

PSM remarks on the Zero Draft of the CFS Policy Recommendations on Strengthening FSN Data Collection and Analysis Tools for Food Security and Nutrition

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The Private Sector Mechanism (PSM) appreciates the opportunity to provide input on the Zero Draft and participate constructively in the policy convergence process leading to the endorsement of the Recommendations during the upcoming CFS Plenary.

Efforts made by the CFS Secretariat, Technical Task Team and multi-stakeholders are greatly appreciated to ensure these Recommendations are actionable and implementable in-country for impact.

The PSM believes the value-add of the CFS is the inclusive discussion it provides amongst all CFS multi-stakeholders on topics such as the one at hand. Hence, the Recommendations should highlight the actions, practices, tools and solutions that are effectively working in collaboration with governments, international agencies, private sector, civil society, and academia. This valuable information should inform appropriate and effective policy, which incentivizes investment, research and development.

Currently the Zero draft is at a manageable length but would benefit from a closer focus on concrete recommendations that provide specific guidance on capacity building actions and efforts that address global challenges and promote capacities of actors involved in the collection, analysis, dissemination, and the use of quality FSN data.

Delving into topics falling under the expertise of other UN agencies, including the UN Statistical Commission can lead to extended discussions that will fail to come to conclusions with the full support of CFS membership.

To promote the effectiveness of this policy convergence process, we kindly suggest the CFS Secretariat 1) focus on data-informed and robust science-based recommendations; 2) promote the inclusive collaboration to solving potential data issues in order to close the data gap; and 3) ensure the Recommendations acknowledge the incentives and frameworks required to bridge the data gap.

Please find the track change document with specific comments and suggestions.

Thank you for your consideration,

Private Sector Mechanism