

# REDUCING FOOD LOSS AND WASTE: ADVANCING THE AGENDA

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# NEW PUBLICATION

## CHAMPIONS 12.3

### SDG TARGET 12.3 ON FOOD LOSS AND WASTE: 2017 PROGRESS REPORT

An annual update on behalf of Champions 12.3

12 RESPONSIBLE  
CONSUMPTION  
AND PRODUCTION



#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In September 2015, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a set of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. SDG 12 seeks to “ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.” The third target under this goal (Target 12.3) calls for halving per capita global food waste at the retail and consumer levels and reducing food losses along production and supply chains (including post-harvest losses) by 2030.

To what degree has the world made progress toward achieving Target 12.3? This second annual progress report assesses advances by governments and companies over the past 12 months relative to a three-step approach for reducing food loss and waste: target, measure, and act.

**Targets set ambition, and ambition motivates action.** Therefore, a first step toward reducing food loss and waste is for governments and companies to set specific reduction targets aligned with SDG Target 12.3. One landmark highlight of the past 12 months is the Global Agri-Business Alliance’s Food and Agricultural Product Loss Resolution, under which members will reduce their rate of food loss by 50 percent by 2030. The Global Agri-Business Alliance is a global coalition of leading agricultural companies, including growers, producers, primary processors, and more. This resolution complements the Food Waste Resolution announced by The Consumer Goods Forum in 2015.

**What gets measured gets managed.** Quantifying food loss and waste within borders, operations, or supply chains can help decision makers better understand how much, where, and why food is being lost or wasted. Such data also is the foundation for prioritizing reduction strategies and for monitoring progress. One highlight of the past 12 months is that a number of companies in the food sector—including Abolki Delhaize, ConAgra Brands, Danone, Rallapag Company, Nestlé, Pick n Pay, Sainsbury’s, and Tesco—are not just measuring but also publicly reporting their food loss and waste inventories, thereby pioneering best practices for the private sector.

#### ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

SDG Target 12.3 on Food Loss and Waste 2017 Progress Report is the second in an annual series of publications providing an assessment of the world’s progress toward achieving Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Target 12.3. SDG Target 12.3 aims to “by 2030, halve per capita global food waste at the retail and consumer levels and reduce food losses along production and supply chains, including post-harvest losses.” Prepared on behalf of Champions 12.3, this publication seeks to inform decision makers in government, business, academia, and civil society about recent advances and what remaining steps need to be addressed if the world is to achieve the target. The 2018 Progress Report can be found at <http://www.champions123.org>.

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# WHAT GETS MEASURED GETS MANAGED

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# ACTION ULTIMATELY MATTERS

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# IS THE WORLD ON TRACK TO ACHIEVE TARGET 12.3 BY 2030?

## Road Map to Achieving SDG Target 12.3

**12** RESPONSIBLE  
CONSUMPTION  
AND PRODUCTION



2016-2018

2019-2021

2022-2024

2025-2027

2028-2030

**5% reduction**  
in FLW achieved globally

**10% reduction**  
in FLW achieved globally

**20% reduction**  
in FLW achieved globally

**30% reduction**  
in FLW achieved globally

**50% reduction**  
in FLW achieved globally

# ASSESSING PROGRESS



## Green

There is sufficient progress to suggest that the sector is on track to meet or exceed the milestone within the time period.



## Yellow

There is some progress toward meeting the milestone, but it is below the pace needed to meet the milestone within the time period.



## Red

There is little progress toward meeting the milestone, or previous progress is backsliding.

# TARGET SETTING



## GOVERNMENTS

Countries or regional blocs that have set reduction targets aligned with SDG Target 12.3 cover an estimated **28 percent** of the world's population



## COMPANIES

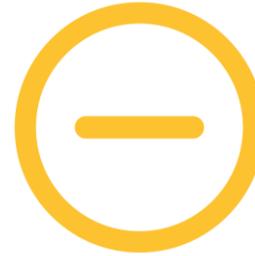
Nearly **60 percent** of the world's 50 largest food companies participate in programs that have a food loss and waste reduction target

# MEASURING AND REPORTING



GOVERNMENTS

Only a few countries currently measure and report on food loss and waste. But these countries add up to just **7 percent** of the world's population.



COMPANIES

Only a few of the world's largest food companies are measuring *and* publicly reporting on food loss and waste within their operations.

# ACTION



## GOVERNMENTS

There has been a burgeoning of initiatives but these efforts do not approach covering **20 percent** of the world's population by 2018, the first milestone.



## COMPANIES

More than **10 percent** of the world's **50 largest** food companies now have active food loss and waste reduction programs.

# LOOKING AHEAD

- Consumer Engagement
- A Movement
- A Compelling Case



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