

Renewed financial effort in fight on hunger

Countries increase commitment at Rome Food Summit

Rome, 5 June 2008 - Delegates to the Rome Food Security Summit announced their increased commitment to the fight against hunger and for agricultural development.

The money will benefit countries hard hit by the current world food crisis, allowing them to grow enough food for themselves in the coming planting seasons, and helping them to achieve continuing food security through investment in agriculture and research.

Financing announced during the Summit, attended by 181 nations and more than 40 Heads of State and Government, included (US\$)*:

African Development Bank: **1 billion dollars**
France: **1.5 billion dollars (over five years)**
Japan: **150 million dollars**
Islamic Development Bank: **1.5 billion dollars (over 5 years)**
Kuwait: **100 million dollars**
Netherlands: **75 million dollars**
New Zealand: **7.5 million dollars**
Spain: **773 million dollars (over 4 years)**
United Kingdom: **590 million dollars**
Venezuela: **100 million dollars**
UN CERF **100 million dollars**
World Bank: **1.2 billion dollars**