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## The 2021 Global Hunger Index report launched in Ethiopia

(April 8, 2022) -The Global Hunger Index was released in Ethiopia on April 5, 2022, with a theme "Working in Partnership towards Improving Food Systems in Conflict Settings". The launch is aimed to create opportunities to reflect on the challenges faced on tackling food insecurity and malnutrition in Ethiopia towards improving sustainable food systems in conflict settings.

The event was organized by Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) and Ministry of Health (MoH) in collaboration with Alliance 2015 member. It brought together more than 70 high level panel from different stakeholder including the government, NGOS as well as the Media.

Highlights of the 2021 report both on the global and Ethiopia was given by Country Director for concern Ethiopia, Barbara White.

Ministry of Health Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition Director and Chair for National Food and Nutrition Technical Committee Dr. Meseret Zelalem said that conflict, drought, and COVID-19 pandemic impact hampered the food and nutrition security in Ethiopia.

As to her, the report provides evidence, key examples, and recommendations that really support the government and development partners to share approaches and create conducive conditions for food systems transformation and food and nutrition security in conflict settings.

"The Global Hunger Index report measured and tracked progress of global, regional, and national level designed to create awareness and understanding of the changes on upholding food security and nutrition as well as provides a way to compare levels between countries and regions," she said.

For his part, Ministry of Agriculture and Horticulture Development Sector State Minister Meles Mekonnen said that since 2000 Ethiopia's Global

Hunger Index score has decreased by 29.4 points, a decline of 55 percent.

Based on the current global hunger index score of 24.5, Ethiopia ranks 99th

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Out of 160 countries. The Ethiopian government has developed the Ethiopian food system processing November 2020 with the objective of ensuring the fight against food insecurity and malnutrition, according to him.

A panel discussion on “food systems in conflict settings” brought together high-level panelists from the government. INGOs as well as local partners. It is expected that key examples and recommendations that support Government, CSOs and development partners to share approaches and create conditions conducive for food systems transformation and food and nutrition security activities in conflict settings are drawn from the panel.

High ranking government officials, development partners, pertinent stakeholders, among others attended the launching ceremony of the report.