

Media Statement

Bonn/Berlin, 2024-09-19. Welthungerhilfe (WHH) Secretary General Mathias Mogge comments on negotiations on the UN Pact for the Future and the UN Summit of the Future on September 22/23 in New York:

“The UN Summit of the Future at the end of September takes place at a time when populism and anti-democratic tendencies are on the rise, and nationalism seeks to displace multilateralism. However, there are no national solutions to global challenges such as climate change or hunger; the global community must work out solutions together at the United Nations and according to democratic rules. Only with a multilateral approach can we ensure that we leave no one behind.

733 million people worldwide are still going hungry. The global food system is not designed to overcome hunger, prevent malnutrition or overnutrition, or support sustainable livelihoods. We need a transformation of food systems that will enable ten billion people to eat a healthy diet in the future without destroying nature and the climate. The fight against hunger can only be successful if food is produced fairly and sustainably from field to fork.

The UN Summit of the Future must send a strong signal through its signature document, the 'Pact for the Future'. It must have a clear and actionable commitment to a fundamental transformation of food systems and includes the human right to adequate food for all. This shows that governments are aware of their responsibility for the food security of people in their own countries. If they incorporate this fundamental human right into their national legislation, citizens can hold governments accountable and demand that their right to food is protected.

In addition, the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals must be adequately financed. The German government must work to ensure that UN Secretary-General Guterres' call for \$500 billion US dollars annually is taken up and that a reform of the international financial architecture for future challenges is finally tackled. The 'Pact for the Future' must not become a pact of the lowest common denominator. Under no circumstances must it fall behind the 'Agenda 2030'.”

Mathias Mogge is available for interviews. He will be attending the UN Future Summit on September 22/23 in New York City.

Additional information is available at www.welthungerhilfe.org/media

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