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Item 25: Maternal, Infant and young child nutrition: Comprehensive implementation plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition (Report by the Director-General)

Mr. Chair

Rwanda aligns with the statement delivered by Lesotho and thanks the Director-General for his report.

From 2010 to 2025, we achieved a 39% reduction in stunting among children under five, met the global target by reducing childhood overweight from 7% to 5%, maintained childhood wasting at 1% (well below the 5% global target), and increased exclusive breastfeeding to 82%, surpassing the 60% global target.

From 2010 to 2020, we achieved a 24% reduction in anemia among women of reproductive age, and early initiation of breastfeeding increased from 71% to 85%.

We have also achieved a national scale-up of Multiple Micronutrient Supplements for pregnant women to strengthen maternal nutrition and birth outcomes, and we are implementing a robust school feeding programme to enhance education outcomes.

Rwanda reiterates its strong commitment to advancing maternal, infant, and young child nutrition.

I thank you.
