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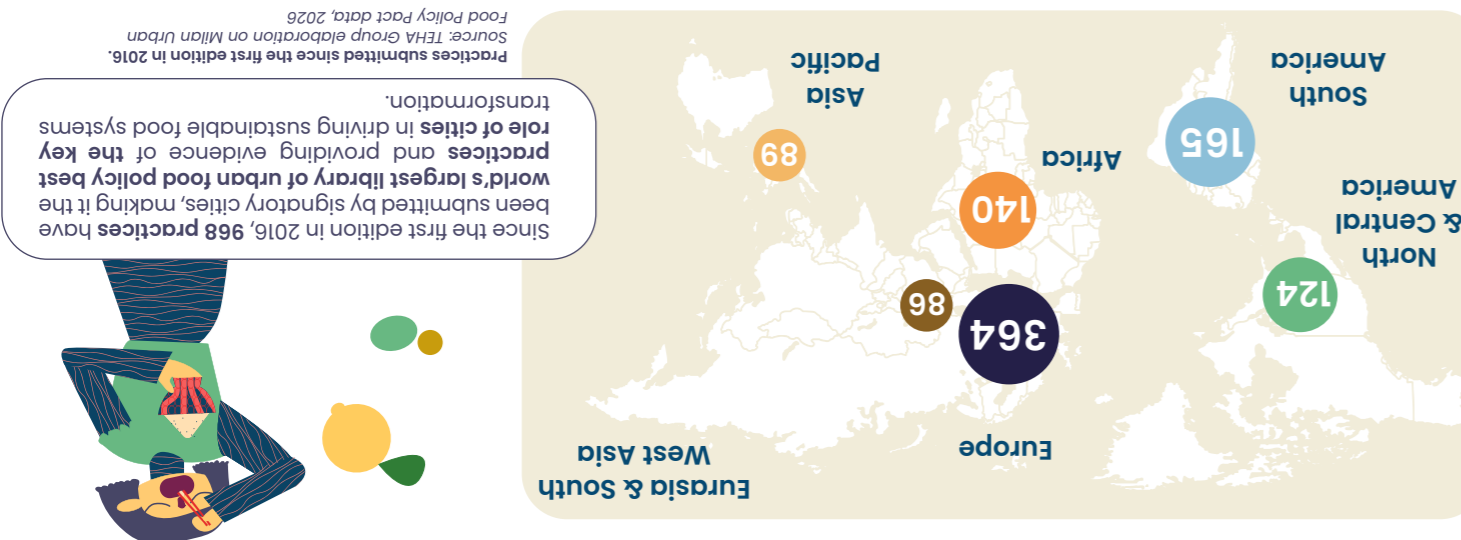
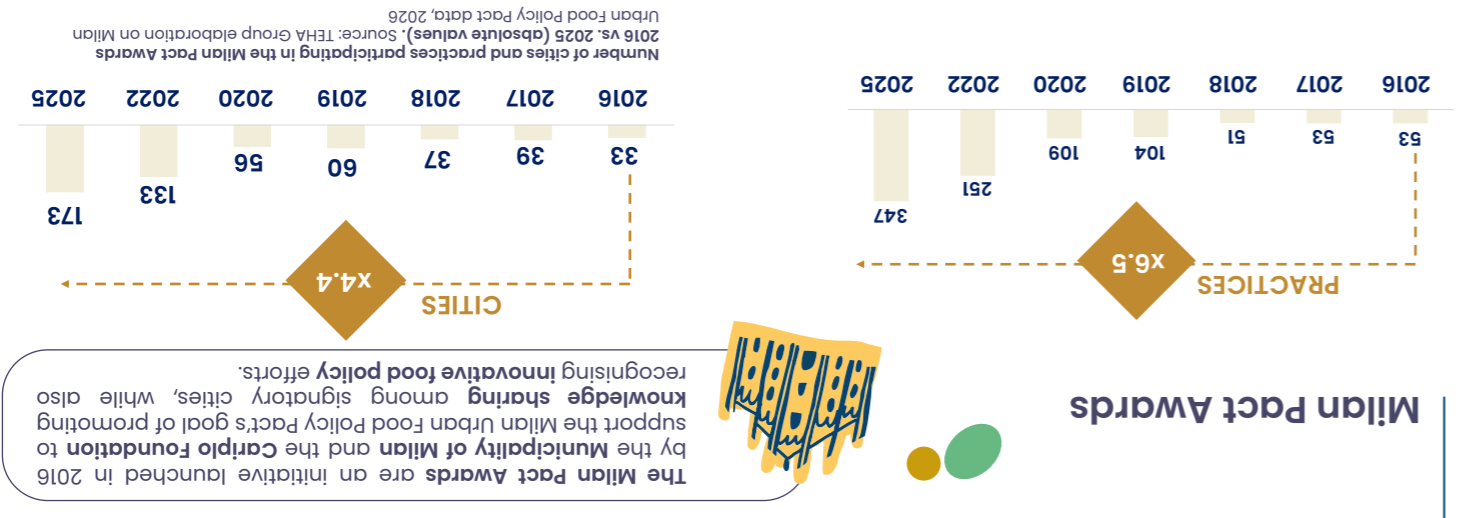







