD SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION

FINANCING WINDOWS

**IFAD & WB
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HUB**



FOOD SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION

GAME CHANGING COUNTRY FINANCING

1. DOMESTIC PUBLIC FINANCING

2. INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCING

3. PRIVATE SECTOR FINANCING

3 complementary sources of financing

Demonstrate investments in food systems

Showcase successful country examples

Inspire others through proven approaches





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JSDGF Food Systems Transformation Window

*“Powering the National Food Systems Transformation
Pathway Implementation”*

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What is it?

- The JSDGF Food Systems Transformation Window

Background

- Incubated in response to NC priorities and needs (2022 survey and analysis) and launched at UNFSS+2
- Partnership between the Hub and the JSDGF Secretariat
- Through joint UN support, aligned to National Pathways

Strategic alignment

- Secretary-General UNFSS+2 Call to Action National Pathways
- UNSDCF / UN Development System reform

Objectives:

- Promote the transition to sustainable, equitable, healthy and resilient food systems
- Advance integrated, multistakeholder national action
- Reshape the national food finance architecture
- Build national, regional, and global knowledge, capacities and learning, monitor & communicate progress and impact

Implementation modality

- **High Impact Track** – up to USD 2 million for 24 months to accelerate transformation and catalyze funding
- **Seed funding Track** – up to USD 250,000 for 12 months to incubate transformative solutions

Offerings: Food Systems Transformations Action Areas



Current portfolio

- USD 15 million mobilized (Germany, Spain, Italy and Ireland)
- First funding round activated in March 2024
- 12 seed JPs in Cambodia, Costa Rica, Egypt, El Salvador, Jordan, Kenya, Rwanda, Samoa, Serbia, Tanzania, Uganda, Viet Nam – all launched
- 6 HIT JPs in Bolivia, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Somalia, Tajikistan and Timor Leste – to be launched in 2025

Transformations underway! – early success stories

Bolivia – HIT JP

Synergizing 3 levels of interventions:

- **Household:** strengthening small-holder productivity & resilience.
- **Local:** strengthening cooperatives, market infrastructure & marketing
- **National:** supporting policy and multi-sectoral mechanisms for FST

Somalia – HIT JP

Rolling out federal and subnational governance system that integrates social protection services and infrastructure, nutrition outcomes and climate resilience capacities around smallholder needs

Costa Rica – seed JP

- Establishing **municipal policy** and **governance frameworks** for FST
- Advancing **sustainable consumption** and **healthy diets**

What's next? - Second JSDGF Food Systems Transformation funding round

Implementation of 1st Funding Round

Accompany implementation

- Regular touchpoints with PUNOs to assess progress & bottlenecks
- Mobilize Ecosystem of Support based on identified needs, including Coalitions of Action
- Connect JPs with other flagships and ongoing country-level efforts on FS (World Bank...)

Monitoring, knowledge management, learning

- Analysis and identification of lessons learned and best practices inform UNFSS+4 agenda
- Preparation of briefs and knowledge products
- Dissemination activities for practitioners and relevant stakeholders at national, regional and global level

Outreach and advocacy

- Website
- In collaboration with partners, contribute to showcasing JSDGF results at global events (COP29, HLPF, N4G, regional preparatory meetings)

Development of 2nd Funding Round

- At least 7 new HITs to be launched in 2025, integrating lessons learned from 1st funding round
- Consultation on the scope of 2nd funding round
- Connect to other SDG transitions, global agenda (COP30, Social Summit etc) and priority issues (accessing climate finance).

Resource mobilization and advocacy

- Continued resource mobilization (USD 14 million for 2025)
- Dedicated session at UNFSS+4 STM to showcase transformations underway through JSDGF

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UN Food Systems Youth Leadership Programme (YLP)

*"Building the Next Generation of Food
Systems Leadership in Developing Countries"*

