

**Question for written answer E-004693/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Worrying findings of the European Court of Auditors' assessment of the fight against hunger in Sub-Saharan Africa

Hunger and food insecurity remain among the world's most pressing issues. The Global Report on Food Crises has revealed that more than 295 million people suffered from acute hunger in 2024.

In its assessment of Special Report No 1/2012: 'Effectiveness of European Union development aid for food security in sub-Saharan Africa', the Court of Auditors has concluded that the EU's action was not concentrated on at the areas with the greatest needs, its projects did not always reflect local realities and challenges and little attention was paid to results and sustainability.

The assessment flags up weaknesses both in the Commission's development cooperation efforts in sub-Saharan Africa and in work to forge stronger links between humanitarian aid and development.

Considering the above:

1. What roadmap is the Commission working on to ensure the effectiveness of development cooperation? Does the Commission's approach also include consideration of how to strengthen the link between humanitarian aid and development?
2. What measures will the Commission put forward to address shortcomings in project design and monitoring, and what view does the Commission take of dialogue with local stakeholders in the implementation of these projects?

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