# Milan Pact Awards 2025 Report Highlights

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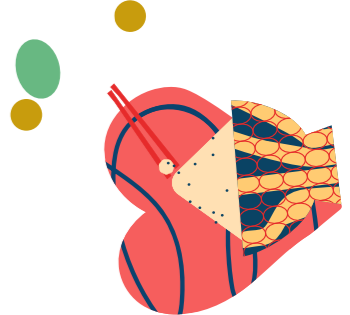
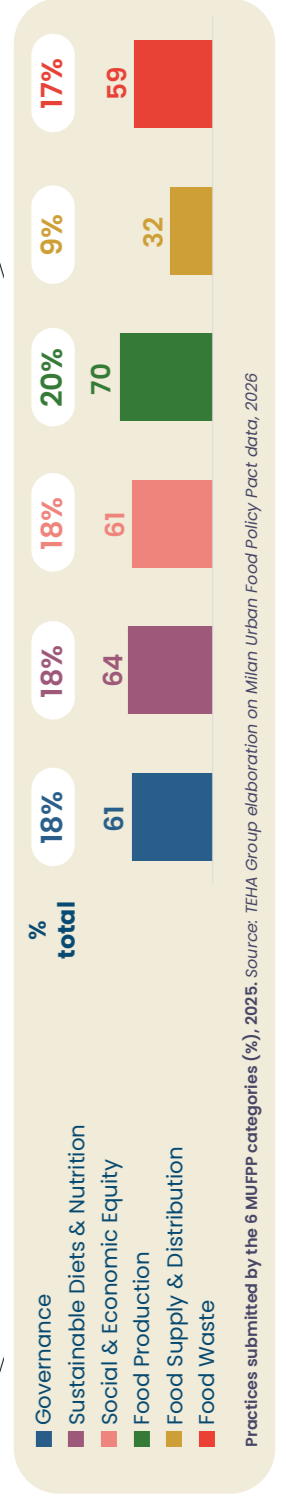
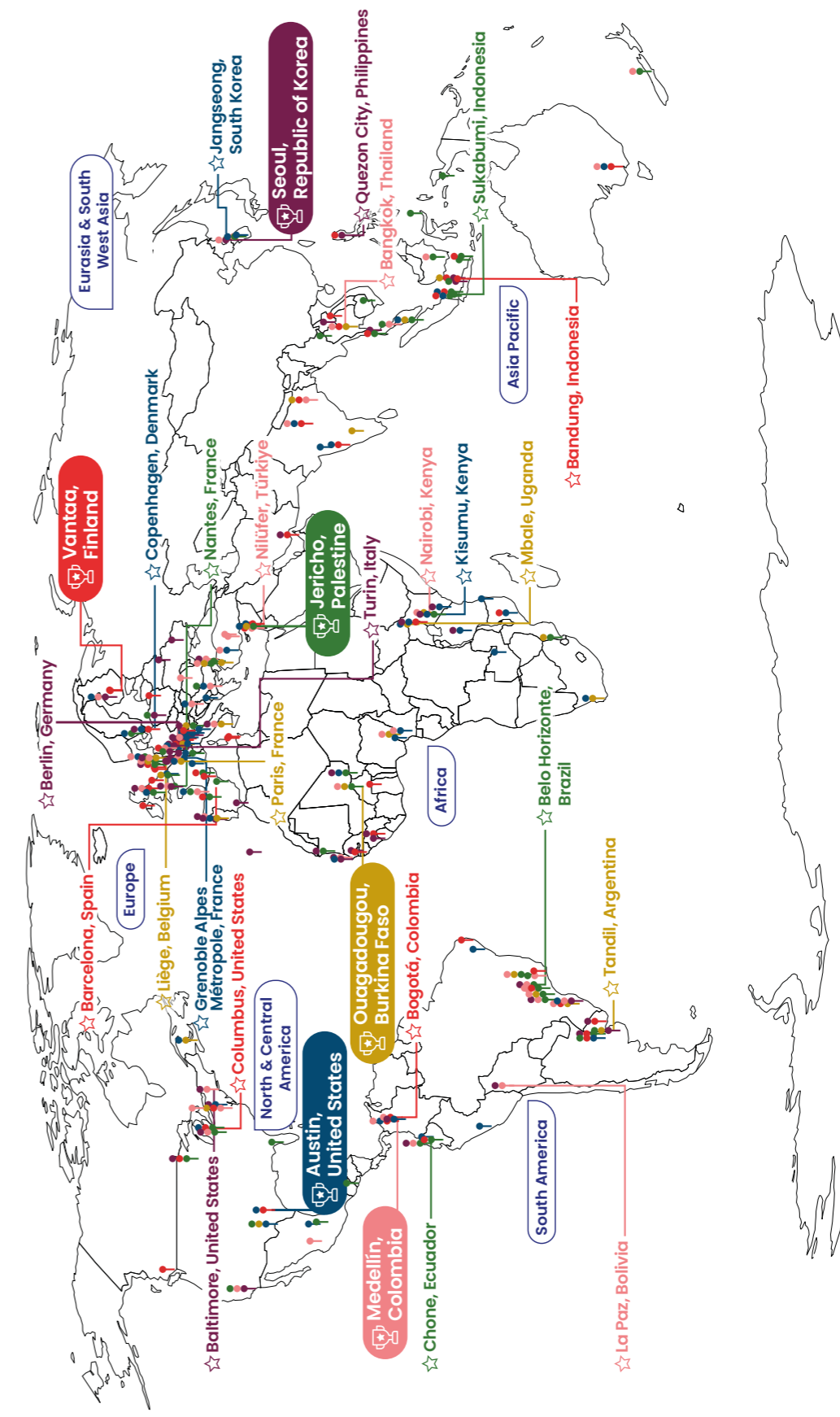
## Milan Pact Awards — 2025 Edition

**347 practices from 173 cities in 63 countries**

The map shows MUFPP signatory cities participating in the Milan Pact Awards 2025. Dot colours indicate the MUFPP categories.

Food Production is the most represented category (20%).

- Governance
- Sustainable Diets & Nutrition
- Social & Economic Equity
- Food Production
- Food Supply & Distribution
- Food Waste
- 1 or more practices
- Winning City
- Special Mention



# Six urban trends from Milan Pact Awards 2025

## CLIMATE CRISIS

Over the past 30 years, **climate-related disasters** accounted for agricultural losses corresponding to around USD 3.3 trillion.

