



Special Edition - Take Action! New Edition of the State of School Feeding Report

Showcasing fresh evidence on how school meals are driving global progress across education, health, food systems and local economies, as we gear up for **the School Meals Coalition Global Summit in Fortaleza, Brazil**.



Launched today! State of School Feeding Worldwide Report

New edition, global momentum: 80 million more children nourished through school meals

Today, the School Meals Coalition and the World Food Programme launch the [State of School Feeding Worldwide](#) – a flagship report highlighting a transformative shift in global interest and investment in school meal programmes. Over the past four years, 80 million more children are receiving school meals bringing the global total to 466 million children. Governments are driving this progress, funding 99% of school meal programmes through an unprecedented US\$84 billion annual investment, up from US\$43 billion in 2020. The return on this investment is profound: Every dollar spent yields between US\$7 and US\$35 in cross-sectoral benefits – from improved learning outcomes and health to strengthened local economies and food systems. Coalition countries are leading the charge, with notable advances in Rwanda, Haiti, Cambodia,



Canada and Ukraine.

Download and share the [report](#). For further insights, read the [press release](#). Amplify on [social media](#).

See further resources below to support your advocacy and communications efforts for promoting school meals.



Lead up to School Meals Coalition Global Summit: Governments release reports on progress

For the first time, nearly 50 governments have voluntarily reported progress on national school meals commitments through the School Meals Coalition. These reports reflect tangible improvements in policy, financing, programme design, partnerships and coverage in the last two years.

Examples include:

- [Burundi's](#) expansion of local food procurement from 50 in 2023 to 264 schools in 2025, providing school meals to 810,000 children from 730,000 in 2023.
- [Cambodia](#) increased its school meals budget from US\$4.3 million in 2023 to US\$7.4 million in 2025.
- [Guatemala](#) increased its school meals budget from US\$73 million in 2015 to US\$427 million in 2025 reaching 3.2 million children and building capacities to locally- source 70% of school food.
- [Ukraine](#) introduced free school meals for 1.5 million children despite ongoing conflict, and committed US\$48.5 million in 2024 and US\$67.7 million between January and May 2025.



Dive deeper into country [progress reports](#).



School Meals Coalition Global Summit 18-19 September

***School Meals Coalition Global Summit Live: Governments & partners unite in
Fortaleza to report on progress and mobilize action
Join online 18–19 September***

Hosted under the high patronage of President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva and the government of Brazil, the 2nd School Meals Coalition Global Summit will be held 18-19 September in Fortaleza, Brazil. The summit will bring together leaders from member states, regional bodies and partners such as UN organizations, international financial institutions and philanthropies, NGOs, research organizations, as well as representatives of cities and municipalities, indigenous leaders, youth and food systems coalitions.

Guided by the priorities established by the Taskforce of the Coalition, the two-day summit will showcase the progress made towards the Coalition objectives since the 1st Global Summit hosted by France in Paris. It will underscore how governments and partners are investing in school meal programmes as a powerful policy that can help galvanize global action on some of the key challenges of our time. It will provide a platform to nurture collaborations, and further mobilization & commitments for the next 2 years.



Find all summit details including agenda, where to watch live, and essential background reading on [the event web page](#).



Access the School Meals Coalition Social Media Toolkit

Promote the State of School Feeding Worldwide report launch, voluntary reports and the upcoming School Meals Coalition Global Summit, using ready-made visuals and proposed social media posts.

Please share with your networks – you can adapt the content to spotlight your country's achievements and priorities. Remember to follow the **@SchoolMeals_** Coalition's account on X/Twitter to stay up-to-date, and to tag us in your posts so we can amplify them to the Coalition's member states and partners.

👉 Access [toolkit](#)



Pre Global Summit: International School Meals Science Day 17 September

The online pre-summit event is co-hosted by the Research Consortium for School Health and Nutrition and the Government of Brazil to showcase cutting-edge academic research with real-world policy impact. It will feature insights from the Research Consortium's Global Academy of 1,200+ academics across 117+ countries. Discover breakthrough global evidence on designing efficient programmes, gain deeper insight into how Brazil successfully runs the world's second-largest school meals programme, and learn from country success stories spanning five continents. From planet-friendly meal solutions to multisectoral returns on investment, this is where science meets action in the global mission to ensure every child has access to nutritious school meals. The event is free and open to all interested in how robust evidence guides global policymaking to improve quality and accessibility of school meals for all. [Register to participate](#).



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