

**“Addressing Global Food Insecurity and Famine Risk: Reinforcing collective impact”**  
**Statement on behalf of the ECOSOC AHAGH**  
**ECOSOC Chamber, UN HQ**  
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Thank you for giving me the floor. I have the honour to deliver this intervention on behalf of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti of the Economic and Social Council, a group which remains united by the common desire of achieving lasting peace, stability and prosperity in our sisterly nation, Haiti.

We welcome the convening of this critical roundtable, against the backdrop of a collective push to accelerate efforts towards achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and its 17 SDGs.

Excellencies, colleagues,

The 2024 Global Report on Food Crises underscored that in 2023, 281.6 million people faced high levels of acute food insecurity in 59 food crisis countries and territories. Against the backdrop of waning humanitarian funding, the Report paints a bleak outlook for 2024.

We are well aware of the key drivers of food insecurity, namely, climate change and extreme weather events, economic shocks, and conflict and insecurity. Haiti exists at the intersection of these drivers. The latest Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) report on Haiti indicated that approximately 4.97 million people - 50% of the analysed population – are facing high levels of acute food insecurity for the period of March to June 2024. The sobering findings of the report reveal a deteriorating situation, with an additional 532,000 people experiencing acute food insecurity compared to what was previously projected.

Although the country is undergoing a critical political transition that will shape its future, it is imperative that we do not lose sight of the pressing issue of food insecurity. Haiti’s overall security landscape has been compounded by the dire food insecurity situation, which continues to pose challenges to Haitian people’s survival, livelihoods and dignity. Allow me to underscore an old proverb that is more than just a mere platitude – *a hungry man is an angry man, and an angry man knows no peace*. There cannot, and will not be a lasting, comprehensive solution that safeguards peace, security and stability while nearly half of the population continues to be burdened by the palpable weight of food insecurity. Continued hunger will not only fuel the violence and instability, but will also have the potential to trigger new pockets of violence and conflict.

We therefore strongly appeal for sustained attention to be given to Haiti. We call for increased funding for the Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan, which remains severely underfunded, having just over 8% of the requested amount. Additionally, we underscore the need for investment to be geared towards rectifying the root causes of food insecurity, strengthening agriculture and infrastructure, and implementing initiatives aimed at enhancing Haitian food systems, including through increasing Haiti’s self-sufficiency, and fortifying the resilience of the most vulnerable against future shocks.

Safeguarding food security for millions of people facing crises globally is not just a moral imperative, but also a prerequisite for fostering a more peaceful, stable and prosperous world. I thank you.