### CITY SOLUTIONS

- Leveraging **digitalisation** and emerging technologies, such as AI, to enhance climate adaptation in territories and food systems
- Development of systemic strategies to ensure **a common roadmap** for the sustainable transition of local food systems

**WINNING CITY**  
**Austin, United States – Austin/Travis County Food Plan GOVERNANCE**

The Austin-Travis County Food Plan is a **community-driven roadmap** for a more equitable, resilient, and sustainable local food system. Led by the City of Austin in collaboration with Travis County, it represents a first-of-its-kind effort in Central Texas. Developed in response to long-standing **food access disparities, climate challenges,** and the need for stronger **regional coordination,** the plan centers community voices, aligns policies across jurisdictions, and **sets out actionable steps** to improve food access, support local farms, reduce food waste, and create economic opportunities.



## FOOD POVERTY & AFFORDABILITY


**Global food prices increased by 55%** in 2025 compared to 1990, with **South America** recording the highest cost for a **nutrient-adequate diet.**

### CITY SOLUTIONS

- Implementation of **food redistribution programmes** targeting vulnerable people
- Institutionalisation of large-scale **school meals programmes** to combat hunger and reduce school dropout rates
- Distribution of **pre-paid cards** to improve food access

**WINNING CITY**  
**Medellín, Colombia – Sustainable School Canteens SOCIAL & ECONOMIC EQUITY**

The Medellín School Feeding Programme provides **daily free food supplements** to more than **232,000** students in urban and rural areas, prioritising vulnerable children and adolescents, including indigenous populations, migrants, and people with disabilities. The programme delivers **12,000 tonnes** of food and operates at a large scale while integrating environmental sustainability into its processes, addressing **high water consumption and waste generation** to reduce its overall environmental impact.



## RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS


**Humanity's consumption patterns** continue to exceed the planet's regenerative capacity: in 2025, humanity consumed resources equivalent to 1.8 Earths.

### CITY SOLUTIONS

- Adoption of **circular solutions and infrastructure** to ensure functionality and productivity in environments facing chronic resource constraints
- Development of **medium- to long-term strategies** to improve local adaptation and strengthen food system resilience in contexts of limited resources

**WINNING CITY**  
**Jericho, Palestine – Renewed Water for Sustainable Agriculture FOOD PRODUCTION**

The city champions the **sustainable reuse of treated wastewater** in agriculture, leveraging its advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant to address critical water scarcity. This initiative strengthens **resource independence** by enabling **high-quality irrigation for local farmers.** It sustains a **16.5 km²** green belt, delivers **3,500 cubic meters** of water per day to hundreds of local farmers, and provides training on safe and efficient irrigation practices, contributing to an overall reduction of approximately **92,400–93,225 tonnes** of CO<sub>2</sub>e per year across the entire initiative.



## FOOD INSECURITY

In 2024, **28%** of the global population was affected by food insecurity, with **318 million** people across **68** countries experiencing acute food insecurity; in **Africa,** the share of the population facing moderate or severe food insecurity reached **59%,** and **over 75%** of food-insecure people worldwide lived in **urban and peri-urban areas.**

### CITY SOLUTIONS

- Promotion of **urban food production,** fostering biodiversity in urban areas
- **Shortening of supply chains,** strengthening the link between urban food markets and local suppliers
- Development and innovation of **urban food markets**

**WINNING CITY**  
**Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso – Relaunch urban food markets FOOD SUPPLY & DISTRIBUTION**

A comprehensive initiative funded under the **AfriFOODlinks** project to **strengthen local market infrastructure,** starting with the **pilot renovation of the Naabi Yaar market.** The initiative includes **infrastructure improvements** (hygiene, storage, and product presentation), training for **50 vendors,** strengthening links between street vendors and agroecological producers in the **Ouagadougou Green Belt (CVO),** and the inclusion of local restaurants, positively impacting over **50,000** consumers.



