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From Countries that are Scaling Up Nutrition

Armando Emilio Guebuza has been the President of Mozambique since 2005. He joined FRELIMO (Frente de Libertação de Moçambique - Mozambique Liberation Front) in 1963, shortly after the start of Mozambique’s war of independence. In 1975, Guebuza became an important general and leader, representing FRELIMO at the negotiations that led to a peace agreement in 1992. Since then he has been a politician. At the launch of the 2011-2012 agricultural campaign, President Guebuza noted that Mozambique enjoys the conditions to attain food and nutrition security and that with better use of resources, hunger would not prevail.

Nahas Gideon Angula is Minister of Defense of Namibia and former Prime Minister (2005-2013). He was in exile from Namibia from 1965 to 1989 and became a member of the National Assembly in 1990. He was Minister of Education, Sport, and Culture from 1990 to 1995 and Minister of Higher Education from 1995 until 2005. The Office of the Prime Minister is the convener of the National Alliance for Improved Nutrition (Nafin) that was formed in December 2010 to tackle the high levels of stunting in Namibia. Announcing the formation of Nafin, Prime Minister Angula highlighted the goal of making malnutrition history in Namibia.

Sheikh Hasina is Prime Minister of Bangladesh. She has been the President of the Bangladesh Awami League political party since 1981. Sheikh Hasina held the office of Prime Minister from 1996 to 2001 and from 2008 to today. During the Bangladesh Liberation War in 1971, Sheikh Hasina, then a young mother, was held under house arrest and exiled, returning to Bangladesh in 1981. She is a member of the Council of Women World Leaders, an international network of women presidents and prime ministers, whose mission is to mobilize women leaders globally for action on issues of importance to women’s development.

Nadine Heredia Alarcón is the wife of the President of the Republic of Peru, Ollanta Humala Tasso. In line with current government policy, Mrs. Heredia is boosting social programmes aimed at promoting solidarity and social inclusion in Peru, especially in vulnerable groups, such as infants, children, adolescents and women, and in the highlands, which were affected by a cold spell. She is co-founder of the Peruvian Nationalist Party (Gana Peru). Mrs. Heredia has a degree in Communication Sciences, a Masters in Sociology and completed doctoral studies in political science at the Sorbonne University in Paris.

Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete was elected as President of the United Republic of Tanzania in 2005. He became a full-time politician in 1992 after retiring from the military and became Finance Minister in 1994. Since then he was Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and Chairperson of the African Union. President Kikwete emphasizes that improving nutrition requires a multi-sectoral approach, multi-sectoral solutions and multi-stakeholder efforts. He recognizes that good nutrition can only be achieved through combating illiteracy and poverty and that nutrition is an indispensable partner of economic growth and prosperity.

Ibrahim Assane Mayaki is the Chief Executive Officer of the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA), appointed by the African Union Commission. From 2000 to 2004, Dr Mayaki was a guest Professor at the University of Paris XI on international relations and organizations. In 2004, he was appointed as the Executive Director of the Platform in support of Rural Development in West and Central Africa, the Rural Hub, based in Dakar, Senegal. During 1996 and 1997 he was appointed first Minister of African Integration and Cooperation, and then Minister of Foreign Affairs in Niger. He was Prime Minister of Niger from 1997 to 2000.

Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala was appointed in July 2011 as the Minister of Finance for the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Prior to this appointment, she was the Managing Director of World Bank (October 2007 - July 2011). She served as finance minister from July 2003 until her appointment as foreign minister in June 2006, and as foreign minister until her resignation in August 2006. She is notable for being the first woman to hold either of those positions.

Nina Sardjunani is the Deputy Minister for Human Resources Development and Cultural Affairs at the Indonesian Ministry of National Development Planning. She was previously held positions in human resources and poverty affairs, religious affairs and education, community and women’s empowerment, and health and nutrition.
From Bilateral Donor Agencies


Christian Paradis was appointed Canada’s Minister of International Development on July 15, 2013, and is responsible for Canada’s overseas development assistance through the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development. Mr. Paradis was first elected to Parliament in 2006, and was re-elected in 2008 and 2011. In his three terms in office, he has held various appointments, including Secretary of State (Agriculture), Minister of Public Works and Government Services, Minister of Natural Resources, and Minister of Industry. Prior to his election, Mr. Paradis practiced corporate law in Thetford Mines, Quebec. An active member of his community, he has been involved in several grassroots organizations, including the Rotary Club and the Amiante Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Andris Piebalgs is an experienced Latvian politician who occupied key positions in both national and European political fields. He is currently European Commissioner for Development, which prioritizes agriculture and food security in 40 developing countries and seeks to ensure that investments in the agricultural sector translate into concrete nutrition improvements for women and children. During the first Commission under EC President Barroso, starting in 2004, he was the European Commissioner for Energy. In that capacity, he led the development of a more competitive, sustainable and secure European energy system.

