

# Making Food Affordable for Rural People: Is It Possible?

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**Ronald Thomas Hartman**

*Director of Global Engagement, Partnership and Resource Mobilization, IFAD*

Mr. Ron Hartman is IFAD's Director for Global Engagement, Partnerships and Resource Mobilization. Prior to this, Mr. Hartman served as IFAD Country Director and Representative at its South East Asia and the Pacific sub-regional office. With over 18 years of professional experience with the United Nations, Mr Hartman has acquired an extensive operational experience in over 25 countries.



**Gilbert F. Hougbo**

*President, IFAD*

Gilbert F. Hougbo became the sixth President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) on 1 April 2017, reappointed in February 2021. Hougbo is also Chair of UN-Water, which coordinates the efforts of over 30 UN entities and international organizations working on water and sanitation issues. Hougbo has more than 30 years' experience in the public, multilateral and private sectors including as Deputy Director-General of the International Labour Organization and Prime Minister of the Togolese Republic.

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### **Takako Suzuki**

*State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan*

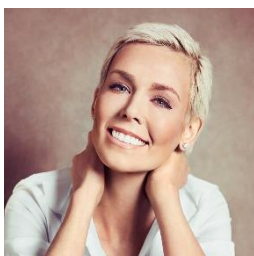
Takako Suzuki is the State-Minister for Foreign Affairs and a Member of the House of Representatives in Japan. She represents Hokkaido through the proportional representation block. Takako graduated with a B.A. in International Political Economy and Sociology from Trent University in Canada and formerly worked as a television director at Japan Broadcasting Corporation (NHK).



### **Takeharu Yamanaka**

*Mayor, City of Yokohama, Japan*

Takeharu Yamanaka is the mayor of the city of Yokohama, Japan. Takeharu graduated from Waseda University in Tokyo with a Master's degree in Science and Engineering and formally worked as Professor of School of Medicine, Specially Appointed Vice-Dean, as well as Dean of Graduate School of Data Science of Yokohama City University, to name a few.



### **Gunhild Stordalen**

*Founder and Executive Chair, EAT Foundation*

Dr. Gunhild A. Stordalen, a physician with a PhD in pathology/orthopedic surgery, and an environmentalist, is the Founder and Executive Chair of EAT, a global, non-profit platform for food system transformation. She sits on several boards and advises on councils including the United Nation's Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement Lead Group, the World Economic Forum (WEF) Stewardship Board on Food Systems, the UNICEF's Advisory Group. Gunhild is the Chair of the 2021 UN Food System Summit's Action Track 2: Shifting to Healthy and Sustainable Consumption Patterns.

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### **Hon. Josephine Joseph Lagu**

*Minister for Agriculture and Food Security, Republic of South Sudan*

Hon. Josephine Lagu is leader of the People's Democratic Movement (PDM), and was the Chairperson of the South Sudan Opposition Alliance (SSOA) before being appointed the Minister of Agriculture and Food Security in February 2020. An Educational Psychologist and Lecturer in Education, she has held various leadership positions in Sudan, South Sudan and the UK, including Undersecretary for the Ministry of Education in South Sudan and Director of Diaspora, Sudanese Community Group in the UK.



### **Kiran Rupakhetee**

*Joint Secretary and Division Chief, Good Governance and Social Development, Government of Nepal*

Dr. Kiran Rupakhetee is a Joint Secretary currently working as Division Chief of Good Governance and Social Development Division at National Planning Commission (NPC), for the Government of Nepal.

He is the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement Country Coordinator of Nepal, and an Executive Committee Member of Global SUN Movement, taking lead for Central and South Asia. With more than 30 years of professional experience in humanitarian and development sector, he now leads the National Nutrition and Food Security Secretariat at NPC.



### **Michael Waweru**

*Senior Monitoring & Evaluation and Knowledge Management Officer, Aquaculture Business Development Programm (ABDP), Kenya*

Michael Waweru is a specialist in M&E and Knowledge Management supporting 15 Sub-National Governments in Kenya on aquaculture. He was an UNLEASH Innovations Lab Talent in 2018 which developed innovative solutions to SDG 2 – Zero Hunger in Singapore. Previously, Michael worked with EY LLP as a Senior Management Consultant. He holds M.A in

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Economics from University of Nairobi, BSc in Economics and Statistics from Egerton University and is a Certified Public Accountant, Kenya.



### **Laurence Haddad**

*Executive Director, GAIN*

Dr Lawrence Haddad is GAIN's Executive Director since 2016. Lawrence chaired Action Track 1 to ensure access to safe and nutritious food for all, and was the founding co-chair and lead author of the Global Nutrition Report from 2014 to 2016. Previously, he was the Director of the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) and Director of the Food Consumption and Nutrition Division at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).



### **Phrang Roy**

*Coordinator, Indigenous Partnership for Agrobiodiversity and Food Sovereignty (TIP)*

Phrang Roy leads the Indigenous Partnership for Agrobiodiversity and Food Sovereignty (TIP). Founder and the Chairman of the North East Slow Food and Agrobiodiversity Society (NESFAS), Phrang became the first indigenous person to be appointed to the level of Assistant Secretary General of the UN. Member of the International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food (IPES-Food) in 2014-2015, Phrang has served as IFAD's Assistant President and has more than 30 years of international experience supporting rural development and small-scale agriculture.