## CIRCULARITY

Around **one third of global food production** is **lost or wasted** (**13%** before retail and **19%** at the consumer level) resulting in **8–10%** of global GHG emissions, the use of **8%** of agricultural land (around 1.4 billion hectares), and annual economic losses of **USD 750 billion.**

### CITY SOLUTIONS

- **Redistribution programmes** for unsold food
- Design of **community-based awareness campaigns** and educational programmes
- Use of **digital and AI-based mechanisms** to minimise food losses throughout supply chains
- Implementation of **nutrient recycling and composting programmes**

**WINNING CITY**  
**Vantaa, Finland – Shared Table – Food Waste Ecosystems FOOD WASTE**

The Shared Table initiative redistributes surplus food from factories, wholesalers, and retailers to a wide **network of food aid distributors.** It provides food assistance and organises community meals and open, free activities. The network brings together more than **80** NGOs and over **50** donors, redistributing around **10,000–20,000 kg** of surplus food weekly and benefiting about **10,000** low-income residents. An innovative **pilot** also recovers and **redistributes serving waste** (edible food left on serving lines) from school and institutional kitchens and private restaurants to social food aid operators.



## PUBLIC HEALTH

**Lifestyle accounts for around 50% of individual health,** with diet and nutrition among the main risk factors. In 2017, dietary risks caused **11 million** deaths and **255 million DALYs** globally. Meanwhile, a **global nutrition paradox** persists: over **800 million** people suffer from hunger and undernutrition, while more than **2 billion** are affected by overweight or obesity and over **3 billion** lack access to a healthy, adequate diet.

### CITY SOLUTIONS

- Investments in **age-appropriate** food during early childhood
- Development of **school meals programmes** to provide students with nutritionally adequate meals
- Promotion of **medically tailored food access** within health systems

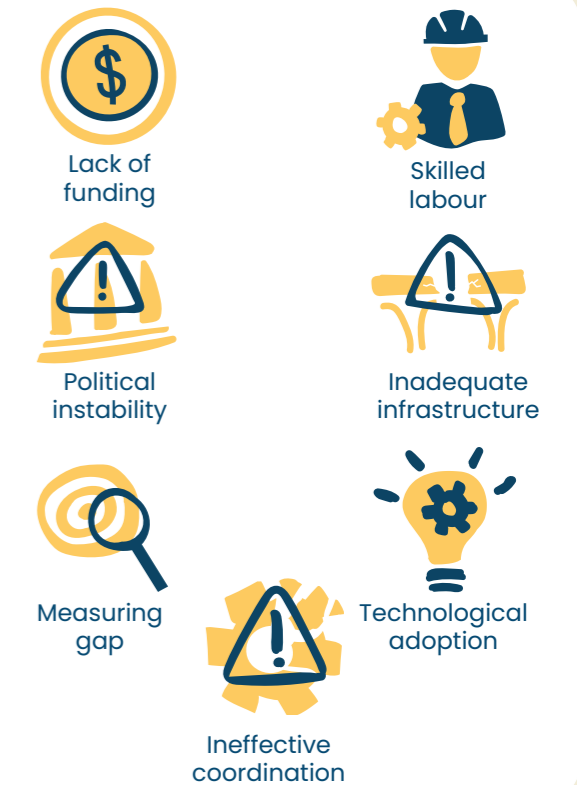
**WINNING CITY**  
**Seoul, Republic of Korea – Safeguarding the Food of Future Generations SUSTAINABLE DIETS & NUTRITION**

In 2011, the Seoul Metropolitan Government launched the **Nutrition Centers for Childcare Facilities,** a pioneering initiative to ensure every young child in Seoul receives quality meals, regardless of their childcare setting. It provides over **150,000** children under the age of **6** with nutritious meals across **4,900+** small childcare facilities, often **overlooked by regulations and lacking resources.** The initiative shows a huge social impact through **training** for cooks, staff, and parents, as well as **tailored services** for children in vulnerable settings.



## Future agenda for international food policies

By addressing:



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the vision can be realised

