

# THE FOOD SECURITY STANDARD

Ensuring social sustainability in agricultural production



## About the FSS

The Food Security Standard aims to support the private sector's effort to end hunger and to improve social sustainability. It seeks to realize the right to adequate food through the responsible production and global trade of agricultural commodities. The FSS complements existing sustainability standards by providing an holistic approach on the human right to food. The FSS offers a set of practicable and measurable criteria and audit tools designed to be applicable to all agricultural products, farm sizes and business forms.

## Why is it important for the private sector?

An important share of agricultural commodities are sourced from countries with high level of food insecurity. Globally more than 733 Million people suffer from hunger. Smallholder farmers and landless labourers, at the bottom of global value chains, are particularly affected. The private sector has therefore a key role to play in ending hunger and transforming food systems.

The FSS contributes to several SDGs like:

**2** ZERO HUNGER



**1** NO POVERTY



**5** GENDER EQUALITY



**8** DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

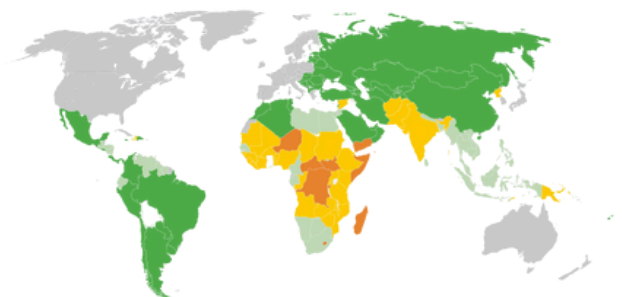


**12** RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



## "43 COUNTRIES HAVE ALARMING OR SERIOUS LEVELS OF HUNGER"

*Global Hunger Index 2023*



■ **Extremely alarming** ( $\geq 50.0$ )    ■ **Moderate** (10.0 – 19.9)  
■ **Alarming** (35.0 – 49.9)    ■ **Low** ( $\leq 9.9$ )  
■ **Serious** (20.0 – 34.9)    **Not included or not designated**

## How can the private sector contribute?

Businesses can support a diverse local food environment and sustain livelihoods in rural areas by:



Providing fair remuneration and social protection.



Implementing supply chain due diligence.



Assessing and monitoring local food availability and access.



Enabling access to healthy food and linking farmers to markets and services.

## What does the FSS offer?



Enables companies to respect the Human Right to Adequate Food and fulfill their Human Rights Due Diligence (HRDD).



Supports companies addressing the main drivers of food security, building capacities and resilience of local producers.



Provides a food security certification to showcase companies actions towards zero hunger and social sustainability.

Join us for Zero Hunger value chains!

For questions on implementation, please don't hesitate to contact us: [info@foodsecuritystandard.org](mailto:info@foodsecuritystandard.org)

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