

Global Programme Transformation of Food Systems

Special Initiative Transformation of Agriculture and Food Systems



What are the challenges?

In the long term, current food systems cannot afford to provide **healthy diets for all people at all times without harming our planet**. **Conflicting interests and values, existing political and economic structures**, as well as **imbalances in the distribution of power** among the stakeholders are barriers to transforming food systems. The **potential of women and young people**, who play an important role in food systems, has not yet been **sufficiently exploited**.

- ▶ To **tackle hunger, nutrition insecurity and climate change**, food systems must be fundamentally transformed, and mindsets and values significantly shifted.

This **necessity** is now widely recognised. Through the United Nations Food Systems Summit (UNFSS), many countries have developed national pathways for transforming their food systems, putting the issue firmly on the global agenda. While the **goals are well defined**, in many cases **the pathways to achieving them remain unclear**.

- ▶ To **fundamentally transform food systems, goals and measures need to be developed and implemented in dynamic processes involving numerous stakeholders**.

The objective

- ▶ The Global Programme Transformation of Food Systems (GV TES) aims to **strengthen selected transformative initiatives (TI)** and in working effectively towards a transformation of food systems.
- ▶ **Transformative initiatives** are alliances of various actors who jointly develop and implement visions and approaches for the transformation of food systems.
- ▶ The goal of transforming food systems is to enable healthier diets **for all people at all times within the ecological limits of our planet**.

How we work – empowering initiatives for transformation

The programme follows an **inclusive and partnership-based systemic approach**, linking **local, national and international** levels. **Dialogue and negotiation processes** are used to develop concrete pathways for transforming food systems, always with the **interests and goals of the partners at the forefront**.

In collaboration with the transformative initiatives, GV TES focuses on three main activities:

- ▶ Stakeholders organise within transformative initiatives and develop competencies in areas such as leadership and transformative approaches (**governance**).
- ▶ Transformative initiatives create visions for improved food systems and develop concrete solutions (**shaping the future together**).
- ▶ Approaches and solutions are discussed and presented to a broad audience (**political and societal mobilisation**).

The programme's multi-level approach is characterised by **country-specific and context-driven** transformation visions and solutions. GV TES provides **flexible and agile** support tailored to the needs and opportunities of its partners. A particular focus is placed on **women as change agents**.

The programme also places a special focus on **collective learning** and the **sharing of experiences** by establishing a learning network between global and national initiatives. Moreover, it aims at strengthening capacities, particularly in leadership, and transformative processes and concepts. Furthermore, lessons learned from the transformative initiatives are fed into **international processes** such as the UN Food Systems Summit (UNFSS), Nutrition for Growth (N4G), and the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), while the goals of these processes and international efforts are integrated into the transformative initiatives. Through collaboration with other actors, such as the Global Alliance for Nutrition (GAIN) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), GV TES creates synergies to achieve greater impact together.



Making transformation measurable

While the role of food systems transformation in achieving global development goals is recognised, decision-makers across sectors lack the capacity to monitor, assess progress and set target measures. Together with GAIN, the programme therefore supports the **Food Systems Countdown Initiative (FSCI)**, an interdisciplinary collaboration established in 2021, which has developed an indicator framework to measure and monitor food systems transformation. So-called Country Countdowns analyse national progress and compare it with reference countries to promote evidence-based decision-making.

The programme contributes to the following Sustainable Development Goals:



Where we work



The representation on the map does not reflect in every single case the position of the German Federal Government under international law. The representation of the map makes no statement about controversial territorial claims.

At a glance



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The programme supports transformative initiatives in six countries and two global transformation initiatives:



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