

Global Donor Platform for Rural Development

CFS Bureau and Advisory Group

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for Rural Development

Who we are

An informal **donor network** with a strategic focus on rural development and food systems.

Vision: effectively catalyse change through

1. Strategic influencing
2. Knowledge sharing
3. Networking and convening

40 Members

12 Board Members

Australia, European Commission, Finland, France, Gates Foundation, Germany, IFAD, Italy, The Netherlands, Switzerland, UK, USA

Thematic working groups:

- Rural Youth Employment
- Land Governance
- SDG2 Roadmap



GDPRD and Food Systems

Strategic Plan 2021-2025



Leveraging Change:
the Role of Donors in
Food Systems
Transformation



How Can Donors
Support **National
Pathways** for Food
Systems Transformation

Annual
General
Assembly
2020

FEBRUARY 2021

SEPTEMBER 2021

DECEMBER 2021

MARCH 2022



**Stocktaking
Report**
on Donor
Contributions
to Food
Systems



Declaration of Intent
for Food Systems
Transformation



White Paper
on Donor
Coordination in
Food Systems

Stocktaking Report: Findings

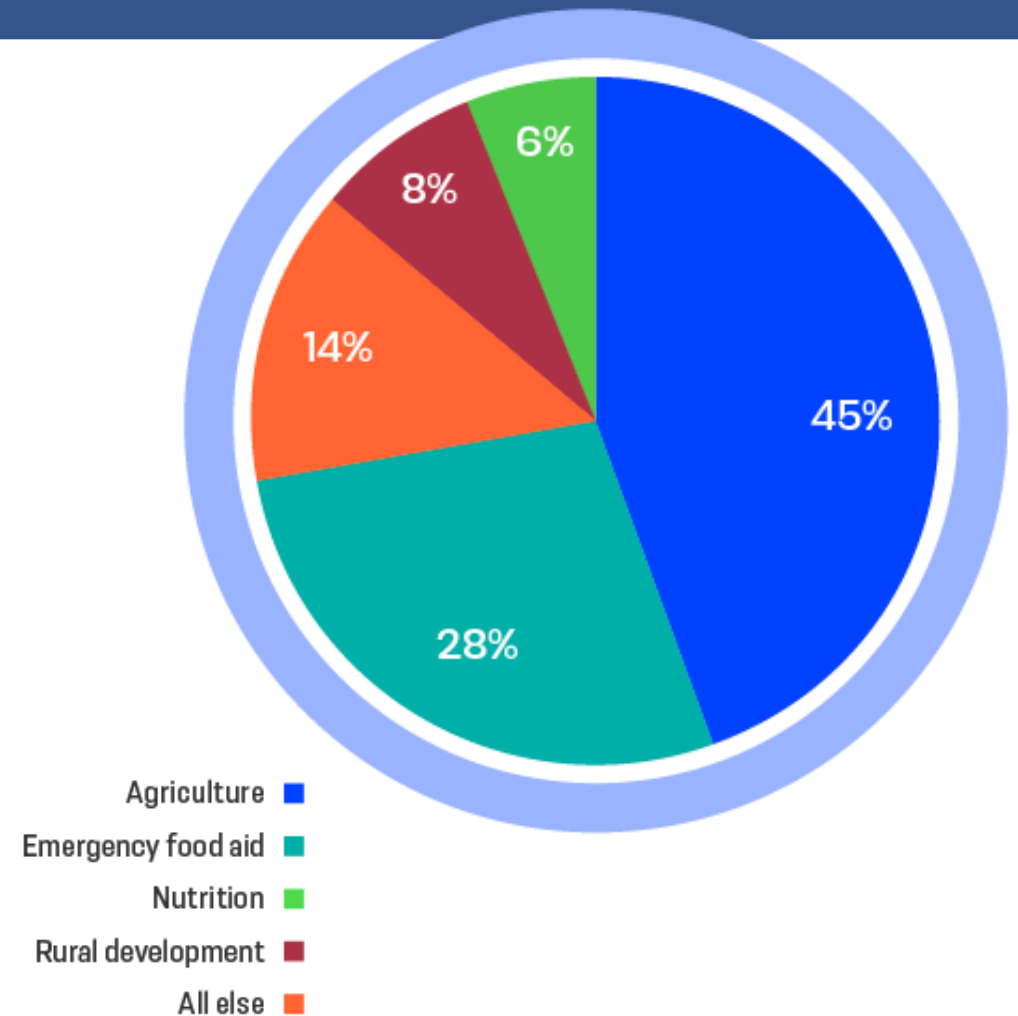
8% of total official aid is related to food systems

