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- It is a **voluntary coalition of governments, international organisations, NGOs, and other stakeholders working to eradicate hunger (SDG 2), poverty (SDG 1), reduce inequalities (SDG 10), and support other interlinked SDGs.**
- It has **three pillars – knowledge, finance and knowledge– at the country level.**

Objectives

- **Political Commitment:** The **G20 and alliance members should lead sustained political efforts to mobilise collective action against hunger and poverty globally.**
- **Mobilising Resources:** **Bring together domestic and international support, including public and private funds, for country-led programs in nations facing hunger and poverty.**

- **Guiding Framework:** It will follow a structured governance framework to coordinate efforts, using a reference basket approach to guide country-led actions without requiring the collective endorsement of specific policies.

Programs and Policies

- **Food assistance and social protection schemes** (e.g., cash and in-kind transfers).
- **School feeding programs, maternal and child nutrition, and support for early childhood.**
- **Promotion of local food markets, smallholder farmers, and sustainable farming practices.**
- **Health and care services for vulnerable groups** (e.g., children, women, older persons, refugees, migrants, persons with disabilities).
- **Access to finance, extension services, and agricultural inputs for smallholder farmers.**
- **Collaboration:** The Alliance is open to all willing United Nations member and observer states, development partners, and knowledge institutions.
- Key contributors include **FAO, UNICEF, WFP, the World Bank, and other international organisations.**

- **Country-level Action:** Governments are encouraged to **implement policies that enhance social protection, food security, and nutrition, aligned with SDGs, and contribute to the broader global sustainability agenda.**
- **Vulnerable Populations:** The **Alliance emphasises addressing the needs of vulnerable groups, including women, children, indigenous peoples, local communities, refugees, migrants, and persons with disabilities.**
- Special attention is given to **increasing adaptation financing for the Agriculture, Forestry, and Land Use (AFOLU) sector, vital for the livelihoods of poor households and smallholder farmers.**
- **Indigenous Knowledge:** **Indigenous production practices, including growing traditional crops like millets, quinoa, and sorghum, are essential to developing healthier and more resilient food systems.**