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WFP is pleased to be joining the 'Clean Energy Challenge'.

With our strong focus on food systems, WFP sees access to energy for food production, processing and preservation as critical to ensuring food security and nutrition of displaced people, as highlighted in the spotlight event co-organised with FAO and GPA.

This includes continued provision of modern cookstoves, alternative fuels and effective cooking practices to meet the energy needs, to cook food safely and sustainably and to enhance protection.

More broadly, this contributes to the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees related to easing pressure on host countries and to enhancing refugee self-reliance.

As we remain committed to continue delivering assistance and sustainable solutions to refugees and host communities in a joint, coherent and people-centered approach, through our UNHCR-WFP Joint Programme of Excellence and its virtual Targeting Hub, generously supported by the United States of America, we will bring our expertise in assessments, targeting and prioritisation to design better joint programmes to better meet basic needs and promote self-reliance of refugees and host communities.