13,000 activities are below US\$0.5 million

Emergency food aid funding has **doubled** in the past decade

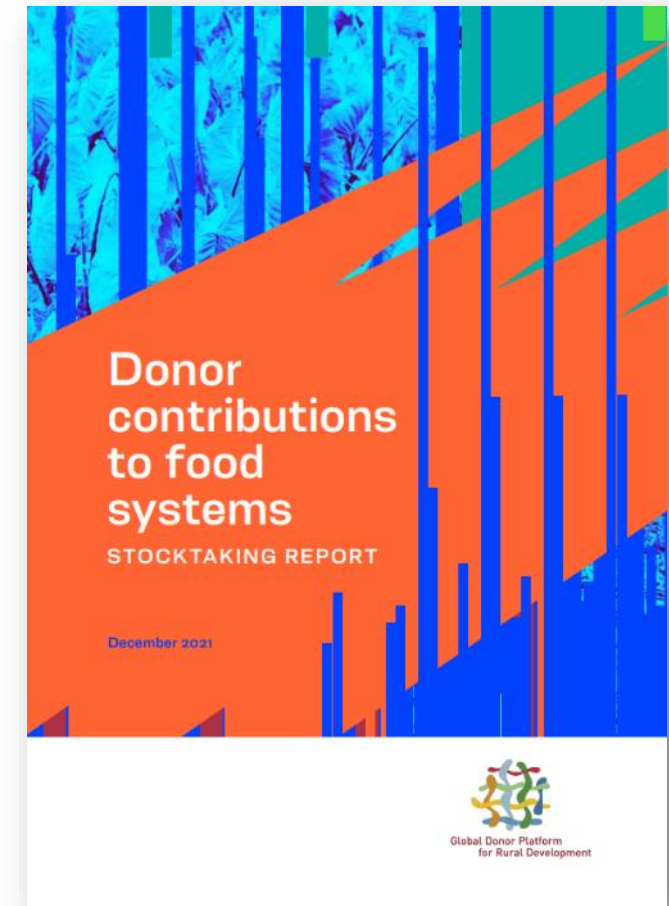
Additional resources needed to achieve **SDG2**

Donors are moving towards more **bilateral initiatives** at the expense of multilateral cooperation



Stocktaking Report: Conclusions

1. **Official aid underpins** the global response capability to food systems issues
2. **Food systems approach** makes coordination of aid even more **critical**
3. **Enhancing food systems resilience** will be critical to respond effectively to issues such as climate change and COVID-19
4. To optimize limited total aid flows, donors must focus on **catalysing systemic change**



Declaration of Intent

Main priorities:

1. Strengthening **coordination** among donors and other actors at all levels
2. Mobilizing responsible **investment** in food systems from the public and private sector
3. Investing in **research and data** systems
4. Supporting **policy innovation** at national and global levels
5. Strengthening the **governance architecture** for food systems
6. Promoting engagement of **private sector** actors and value chain innovation
7. Strengthening **social protection mechanisms**, disaster preparedness and emergency relief programmes

FINAL VERSION 18 SEPTEMBER 2021



Declaration of Intent by the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development (GDPRD) on Food Systems Transformation

Context and Purpose

The United Nations Food Systems Summit ("the Summit") is forging international commitment for the transformation needed in food systems to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

Global donors have a critical role in leveraging change in food systems through the investments they make, the innovations they support and the international collaboration they enable. The Global Donor Platform for Rural Development (GDPRD) recognizes that optimizing the catalytic and leveraging potential of donor support will be key in responding to the outcomes of the Summit.

