



17th African Development Fund Replenishment

Policy Recommendations

On 15 - 16 December 2025, the U.K. and Ghana will co-host the final meeting of 17th replenishment of the African Development Fund (ADF-17). With hunger continuing to rise on the African continent, the ADF-17 is a critical source of financing for countries to break the cycle of food crises with long-term sustainable investments to save lives, build resilience and secure the future.

Strengthening ADF-17 for Food Security and Nutrition:

Fully Funded Replenishment

- Shareholders of the African Development Bank (AfDB) must step up and fully replenish the Fund with pledges that at minimum match their AFD-16 commitments, maintaining the \$8.9 billion in total commitments.
- In light of declining ODA, the AfDB should mobilise new forms of capital, including from the private sector, and leverage innovative financing mechanisms for a successful replenishment. Shareholders must approve the AfDB's borrowing on capital markets.

Integrated Multi-sectoral Approach

- The AfDB should adopt a multi-sectoral integrated approach to tackling food insecurity and malnutrition on the continent to maximise funding for people and the planet.

Prioritise Food Systems Transformation

- The ADF-17 replenishment must prioritise food security, nutrition, rural development and food systems transformation as key financing priorities in the ADF-17 policy package to break the cycle of food crises, by:
 - Creating a Nutrition and Food Systems Resilience Track within the Climate Action Window, targeting at least \$300 million for projects that integrate nutrition alongside adaptation outcomes.
 - Establishing an ADF-17 Nutrition Financing Compact, allocating at least 10 percent of total ADF-17 resources to nutrition-smart multi-sectoral investments, while leveraging blended-finance partners to amplify the impact of concessional financing.
 - Leveraging AgriConnect to invest in the livelihoods and capacity of smallholder farmers and their organisations to better access technical assistance and financing.

Leverage Host Country Leadership

- As the host of the final replenishment meeting, the United Kingdom must use its soft power to position food security and nutrition as key priority areas for ADF-17.