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STRATEGIC PLAN TO REDUCE THE DOUBLE BURDEN OF MALNUTRITION IN THE AFRICAN REGION (2019–2025) (Document AFR/RC69/7)

The Regional Committee,

Having examined the document entitled “Strategic plan to reduce the double burden of malnutrition in the African Region (2019–2025)”;

Recalling, inter alia, resolution WHA65.6 endorsing the WHO Comprehensive implementation plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition; resolution AFR/RC57/R2 on the African Regional Strategy on food safety and health; resolution AFR/RC62/R7 on the Brazzaville Declaration on noncommunicable diseases; resolution WHA61.14 on implementation of the Global Strategy for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases to reduce premature mortality and improve quality of life; and resolution A/RES/73/2 adopting the Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases;

Deeply concerned that despite sustained efforts the prevalence of undernutrition remains high and that overweight and diet-related noncommunicable diseases are increasing in all age groups;

Noting that undernutrition in the early years of life also increases the risk of noncommunicable diseases in later life;

Reaffirming the commitments made in the Rome Declaration and Framework for Action of the Second International Conference on Nutrition, the United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition 2016–2025; and Sustainable Development Goal 2 to end hunger and all forms of malnutrition by 2030;

Recognizing that malnutrition has multiple contextual determinants and therefore requires solutions from multiple sectors, notably agriculture, food security, health, finance, social protection, education, water, environment and trade;

Acknowledging that significant challenges encumber the establishment of the sustainable food systems that are needed to ensure populations’ access to adequate, safe and nutritious foods;

1. ADOPTS the “Strategic plan to reduce the double burden of malnutrition in the African Region: 2019–2025, and
2. URGES Member States to:
 - (a) Develop and strengthen national policies, legislation and regulations, monitoring their implementation and applying incentives to promote and protect healthy diets;
 - (b) Integrate actions to control the double burden of malnutrition in national development plans and strengthen nutrition-sensitive agriculture and trade policies;
 - (c) Establish financing targets and increase sustainable domestic funding for nutrition, honouring the Malabo Declaration and high-level political commitment to end hunger;
 - (d) Engage research institutions in evidence-driven policy development and implementation;
 - (e) Adapt and implement the Strategic Plan to fully respond to their context-specific nutrition problems.
3. REQUESTS the Regional Director to:
 - (a) Mount high-level advocacy for increased investment in reducing the double burden of malnutrition.
 - (b) Provide technical support to Member States for the development of national policies and programmes to address the double burden of malnutrition;
 - (c) Increase support for capacity strengthening for the delivery of nutrition services, programme monitoring and evaluation, surveillance and reporting;
 - (d) Facilitate the mobilization of additional resources for the implementation of the regional Strategic Plan in Member States;
 - (e) Support regional research collaboration for solutions to regional malnutrition challenges;
 - (f) Report to the Regional Committee in 2023 on the progress made in implementing the regional Strategic Plan and its related resolution.