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Abigail joined WFP as Director of Nutrition in August 2021 and provides strategic leadership for WFP's work to address malnutrition and to improve diets. Abigail is also the UN representative on the global Scaling Up Nutrition Movement Executive Committee. Prior to joining WFP, Abigail was the head of nutrition policy at the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (formerly the UK Department for International Development). In this role, Abigail provided strategic leadership of the UK government's work on nutrition. This included leading the design and implementation of the UK's 2017 nutrition position paper and ensuring the UK delivered commitments to nutrition made at the 2013 Nutrition for Growth Summit. Before DFID, Abigail worked with Save the Children and Action Against Hunger in a range of humanitarian and development nutrition roles in Africa and Asia. She has also led research and capacity development initiatives on nutrition at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and University College London. In 2020 Abigail was awarded an OBE for her services to international development.