

Written comments from the Dominican Republic on the Zero Draft of the CFS Policy  
Recommendations on Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition

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The Dominican Republic would like to thank the Rapporteur of the CFS policy convergence process on Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition and the CFS Secretariat for the Zero Draft for Negotiation of the Policy Recommendations on Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition.

We commend the draft for its comprehensive approach to addressing food security and nutrition inequalities. We take this opportunity to offer some comments based on the contributions presented by our delegation during the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) session held on January 23. We believe these comments can improve the document's effectiveness and inclusive scope.

**1. Inclusion of family farmers:**

We suggest incorporating the term "family farmers" when referring to groups disproportionately affected by inequalities in food security and nutrition (third paragraph of the rationale). This proposal captures a more comprehensive approach to those working in the agricultural sector and emphasizes the importance of family farming for food security and nutrition.

**2. Highlight the role of family farmers and small farmers:**

We recommend that the phrase "family farmers and smallholders" be used consistently throughout the document in all instances where "smallholders" are mentioned (paragraphs 3 and 10). This adjustment is intended to highlight these groups' shared challenges and needs, thus ensuring a comprehensive approach that benefits all small-scale producers.

**3. Clarification on "equity-sensitive storage":**

We seek further clarification on the "equity-sensitive storage" concept mentioned in the section on *Investments in supply chains and in disadvantaged areas* (paragraph 8). It would be beneficial to elaborate on the criteria that define such storage solutions and how they aim to reduce inequalities in food supply chains. Examples or detailed explanations of how this concept is implemented would significantly enhance our understanding and the document's clarity.

**4. Emphasis on gender-disaggregated data:** We propose including a recommendation on prioritizing the collection, analysis, and use of gender-disaggregated data across all levels of food security and nutrition (FSN) planning, policymaking, and implementation processes.

The Dominican Republic reiterates its commitment to the CFS's objectives and mandate and trusts that these comments will enrich the final document, fostering more inclusive, equitable, and sustainable food systems. We look forward to engaging further in this important process and contributing to the collective efforts to reduce inequalities in food security and nutrition.