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UGANDA'S SCHOOL MEALS COALITION COMMITMENTS

The Ministry of Education and Sports - Uganda officially subscribed as a Member of the Global School Meals Coalition on 23rd November 2023. This signifies the country’s strong commitment to improving the nutritional status and educational outcomes of children through the provision of nutritious meals.

In view of the above, this is to submit the commitments that Uganda pledges to fulfil as a Member of the Global School Meals Coalition. Below are the commitments:

1. Finalize the development and approval of the National School Feeding Policy by 2025: Uganda is dedicated to finalizing the development and obtaining approval for the National School Feeding Policy by 2025. This policy will serve as a comprehensive framework to guide the planning, implementation, and monitoring of school feeding programs nationwide, ensuring the provision of nutritious meals to our students.

2. Develop National School Feeding Guidelines and Operating Standards by 2025: In line with our commitment to promoting standardized and high-quality school feeding programs, Uganda will develop comprehensive National School Feeding Guidelines and Operating Standards by 2025. The guidelines will provide clear direction and standards for the effective implementation of school feeding initiatives across the country.

3. Create a budget line and allocate funds towards supporting the national school feeding programme with effect from the 2025/26 financial year national budget: Recognizing the importance of sustainable funding for school feeding programs, Uganda pledges to create a budget line and allocate funds towards supporting the national school feeding program, starting from the 2025/26 financial year.
The financial commitment will ensure continuity and expansion of school feeding initiatives, benefiting a greater number of children.

4. Establish a National Multi-sectoral School Feeding Coordination Committee by October 2024: Uganda is committed to establishing a National Multi-sectoral School Feeding Coordination Committee by October 2024. This committee will facilitate coordination and collaboration among relevant Government Ministries, Departments, Agencies, and Stakeholders to ensure the effective planning, implementation, and monitoring of school feeding initiatives across sectors.

5. Develop and Operationalize a Digitalized National School Feeding Data Collection and Management System by December 2024: Uganda aims to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of our school feeding programs through the development and operationalization of a digitalized National School Feeding Data Collection and Management System by December 2024. This system will enable real-time data collection, monitoring, and reporting, enhancing decision-making and accountability in school feeding initiatives.

6. Participate and Engage in Regional and Global School Meals Coalition Activities to Share Experiences and Learn School Feeding Best Practices Starting 2024: Uganda is eager to actively participate and engage in regional and global school meals coalition activities to share experiences and learn best practices in school feeding. We recognize the value of collaboration and knowledge exchange in strengthening our school feeding programs and achieving our shared objectives of promoting child well-being and educational attainment.

The purpose of this letter, is to inform you that the Ministry of Education and Sports is fully committed to fulfilling these commitments and also collaborate with the Global School Meals Coalition and other stakeholders to ensure the provision of nutritious meals to our school children. We look forward to contributing to the collective efforts to improve the lives and well-being of children through school feeding programs.

Thank you for your usual cooperation.

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