



Declaration of Commitment



School Meals Coalition: Nutrition, Health and Education for Every Child

We, the Heads of State and Government commit to scale up school meals programmes to bolster recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

We underscore the urgency to act now to protect the most vulnerable children from hunger, malnutrition and learning loss, leaving no one behind.

We recognize that school meals attract and keep children into school, they support children's learning, long-term well-being and health, as well as promote gender equity. Scaled up, higher quality school meals programmes strengthen national and local food systems by using locally grown food where appropriate, and expanding opportunities for smallholder farmers. Overall, we recognize school meals as impactful and efficient interventions, bringing significant social returns for the resources invested in them.

We envisage a world where every child has the opportunity to enjoy a healthy and nutritious meal in school by 2030, supporting the full realization of their human potential.

We commit ourselves to working together towards the full implementation of the following:

- Objectives**
- Set out a long-term plan to restore access to school meals for children who lost them during the pandemic and reach those previously left behind.
 - Improve our approach in a collaborative way, sharing best practices and lessons learnt tailored to national and local contexts.
 - Invest in scaling up progress through the Coalition initiatives; and mobilize the means required to implement this agenda through partnerships.
 - Work collaboratively with all stakeholders across the sectors and at regional, national and subnational levels to realize these goals.



These objectives will accelerate action on the Sustainable Development Goals as we head toward 2030 and improve the lives of our children.



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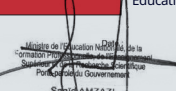
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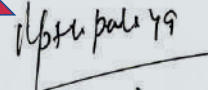
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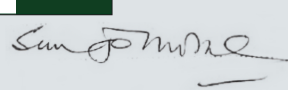
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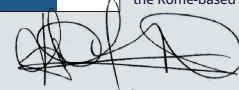
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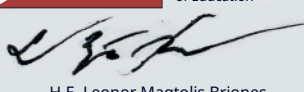
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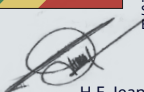
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