

## English Translation

### **Strengthening Food and Nutritional Security: International delegation visits Consea**

#### **Representatives from African and Asian countries visit Brazil to learn about strategies to integrate public policies and social participation in order to promote healthy food.**

With the objective of sharing the good practices implemented in Brazil that contribute to strengthening instruments that promote food and nutritional security, the National Council for Food and Nutritional Security (Consea) welcomed, on the morning of this Monday (15), a delegation composed by representatives from African and Asian countries. The meeting, titled United Nations Nutrition Mission, was held at the Palácio do Planalto in Brasília.

The delegation included representatives from ten countries: Burundi, Cambodia, Liberia, Madagascar, Nigeria, Pakistan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Sierra Leone, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. The president of Consea, Elisabetta Recine; the executive secretary of the council, Marília Leão; and the Consea general-coordinator, Elaine Pasquim received the delegation.

During the meeting, Elisabetta Recine made a presentation explaining the council, addressing its creation, structure, and operationalization. The president also briefly mentioned the importance of holding the 6th National Conference on Food and Nutritional Security, where proposals were deliberated to the National Government for the development of the 3rd National Plan for Food and Nutritional Security (III Plansan). In addition, the National System for Food and Nutritional Security (SISAN) was presented, as well as a strategic program that contribute to strengthening the fight against hunger in the country: the National School Feeding Program (PNAE).

To illustrate the work that is being carried out in municipalities, two videos produced by Consea São Paulo and Quixeré (CE) were shown to the delegation. The videos were instructive and demonstrated the process of implementing the Conseas in these locations, as well as the actions adopted to encourage community participation.

The delegation representatives showed great interest in the integration among social and governmental participation in the development of public policies aimed at promoting healthy and nutritious food in Brazil. Several questions were raised regarding this subject, for instance about how public policies are built, how decisions are made, and which indicators are used as reference indicators, among others.

In her speech, Elisabetta Recine emphasized to the delegation that the set of actions aimed at combating hunger is built in a continuous and integrated way with other institutions, and involves encouraging the participation of society, rather than being carried out in isolation. "There is no single policy or program that alone can achieve the result we hope for," she stated.

The delegation will remain in Brazil throughout the week, learning about other initiatives that integrate the fight against hunger in the country.