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School Meals Coalition

The Kyrgyz Republic presents its compliments to the esteemed members of the School Meals Coalition (hereinafter referred to as the “SMC”) and reiterates its strong commitment to the objectives and principles of the SMC. The Kyrgyz Republic recognizes the invaluable role of the SMC in enhancing the reach, quality, and sustainability of school meal programmes globally and reaffirms its support for this collective effort.

Acknowledging the fundamental importance of school meals as a key instrument for improving education, nutrition, and human capital development, the Kyrgyz Republic has been implementing its National School Meals Programme since 2006. With the steadfast support of international organizations, the Government has made significant strides in optimizing the programme to ensure the provision of hot, nutritious, safe, and healthy meals to schoolchildren across the country.

Currently, the National School Meals Programme, fully financed and administered by the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, benefits over 500,000 students nationwide. This substantial investment underscores the Government’s dedication to strengthening school meal provision as a means of fostering the well-being and academic success of children.

Furthermore, the Kyrgyz Republic places a high priority on the sustainability of school meals and is actively pursuing innovative and inclusive approaches to further enhance the programme. Notably, the adoption of planet-friendly and home-grown school feeding models has been instrumental in promoting climate-smart agricultural practices, strengthening local food systems, and contributing to the broader transformation of the national food system.

The Kyrgyz Republic remains fully committed to the shared vision of the School Meals Coalition and stands ready to collaborate with international partners to further advance sustainable, high-quality school meal programmes that support

the health and development of future generations. The Kyrgyz Republic avails itself of this opportunity to express its highest consideration to the School Meals Coalition and looks forward to continued engagement in this important initiative, working towards the following objectives, plan, and timelines.

Category	Commitment	Target	Deadlines
Political commitments	Improving the regulatory framework in the field of school nutrition	1. Update and refine the procedure for organizing school farms taking into account new regulatory legal acts. 2. Update (revise) SanPiN (sanitary and epidemiological rules and regulations) to include technical regulations in the field of food safety. 3. Revise the standards for the physiological needs of students aged 7-10 years, taking into account new regulatory legal acts and WHO UN recommendations.	2028 2026 2026
Financial obligations	Improving funding for school meals	1. Introduce into the Law on Education a provision on annual indexation of funds allocated for school meals. 2. Develop instructions on mechanisms for co-financing by local governments and parents of students (algorithm of actions). 3. To stop staff turnover, increase the salaries of junior service personnel in schools, including the salaries of cooks and kitchen workers.	2030 2027 2030
Institutional commitments	Institutional obligations in the Ministry of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic	1. Create a sector at the Ministry of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic for school nutrition, or a separate employee at the District/ City Educational	2030

		Institution, who will be responsible for coordinating school/preschool nutrition, monitoring and control, collecting data and implementing regulatory legal acts on nutrition. 2. Capacity building and training of over 500 school canteen workers 3. Strengthening the role of boards of trustees and parent committees in organizing school meals.	2030 2030
Commitments to program development and coverage	Will fully cover schools with hot meals.	By 2030, all schools in Kyrgyzstan will be 100% covered by hot school meals. At the moment, there are 337 schools that are not included in the hot school meals program.	2030
	Develop a reporting mechanism for school committees	1. Develop mechanisms and detailed guidelines for parental contributions. 2. Conducting explanatory work among parents. 3. Develop information materials (videos, brochures, instructions).	2026
Commitments to collect facts, data and digitalize school meals	Create a school monitoring system under the Ministry of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic	1. Develop a centralized digital platform for monitoring using a calculator menu and analysis (including the development of indicators). 2. Technical support/equipment (server, training of specialists) 3. Develop a monitoring plan and budget for data collection and analysis.	2026 2026 2029

	Digitalization of school nutrition programs	Create a page about school nutrition on the official website of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic (with all links to regulatory legal acts and other acts in the field of school nutrition).	2026
Commitments to advocacy and partnership.	Work of the interdepartmental working group	1. Signing of the roadmap for "Improving School Nutrition".	By the end of 2025
	Working with stakeholders	1. Conduct a broad information campaign among all interested parties (Ministry of Agriculture Agency for Public Service, Ministry of Economy Ministry of Finance Ministry of Health and others).	2025

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