



GLOBAL NUTRITION SUMMIT 2017: MILAN

Dear Sir/Madam,

The *Global Nutrition Summit 2017: Milan* took place in the Palazzo Reale Milano on Saturday November 4, 2017. Over 250 stakeholders including governments, cities, international agencies, foundations, civil society organisations and businesses convened to accelerate the global response to malnutrition. As part of the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition (2016–25), the Summit built on a series of past efforts and events – taking stock of nutrition commitments made to date, celebrating progress toward global goals on nutrition, and announcing additional commitments to accelerate the global response to end malnutrition in all its forms.

We were honoured to be joined at the event by Kofi Annan, former U.N. Secretary General and chair of the Kofi Annan Foundation, Mrs. Graça Machel, founder of the Graça Machel Trust and Her Excellency Madam Roman Tesfaye, First Lady of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.



Overall, the Summit galvanised US\$3.6bn including US\$640 million in new commitments:

- \$100 million by 2030 from the Eleanor Crook Foundation, a U.S. based family philanthropy
- 100m Swiss Francs over five years from The Family Larsson-Rosenquist Foundation, a Swiss foundation dedicated to promoting breastfeeding
- US\$100 million over five years from the Nigeria-based Aliko Dangote Foundation to reduce the prevalence of undernutrition by 60 percent in targeted areas of Nigeria.
- US\$50 million over five years from Tata Trusts, a public health Indian philanthropy, reaching over 10 million under-fives and 300,000 pregnant and breastfeeding women
- US\$33 million in 2017 from King Philanthropies, a U.S. based family philanthropy.
- US\$150 million over five years from The Power of Nutrition, a fund dedicated to tackling undernutrition in children
- The Nepal-based Chaudhary Foundation committed to reach 1 million vulnerable people with nutrition and health related interventions over the next 5 years

These new and additional commitments unlocked the remaining US\$111 million of matched funding committed by UK DFID at the London Nutrition for Growth Summit. In addition to new commitments, US and UK civil society extended and expanded on their 2013 commitments by committing US\$1.17 billion to 2020. The World Bank announced \$1.7 billion in funding to nutrition in the pipeline for IDA 18, from 2018-2020. Importantly, governments stepped up with significant policy commitments to fight malnutrition in all its forms.

The morning sessions, chaired by Dr. Francesco Branca, Director, Department of Nutrition for Health and Development, WHO, brought together stakeholders and new actors for thematic discussions on core issues for the Italian G7 Presidency:

- Improving Nutrition Within Planetary Boundaries: Cities Taking the Lead
- Closing the Nutrition Gender Gap
- The Future We Want: Transforming our food systems for improved nutrition

These three hour-long sessions celebrated existing commitments and called for new ones in each of the three areas identified; showcased platforms for sharing experiences, including country action networks, and focused on the role of data for policy-making and accountability.

Ms. Gerda Verburg, SUN Movement Coordinator, performed the role of Master of Ceremonies for the afternoon plenary. This began with the launch of the 2017 Global Nutrition Report (GNR). The launch of the 2017 GNR allowed the event to take stock of progress of countries delivering on nutrition commitments and discuss key priorities for the accountability agenda in the years ahead. The 2017 Report can be downloaded [here](#).

The Summit heard from Giuseppe Sala, Mayor of Milan, Chair of the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact and the Hon. Beatrice Lorenzin, Minister of Health, Italy. This allowed the gathered guests the opportunity to mark Italy's global leadership on food and agriculture issues for nearly 70 years, including through their current G7 Presidency.

In addition, the plenary reflected on the momentum in recent years for nutrition. The first Nutrition for Growth Summit held in London in 2013 saw a Global Nutrition for Growth Compact endorsed by 100 stakeholders and new commitments pledged. Since 2013, partners have stepped up to make commitments through a range of initiatives – including the SUN Movement and the Decade of Action on Nutrition. Nutrition is also now firmly enshrined in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development including through SDG Two. The plenary allowed an opportunity to hear updates from governments and organisations on the progress of these commitments and others.

Finally, the Summit concluded by providing a platform for stakeholders to announce policy and financial commitments towards reaching the nutrition-related Sustainable Development Goals. The pledges listed above were announced as part of this closing session. In total, \$3.6 billion in funding was announced and six countries – Brazil, Cote D'Ivoire, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Madagascar and Niger – made commitments to scale up nutrition for their citizens.

The Milan Summit and the commitments were referenced in the G7 Health Ministers' meeting, alongside a recognition that food systems must support healthy and sustainable diets. Accordingly, the G7 Health Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to lift 500 million people out of hunger and malnutrition by 2030. The full communique can be accessed [here](#).

Once the Summit closed, all delegates were invited to attend an evening reception hosted by the SDG2 Advocacy Hub and Global Citizen. An array of chefs from around the world gathered to share with attendees their perspectives on ensuring a healthy and nutritious food system for all.

The Summit attracted global media attention, with articles published in [The Guardian](#), [Washington Post](#), [Le Monde](#), [Forbes](#) and [Devox](#) and an interview with Zouera Youssoufou, CEO and Managing Director of the Dangote Foundation, broadcast live on [CNBC Africa](#). It also generated interest from national Italian media such as [Il Giorno](#) and [La Repubblica](#).



#GlobalNutritionSummit was used to document the day on social channels and in order to continue this momentum, we have attached three images to mark the substantial commitments generated by the gathering. Please feel free to share these on your social channels to further amplify this important malnutrition milestone.

During the plenary, Mrs. Graça Machel spoke powerfully, telling all delegates “*you never break a promise to a child.*” With these words in mind, we look forward to working with all of you to realise these commitments and to generate further commitments to end hunger and malnutrition in all its forms for everyone, everywhere.

With best wishes,
The Global Nutrition Summit Milan Organising Committee