

**Statement by H.E. Mrs. Kersti Kaljulaid,
President of Estonia,
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Excellences, dear colleagues,

Thank you for this timely meeting! We all currently witness how at least

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breastfeeding. Yet, 2 children out of 3 aged from 6 to 23 months are not fed even the minimum diverse diet needed to grow healthy, and the youngest of them from 6 to 11 months have the least diverse diets. Yet, the pandemic deprived many children from perhaps their only meal of the day, the school meal, without offering a replacement.

Dear colleagues,

Prevention needs to come first, so that our future grown-ups would not need treatment for the consequences of hunger or a poor diet. We must tackle climate change, ensure access to food and nutrition to people in need, and patiently work on better gender equality to reach zero hunger by 2030.

Estonia stands ready to be part of the change that is needed to transform the food systems and achieve the 2030 Agenda.