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Dear Prime Minister,

The consequences of the Russian invasion of Ukraine are further driving up global prices of food, fuel, and critical agricultural inputs – deepening an already alarming situation. This week's G7 Summit is an excellent opportunity for heads of state to demonstrate global leadership, solidarity, and responsibility by addressing an unprecedented level of multi-layered crises faced by people around the world with rural women among the worst affected. We welcome the UK's efforts to get the blockade of the Black Sea ports lifted, which will allow re-stabilisation of grain trade. However, urgent action is needed to help [at least 49 million people in 43 countries](#) at risk of famine. This is the time to walk the talk and show the UK's commitment to ['leave no one behind'](#).

We urge you to use all possible diplomatic, financial, and humanitarian means to deliver speedy and well-resourced action and help broker multilateral consensus for effective and collective action.

Specifically, we call for the following actions:

1. Ensure full implementation of the 2021 G7 Famine Prevention and Humanitarian Crisis Compact

Just last year the UK spearheaded the G7 Famine Prevention and Humanitarian Crisis Compact. The G7 is now facing the first real test of its resolve. With [more than 274 million](#) men, women and children across the world in need of humanitarian assistance and at least 49 million at risk of famine, the UK government should ensure that this compact lives up to its promise.

We ask for a one-year progress report on the implementation of the Compact within three months of the Summit to demonstrate genuine accountability and concrete humanitarian and resilience funding commitments.

2. Support the immediate scale-up of global food security response and essential nutrition services, focusing where the need is highest and through all available mechanisms, which include:

A. **Upholding** the [Grand Bargain](#)'s commitments to support local actors, including through direct and timely financing, to strengthen communities' capacity to prevent, respond to, and absorb shocks through increased investments in shock-responsive social protection systems and cash programming that reach the most vulnerable communities,

with a focus on women, girls, older persons and persons with disabilities, including in conflict settings.

B. **Providing** an immediate package of support to relevant UN agencies and civil society actors to scale up essential nutrition services in countries with the highest burden of malnutrition. The UK should do their part to ensure the G7 allocate at least \$1.2 billion to UNICEF, including dedicated funding for The Nutrition Fund.

C. **Using** the UK's diplomatic and political capital to increase the World Bank's initial commitment of an additional \$12 billion over 15 months.

D. **Supporting** WFP's [\\$21.5 billion requirement](#) to reach 147 million people in 2022, which includes \$1.6 billion to provide additional services to 30 million of the most vulnerable children and pregnant and breastfeeding women in need of malnutrition prevention and treatment services, and the UN's \$4.4 billion appeal for the Horn of Africa;

E. **Contributing** the UK's fair share of the global investment [\$2.3bn] needed to scale up evidence-based nutrition interventions as outlined in [the Investment Framework for Nutrition](#).

3. Invest in building resilience and addressing the drivers of crises

Emergency aid alone is not enough to end this crisis. Donors need to double down on building resilience in fragile places and address the underlying drivers of crises by investing in climate change adaptation, advancing peace, and reforming international debt architecture. The UK, together with other G7 countries, must support and seek consensus on a redesign of the global economic system that works for all people and creates more equal opportunities for all. Our partners have eloquently [presented several ideas](#) to the G7 and the UK government already. The UK government should, in particular:

A. Addressing the drivers of crises, ensure that principled humanitarian action as well as peacebuilding and other conflict prevention approaches, are adequately funded, including through multi-year, flexible mechanisms that allow for local organisations to meaningfully engage.

B. Support the reallocation of at least \$100 billion in Special Drawing Rights to the International Monetary Fund and through Multilateral Development Banks and the International Fund for Agricultural Development.

C. Use the newly established [Alliance for Global Food Security](#) as a platform to meaningfully engage governments in Africa, Asia and Latin America, smallholder farmers, academics and civil society to work together on agricultural development, health and nutrition and climate;

D. Maximize investments made in the [Global Agriculture and Food Security Program](#) and UK-owned British International Investment to create sustainable agriculture and food systems in fragile countries, and in particular, support smallholders to boost their sustainable, climate-sensitive, nutritious food production capacity for local or regional needs.

E. Stop using food for fuel: roll back biofuel mandates with a commitment to cut mandates now by 50%.

F. Invest \$200 million in the African Development Bank's \$1.5 billion African Emergency Food Production Facility to support 20 million farmers.

G. Provide \$39 million to FAO to support 52 countries vulnerable to the current crisis to identify policies and interventions to address food loss and waste over three years (2022-2024).

We, the undersigned, urge you to show your political will and readiness to give the highest importance to this multi-layered crisis, recognising that insufficient actions and funding will only increase the cost in the long term.

Yours sincerely,

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