

## **SE 34 - Nourishing Progress: Reflecting on a Decade of Social Protection Innovations and Thinking for Zero Hunger**

### **Summary**

The event aimed to explore the evolving perspectives and approaches concerning the role of social protection in food security, nutrition, and the transformation of food systems. It featured a panel discussion with global thought leaders, including the original authors of the 2012 HLPE Report on Social Protection, and sought to distill emerging insights and ideas from the previous decade. Its principal goal was to deepen comprehension of the impact of social protection on food security and nutrition, pinpoint research gaps, and put forth policy recommendations for bolstering national social protection and its interconnections with food systems. Expected outcomes encompassed an updated comprehension of how social protection contributes to the development of human capital and the mitigation of intersecting inequalities through enhanced nutrition. This also included the identification of deficiencies in social protection responses to crises, as well as the formulation of research requirements and policy suggestions. To extend the reach and influence of the findings and recommendations, they were slated for publication in a journal commentary. By contributing to the ongoing dialogue on social protection and its pivotal role in attaining food security and nutrition, the event aspired to foster significant advancement in the field, informing policies and practices that can effectively address the complex challenges of the multiple burdens of malnutrition, ultimately improving the well-being of individuals and communities.

### **Objectives**

1. Assess progress and chart the way forward in social protection policy and programming for food security, nutrition, and food systems transformation.
2. Emphasize the importance of comprehensive, nationally owned social protection systems that extend beyond food security to address nutrition outcomes and foster inter-sectoral linkages with food systems.
3. Generate knowledge and policy recommendations by identifying gaps, and exploring and emphasizing the connection between social protection, food security, and nutrition.