This declaration has been agreed by the Board of the GDPRD¹ and is open for endorsement by all members of the Platform. The declaration signals the intent of the GDPRD to encourage and support Platform members to proactively respond to the outcomes of the Summit in a coordinated way. The GDPRD has prepared a [Stocktaking Report](#) on "Donor Contributions to Food Systems", which outlines past food systems-related investments and programming by the donor community. The GDPRD will build on the Stocktaking Report and this Declaration of Intent in a white paper. This will be developed following the Summit and will provide further detail on priorities and options for donor investments in response to the Summit outcomes.

The GDPRD recognizes that food systems transformation requires an integrated approach to how issues of poverty and inequality, health and nutrition, gender equality, environment, biodiversity loss, climate change and other challenges are tackled. It also emphasizes the important role that donors can play in supporting the commitments and actions that governments, civil society and the private sector make in response to the Summit and in line with the 2030 Agenda. Donors have a particular responsibility to help ensure that a transformation of food systems is underpinned by attention for inclusion, non-discrimination and human rights, to ensure benefits for all those who live in poverty, suffer from hunger, are in vulnerable situations, or experience marginalization. Donors will need to orient their support for food systems transformation to the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, calls for building back better and greener, the UN Climate Change and Biodiversity Conferences (UNFCCC COP 26 and CBD COP 15), and the Nutrition for Growth Summit, considering CFS guidelines and recommendations.

Directions for Food Systems Transformation

The GDPRD encourages donors to support transformations towards sustainable food systems which are:

- **Nutritious and healthy** – to overcome the 'triple burden' of undernutrition, overnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies and achieve zero hunger, through holistic and integrated approaches to food security and nutrition.

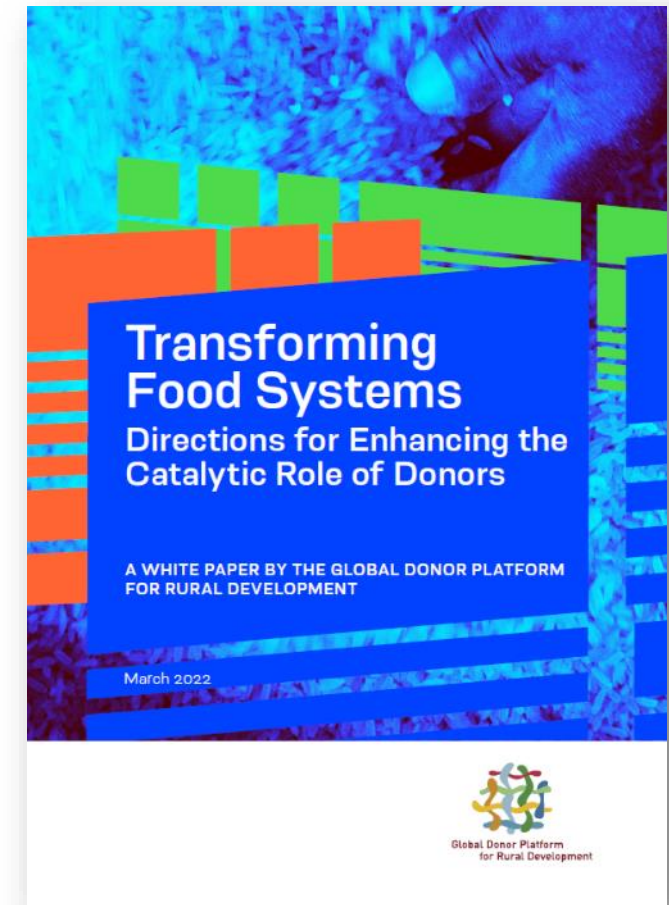
¹ The declaration is the collective view of the Board Members of the GDPRD but does not necessarily reflect the specific positions or policies of individual donors.

White Paper

Political advocacy document for advancing the food systems agenda, providing donors with a set of responses, options and priorities to engage.

- Moves from the **WHAT** and the **WHY** of food systems transformation to the **HOW**
- Focuses on how the donor community should work together and use its **catalytic role** to transform food systems
- From engaging with **the Summit**, to accelerating progress towards the **SDGs**

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Thank you



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