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From Commitment to Action: The Global Panel publishes its top 10 recommendations for improving nutrition through agriculture and food systems

4th August 2016, London – Today the Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition launches its sixth policy brief: ***Nutrition for Growth II from commitment to action: Recommendations to improve nutrition through agriculture and food Systems***. It provides information and advice, in the form of 10 evidence-based recommendations, to help policymakers invest in effective policies to reduce all forms of malnutrition.

The Global Panel's Co-Chair and former President of Ghana, His Excellency John A. Kufuor, welcomed the recommendations saying, "It is time for governments to be true to commitments and turn rhetoric into tangible actions on the ground, with greater emphasis on transparency and accountability."

This brief is the result of a series of rigorous, scientific analyses conducted by the Panel, following its creation in 2013, as one of the commitments from the first Nutrition for Growth Summit. These evidence-based policy recommendations will help support governments and their development partners as they meet to discuss their commitments at the Nutrition for Growth Rio 2016 event on 4 August 2016, and in the run up to the second Nutrition for Growth summit.

There is a great deal that policymakers can do to address all forms of malnutrition so that people now and in the future, have access to better quality diets. The Global Panel shows, in this Brief, how bringing together efforts to: improve infrastructure; strengthen regulatory food safety frameworks; increase the productivity and affordability of nutrient rich foods; stabilise food price volatility; expand healthy school meals and nutrition education; improve data collection and promote public-private collaborations can accelerate nutrition gains, as we progress towards achieving the 2025 World Health Assembly (WHA) targets and enter the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition.

"It is high time to move from commitment to action," said Tom Arnold, Global Panel member and Director General of the Institute of International and European Affairs (IIEA). "The coming years offer unprecedented potential to eliminate malnutrition and maximise human development."

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Notes to the editors:

About the Global Panel:

The Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition is an independent group of high-level, influential experts with a commitment to tackling global challenges in food and nutrition security. It works to ensure that agriculture and food systems support access to nutritious foods at every stage of life.

Funded by the UK Department for International Development and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Global Panel aims to stimulate a stronger evidence-base for how changes in agriculture and food systems can improve nutrition and catalyse collaboration to help provide healthy and sustainable diets for all. The Panel is chaired by H.E. John Kufuor, former President of Ghana (2001-2009) and Sir John Beddington (former UK Chief Scientific Advisor), and has its headquarters in London.

For more information on the Global Panel, visit glopan.org

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