

SE22 - Nourishing Connections: Multistakeholder Synergy for Scale-Up of Food Security and Nutrition through Social Protection Systems

Summary

The objective of the side event was to promote a meaningful conversation among high-level government officials, encouraging the sharing of practical experiences in improving social protection programs, national systems, and inter-sectoral cooperation to effectively combat hunger and malnutrition. It centered on the insights gained from implementing the CFS Recommendations regarding '[Social Protection for Food Security](#)', encouraging reflection, cross-pollination of ideas, and the sharing of valuable insights, which included a thorough examination and analysis of policy reforms. During the event, a comprehensive approach was highlighted, incorporating initiatives such as school meals, cash assistance, and asset transfers to address hunger and malnutrition more effectively. This approach was aligned with the outcomes of the UN's Food Systems Summit, emphasizing the importance of holistic and inclusive social protection systems. The evidence on interdisciplinarity will be summarized in a [Policy in Focus Magazine](#), placing food security and nutrition at the forefront of efforts to reduce poverty and promote broad socio-economic development goals. The event promoted collaboration, the exchange of successful practices, and underscored the investment potential for achieving food security and nutrition outcomes on a large scale, contributing to various sustainable development goals (SDGs).

Objectives

1. Emphasize the importance of incorporating food security and nutrition with broader systems thinking.
2. Demonstrate the importance of integrated social protection programs.
3. Foster dialogue, knowledge-sharing, and the exchange of best practices between different stakeholders, underscoring the significance of universal social protection and the evidence-based value of adopting a systems approach.
4. Facilitate a multi-stakeholder dialogue on implementing the CFS Recommendations on 'Social Protection for Food Security', allowing high-level representatives to share experiences in enhancing their national social protection systems.
5. Capture and disseminate lessons learned through evidence review, beneficiary experiences, policy analysis, and program innovations to promote cross-country learning and provide a comprehensive understanding of CFS recommendations for global policymakers, researchers, and practitioners.