



FOLLOW-UP OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORLD FOOD SUMMIT PLAN OF ACTION

NATIONAL REPORT

The World Food Summit (WFS) Plan of Action under Commitment Seven (Objective 7.3) called upon governments in partnership with all actors of civil society, in coordination with relevant international institutions and, in conformity with ECOSOC Resolution 1996/36 on the follow-up to the major international UN conferences and summits, *inter-alia*, to:

- Report to the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) on national, sub-regional and regional implementation of the WFS Plan of Action, drawing upon a food insecurity and vulnerability information and mapping systems, once established, as an analytical aid.
- Monitor through the CFS the national, sub-regional, regional and international implementation of the WFS Plan of Action, using reports from national governments, reports on UN agency follow-up and inter-agency coordination, and information from other relevant international institutions.

This Report documents the country progress in the implementation of the WFS Plan of Action. It consists of two sections. Sections I and II constitute the substantive parts of the Report on progress made, policies adopted and actions taken. In particular, Section II deals with programmes and measures taken by the country for each of the seven Commitments under the Plan of Action.

In order to facilitate the completion of the report, the Secretariat has prepared a set of Guidelines which are enclosed herewith.

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*Section I: Priority Food Security Issues and Progress Towards the World Food Summit Goal
(for completion of Section I of the report please refer to paragraph 5 of the Guidelines)*

The state of the country's food security situation, in terms of food availability, stability of supplies and access to food and the progress in reaching the hunger reduction targets are described below:

New Zealand as a country is not food insecure. Because of its endowment of favourable agricultural production resources New Zealand is a net exporter of clean, safe and competitively priced food to the rest of the world. Although adequate levels of nutrition generally prevail in New Zealand there are small pockets of relative poverty and hunger, which the Government attempts to alleviate through various social welfare programmes complemented by the activities of voluntary organisations such as food banks.

New Zealand is also an active world citizen, with an Official Development Assistance (ODA) Programme designed to provide assistance to developing countries in a manner which enables them to better meet their own economic and social needs. New Zealand's aid philosophy generally, and that of the ODA in particular, is one of cooperation and partnership between the governments, peoples and organisations involved. Development is seen as people-centred, and its principal purpose is to achieve lasting improvements in the living conditions of present and future generations of people of developing countries, especially the poor. Food security is regarded by ODA as an important component of poverty alleviation along with health, education, and good governance.

New Zealand is an enthusiastic supporter of freer trade for agricultural products, on the basis that only when international comparative advantage is allowed to operate in agriculture, as it is with industrial products, can producers receive fair returns for their output, and social welfare be maximised. New Zealand fully supports international agreements designed to ensure that countries protect their plant, animal and human endowment using measures that are scientifically justified.

Evaluation studies (such as impact assessment, comparison between results and objectives) of programmes or projects related to the WFS Plan of Action are attached to this report and listed below:

Not applicable to New Zealand

Information on external assistance programmes, including a description of their impact on hunger reduction and lessons learned, is given below:

New Zealand is not the recipient of external assistance, nor does New Zealand's ODA programme via NZAID deliver specific, reportable, food security programmes other than direct assistance to WFP

and CGIAR. NZAID actively engages with WFP to ensure that food aid is provided within internationally agreed norms and standards; that it is clearly targeted to those most in need in crisis situations and in the aftermath of such events; and that on-going assistance is provided to enable those affected by crises to rebuild lives and livelihoods.

NZAID has a principal policy aim of poverty elimination. Programmes are guided by strategies that are developed in partnership with, and aligned to, partner priorities. Where these include food security or agricultural livelihood development these are integrated into programme support. NZAID is committed to implementation of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness (2005) and seeks to provide support at programme and sector level rather than project, and for management of activities to be carried out by partner country systems including reporting. This makes breakdown of development statistics into outcome categories which might be different to country priorities difficult.

In the post-Paris Declaration environment, WFS Plan of Action reporting on non-national activities will more effectively be achieved via developing country reporting rather than that of their donors.

In international fora NZAID is committed to advancing as well as implementing participatory and sustainable agriculture, fisheries, forestry and rural development policies and practices, particularly in respect of those in most need. New Zealand is also a strong advocate for a free trading environment to benefit both fair trade and food security.

Section II: Follow up of the WFS Plan of Action

(for completion of Section II of the report please refer to paragraph 6 of the Guidelines)

This section describes the actions taken under all of the seven Commitments adopted at the World Food Summit. Information is included on policies pursued and/or action programmes implemented, demonstrating, where possible, their impact in terms of contributing to overall social and economic development, poverty alleviation and hunger reduction.

The full text of the WFS Plan of Action is available online at the FAO internet site http://www.fao.org/monitoringprogress/summit_en.html, under the section “Key documents, Rome Declaration on World Food Security”.

Commitments

- One We will ensure an enabling political, social, and economic environment designed to create the best conditions for the eradication of poverty and for durable peace, based on full and equal participation of women and men, which is most conducive to achieving sustainable food security for all.
- Two We will implement policies aimed at eradicating poverty and inequality and improving physical and economic access by all, at all times, to sufficient, nutritionally adequate and safe food and its effective utilization.
- Three We will pursue participatory and sustainable food, agriculture, fisheries, forestry and rural development policies and practices in high and low potential areas, which are essential to adequate and reliable food supplies at the household, national, regional and global levels, and combat pests, drought and desertification, considering the multifunctional character of agriculture.
- Four We will strive to ensure that food, agricultural trade and overall trade policies are conducive to fostering food security for all through a fair and market-oriented world trade system.
- Five We will endeavour to prevent and be prepared for natural disasters and man-made emergencies and to meet transitory and emergency food requirements in ways that encourage recovery, rehabilitation, development and a capacity to satisfy future needs.
- Six We will promote optimal allocation and use of public and private investments to foster human resources, sustainable food, agriculture, fisheries and forestry systems, and rural development, in high and low potential areas.
- Seven We will implement, monitor, and follow-up this Plan of Action at all levels in cooperation with the international community.

Summary list of the most important programmes contributing to the WFS Plan of Action:

<u>Programme</u>	Year Initiated	Duration	Total Budget	Status
1. Duty-free, quota-free market access for products originating from Least Developed Countries. (New Zealand was one of the first countries to unilaterally grant such access, with no exceptions and no time lags.)	July 2001			
2. WFP core funding	Pre 1972	Annual	\$NZ 2 million (2005/6) Tot \$NZ 9,185,000 since 1995/6	On-going
3. Other WFP contributions (emergency appeals, tsunami etc)	1998/99	One-off responses to events and appeals	\$NZ 5,155,000 (2005/06) Tot \$NZ 19,406, 120 since 1998/9	On-going
4. CGIAR core funding	1997/98	Annual	\$NZ 900,000 (2005/06) Tot \$NZ 8,239,205 since 1997/8	On-going
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The policies, strategies and initiatives implemented, and their outcomes, are described below.

NZAID has no specific policies, strategies or initiatives targeted to the WFP Plan of Action, however the Plan of Action is effectively mainstreamed into NZAID's bilateral and multilateral programmes and activities. The Agency's Growth and Livelihoods Policy is currently under development. Meanwhile the NZAID Asia, Latin America and Pacific Strategies recognise these WFP POA priorities. Any support to activities which target Plan of Action implementation will, however, be dependent on developing country partner priority and request.

Food Security and Related Indicators

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