

Agenda item VI: Leveraging the Use of Data for Driving Food Security and Nutrition Policy: Endorsement and Uptake of the Policy Recommendations on Strengthening FSN Data Collection and Analysis Tools for Food Security and Nutrition

Chair,

Data collection and analysis is key for WHO's work. WHO works with Member States and partners to prioritize, plan, implement, monitor and regularly evaluate multisectoral efforts to ensure universal access to effective nutrition actions, safe food and healthy diets.

WHO plays an important role in strengthening the capacity of Member States in collecting and analyzing nutrition and food safety data, and we facilitate data access encompassing several areas of food safety and nutrition and related indicators including micronutrients, child growth and malnutrition, key indicators within the Global Nutrition Monitoring Framework, and nutrition-related health and development data.

[We](#) define indicators and nutrition surveillance systems, host and maintain nutrition databases, monitor nutrition trends and measure the impact of country food and nutrition policies. We manage INFOSAN and respond to the management of major food safety events.

Many of the data used for the SOFI reports originate from WHO databases. Currently, we are collaborating with FAO and UNICEF to develop [healthy diet metrics](#), as there are no harmonized metrics for tracking how the healthfulness of diets around the world is evolving. WHO is co-custodian of nutrition indicators of SDG2.

The 2022 [HLPE report](#) highlights the *lack of coordination among various agencies that are involved in generating and analyzing FSN-relevant data, including within the UN System*. If we want to ensure healthy diets from sustainable food systems for all and achieve SDG2, we need to apply a holistic systems approach, including on data collection and analysis, also within the UN System.

We would therefore like to suggest a change in the recommendation 2. f) in CFS 2023/51/6 to read as follows:

Recommends that relevant UN system agencies, funds and programmes, such as the RBAs, WHO and UNICEF, in collaboration with other relevant international organizations, continue assisting Members ...instead of "Recommends that FAO and the RBAs"

This signals that we need to break the data silos also within the UN System and acknowledges the role of the various sister agencies.

Thank you Chair.