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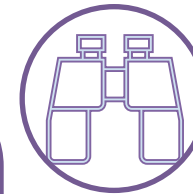
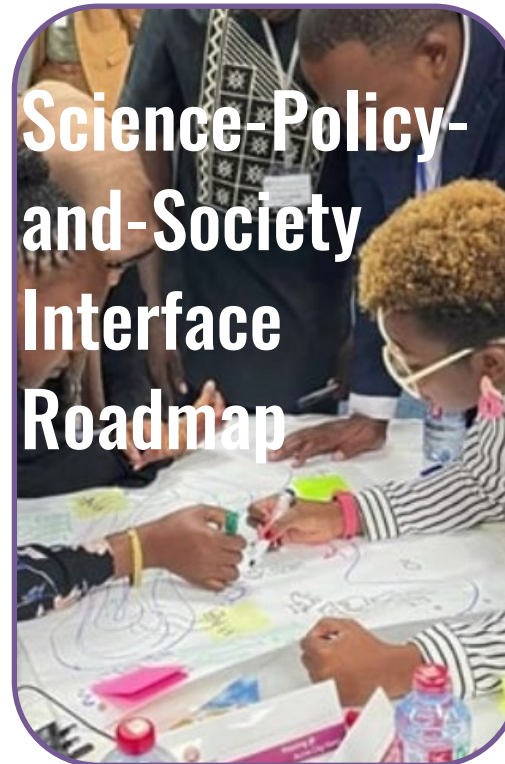
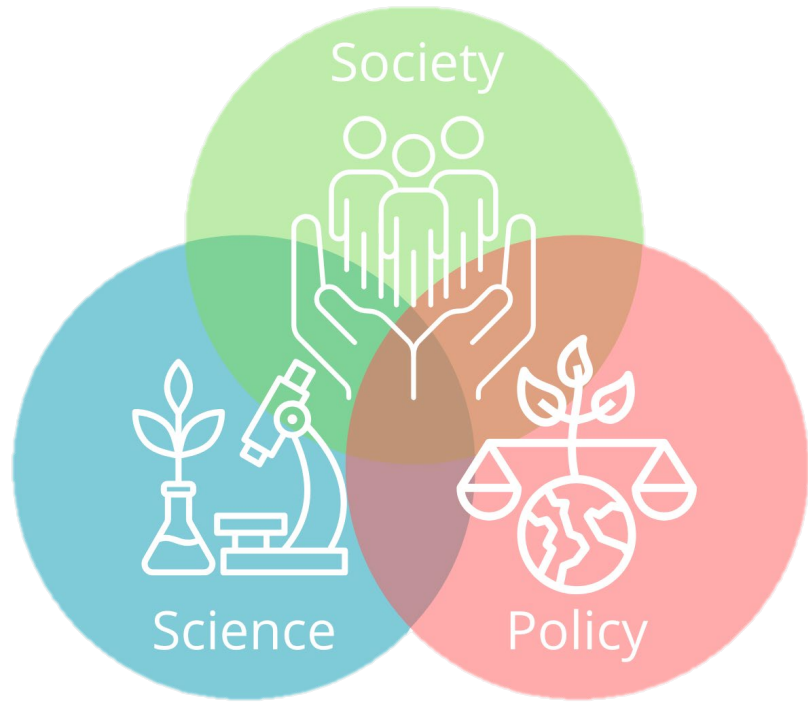
The UN Youth Leadership Programme (YLP) so far

Key achievements

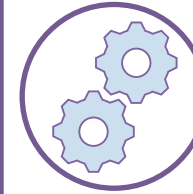
- **Three regional trainings** to prepare the next generation of leaders to tackle the most critical global challenges
- **Cohort of nearly 100 young professionals from over 65 countries.** With the establishment of a **UN Food Systems Leadership Programme Alumni Network**
- **It helped 55% of female leaders to be part of the alumni working for poverty reduction, healthier diets, sustainability, public health, and environmental protection.**
- **The YLP raised the profile of the UNFSS process and committed individuals and institutions to enhance science-policy-society interfaces**

Establishing Science Policy Society Interfaces in six pilot countries

Overarching goal: Foster inclusive National Pathway implementation through youth-led initiatives and a whole-of-society approach.



SPSI workshop in participating countries



SPSI local interface co-creation



Support to countries to strengthen existing SPSIs



Learning Process to support the UNFSS +4

PROJECT CONTRIBUTIONS

People



Increase number of young leaders in the Global South with competencies in systems thinking transdisciplinary to lead solutions on food systems transformation.

Processes



Promote peer-learning between food system practitioners in the "public-private-civil society" nexus to inspire change in processes that will improve food systems.

Institutions



Facilitate regional and national policy dialogues on SDGs-based food transformations and their mainstreaming in national and regional agendas, plans, and policies.

Markets



Build strategic communities of business practice in three regions, valuing action-oriented programs for food systems transformations to scale entrepreneurship and innovative business models.



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Operationalization of National Pathways and Governance

“Accelerating Food Systems Transformation through Success Models”



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Operationalization of National Pathways and Governance



Track food system transformation progress and **connect national demand to global offer.**



Assistance to governments in **implementing pathways** including national dialogues.



Identify and share **models and good practices** for pathway operationalization.



Facilitate prioritization of food system transformation in **countries affected by fragility.**

Operationalization of National Pathways and Governance

Progress to date

- Close contact with over 60 National Convenors and UNCTs to build deeper country knowledge, **connect national demands and facilitate tailored assistance**. Dashboard in progress to monitor national food systems.
- **Country coordination and engagement:**
 - ✓ update and operationalization (action plans and M&E) of national pathways (TAN, MAL, KEN, NIG, SOM, TAJ, GHA, CHA, GUA, IND)
 - ✓ integration of food system pathways into national and subnational policies and plans (NEP, LES, SOM, BHU, KYR, LEB)
 - ✓ establishing of inclusive and cross-sectoral food system governance structures (KEN, SOM, TAJ, SA, UGA, MOR)
 - ✓ localization of national pathways (NEP, NIG)
 - ✓ development of investment plans (IND, TIM) and policy briefs (UZB, SOM)
 - ✓ inclusive stakeholder engagement and partnerships (BHU, IND, KEN, LES, NEP, URU, TAJ, MAL, SOM, CHA, RWA, SYR, CAM, PER)
- Setting up a **virtual library with tools for “how-to”** operationalize pathways, integrate food system priorities into national frameworks and enhance food system governance.
- **Tripartite partnership between the Hub, the HDP Nexus Coalition and the Global Network Against Food Crises** for accelerated support to countries affected by fragility.

Operationalization of National Pathways and Governance

What's next?



Tailored country assistance via Hub platforms such as the Gateway and FS Dashboard.



Pathway operationalization through, effective governance platforms, convergence, localization and monitoring.



Development of **Pathway Implementation Roadmap** with how-to tools



Facilitate accelerated support to **countries affected by fragility** through deeper learning, advocacy and mobilization of partnerships.