



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

MESSAGE FOR UPDATED COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION
ON FOOD SECURITYAugust 2010

As chair of the High-Level Task Force on the Global Food Security Crisis, I am pleased to share with you the Updated Comprehensive Framework for Action.

This Updated Framework is the result of a collaborative effort by the 22 member organizations of the Task Force. Their work has been enriched by comments received from Member States, civil society organizations and UN Country Teams, and has benefited from a spirited dialogue in Dublin in May.

The Updated Framework reaffirms the importance of a comprehensive approach to food and nutrition security that incorporates availability of food, as well as its access, utilization and sustainability. It also puts forward recommendations for meeting the immediate needs of vulnerable populations as well as longer-term strategies for lasting impacts. Small scale producers – farmers, fishermen and pastoralists – and the plight of women – remain at the Framework's core.

Although there is no room for complacency, I am encouraged by the progress that has been achieved since the original CFA was published in June 2008. Numerous governments, international institutions, regional bodies, non-governmental organizations and private sector entities have joined a global effort to strengthen agricultural development and improve food and nutrition security. These stakeholders have made promising political and financial commitments.

Sustaining this political momentum and securing additional financial resources will be crucial as we move ahead. Transparency and accountability must also be among our touchstones. I look forward to working with all partners – and above all with the millions of families affected most severely from hunger and malnutrition – for tangible, sustainable results. This is one of the most critical challenges of our time. It is my hope that the Updated CFA will stimulate a coordinated, comprehensive and effective response.

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