Rajiv Shah is Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and spearheads President Obama’s Feed the Future food security initiative. He has served as Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics and Chief Scientist at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where he launched the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, a new scientific institute that elevates the status and funding of agricultural research. Prior to joining the Obama Administration, Raj Shah served with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation as Director of Agricultural Development and Director of Strategic Opportunities.

From Civil Society Organizations

Sir Faizle Hasan Abed is the founder and chair of BRAC, the largest development organization in the world in terms of the scale and diversity of its interventions. Faizle Abed set up BRAC after the 1971 Liberation War to rehabilitate returning refugees in a remote area in northeastern Bangladesh. This led him and BRAC to help the poor develop their capacity to manage and control their own destiny. BRAC’s primary objectives emerged as alleviation of poverty and empowerment of the poor.

Helene Gayle is president and CEO of CARE USA. In 2010, CARE’s campaigns in 87 countries reached 82 million people, more than half of whom are women. One of Dr. Gayle’s biggest priorities at CARE is in empowering girls and women to bring lasting change to poor communities. Prior to taking the lead at CARE in 2006, she spent 20 years with the CDC working primarily on HIV/AIDS research as well as with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, where she was responsible for programs on HIV/AIDS and other global health issues.

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From Businesses

Paul Polman is Chief Executive Officer of Unilever since 2009. Paul serves as President of the Kilimanjaro Blind Trust and Chairman of Perkins International Advisory Board. He is a Vice Chairman of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development, the European Round Table, the International Business Council of the World Economic Forum and the Swiss American Chamber of Commerce. He is on the Board of the Consumer Goods Forum where he co-chairs the Board Strategy and the Sustainability Committees.

Vinita Bali is CEO and Managing Director of Britannia Industries Ltd, in India, where she has worked since 2005. She has spent over 16 years in a variety of marketing, sales and general management positions with multinationals specializing in packaged foods and beverages, such as Cadbury Schweppes and The Coca-Cola Company in several continents. She blends a high quality of Indian and International perspective having lived and worked in the UK, Nigeria, South Africa, USA and Chile. Ms. Bali holds an B.A. degree in Economics and an MBA. She studied in Business and Economics at Michigan State University.

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From Foundations and Alliances

**Chris Elias** is President of the Global Development Program at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, leading its efforts in integrated and innovative delivery, finding creative new ways to ensure solutions and products get into the hands of people in developing countries that need them most. Focusing on areas with the potential for high-impact, sustainable solutions that can reach hundreds of millions of people, Dr. Elias oversees the Foundation’s Global Development’s portfolio in Agriculture Development, Financial Services for the Poor, Water, Sanitation & Hygiene, Family Health, and Vaccine Delivery.

**Michael Anderson** is Chief Executive Officer of the Children’s Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF), an independent philanthropic organization that provides funding for a highly focused portfolio of programmes designed to demonstrably improve the lives of children facing poverty, undernutrition, and the effects of climate change. Michael was previously Prime Minister David Cameron’s Special Envoy for UN Development Goals, and Director General for Policy and Global Programmes at the UK Department for International Development. He was the UK policy lead on development issues at the G8 summits in 2012 and 2013. He was also Chair of the UK International Climate Finance Committee, served as a United Nations Commissioner on Life-Saving Commodities for Women and Children, and was co-chair of the OECD working group on aid effectiveness in conflict-affected and fragile states.

**Jay Naidoo** is Chair of the Board of Directors and the Partnership Council of the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), a public-private partnership to tackle micronutrient malnutrition that affects 2 billion people in the world. He is the founder of the social development arm of an investment and management company. He serves as an advisor for the Global Health Advisory Panel of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation as well as the Global Advisory Health Board for the World Economic Forum.

**Mary Robinson** is President of the Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice (MRFJC) and Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General to the Great Lakes Region of Africa. She was the first woman President of Ireland, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and founder and President of Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative. She has spent most of her life as a human rights advocate. Ms. Robinson is a member of the Elders, former Chair of the Council of Women World Leaders and a member of the Club of Madrid. She serves on several boards including the European Climate Foundation and the Mo Ibrahim Foundation.

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**Anthony Lake** is Executive Director of the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and Chair of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement Lead Group. He has managed a full range of foreign policy, national security, humanitarian and development issues at the most senior levels: as National Security Advisor under President Bill Clinton, and as Director of Policy Planning in President Carter’s administration. He served as the United States President’s Special Envoy, in Haiti, Ethiopia and Eritrea and helped shape policies that led to peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Northern Ireland.

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