

School Meals Report Card #1

World Vision

ENOUGH

September – December 2024

Key Messages

- According to the Global report on Food Crisis (2024, nearly **282 million people** in 59 countries¹ experienced high levels of acute food insecurity.
- School-aged children are bearing the brunt of the current food crisis, with a considerable number of children attending school on an empty stomach.
- **Only 2 out of 5 children have access to school meals** – often their most reliable source of food.²
- Globally, school meal programmes provide the world's most extensive safety net for children, impacting **418 million children**.
- School meals programmes not only ensure that children receive nutritious meals but also deliver a range of holistic benefits, including improved **educational outcomes**, better **health and nutrition**, and increased productivity.
- World Vision is a leading partner of the School Meals Coalition and WFP, and is committed to advancing the implementation of school meals and supporting governments to fulfil their commitments.
- School Meals are an essential part of our global ENOUGH campaign, which aims to eliminate child hunger and malnutrition by providing every child with the food they deserve to develop a healthy body and mind.

¹ [2024 Global Report on Food Crisis](#)

² WFP. (2023). [State of School Feeding Worldwide 2023](#).

ENOUGH Campaign

- Imagine a world where every child enjoys ENOUGH nourishing food and thrives. This is the aim of World Vision's [ENOUGH campaign to end child hunger and malnutrition](#) running from 2024 – 2027.
- More than 34 Field Offices have prioritised school meals as a key intervention in their ENOUGH Campaign.

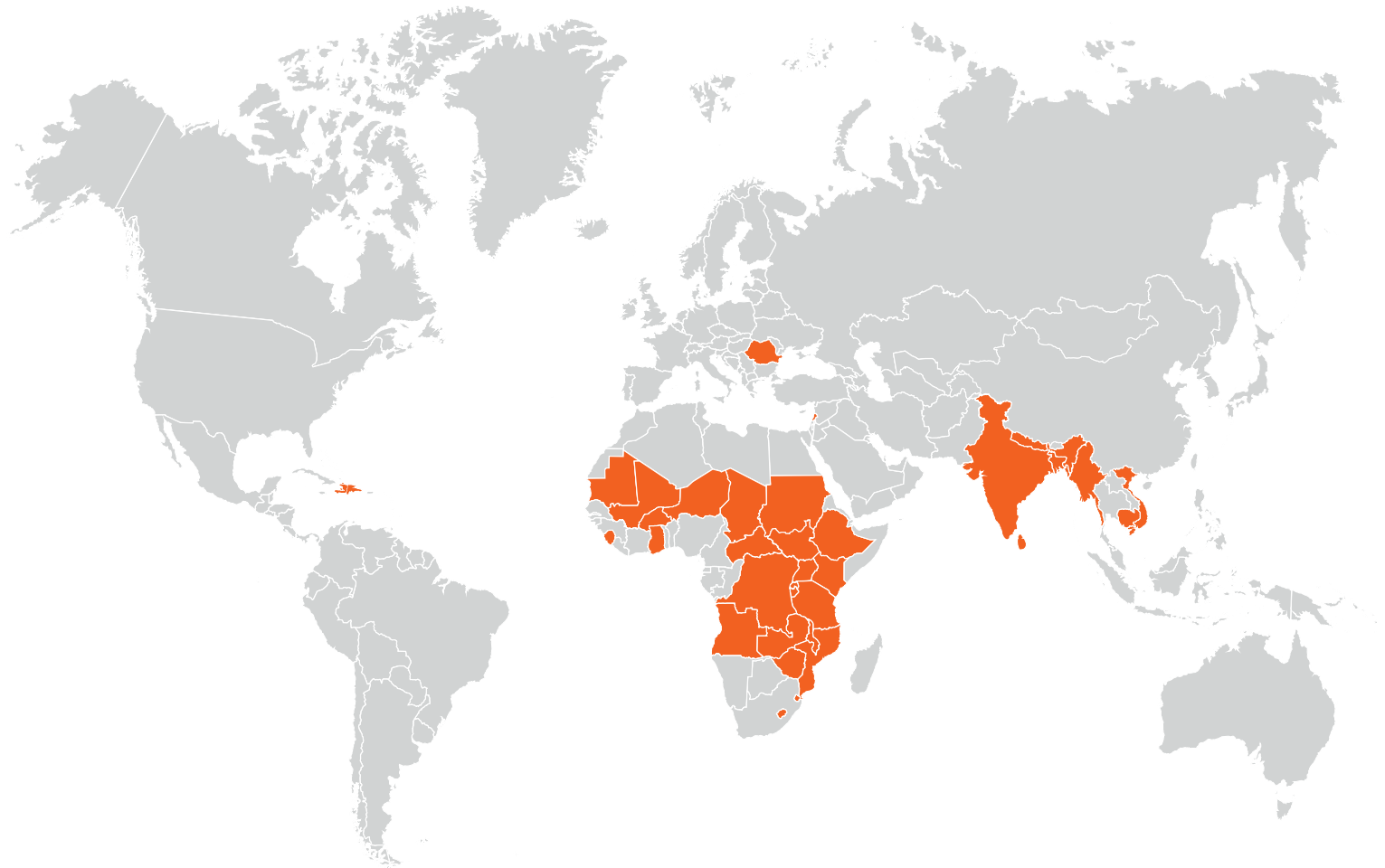
School Meals Roadmap

- We finalised the [Scaling Up School Meals Roadmap \(2024–2027\)](#), and shared it with key stakeholders to build alignment and support. Alongside this, the *World Vision School Feeding Manual (2018)* is undergoing revision to incorporate updated practices and resources. The revised manual will be available to Field Offices by March 2025.
- World Vision aims to enhance the coverage and quality of school meals (**impact**), increase robust advocacy and external engagement with diverse stakeholders (**influence**), grow the school meals portfolio (**income**), and facilitate evidence-building and information sharing on school meals (**information**).

Field Offices

- Our target is to work with 40+ World Vision Field Offices, 100+ School Meals Coalition Members, 100+ School Meals Coalition Partners.
- Currently, 35 Field Offices have confirmed that they are implementing and/or advocating for school meals as follows:

- **East Africa Region:** Burundi, Uganda, Kenya, South Sudan, Rwanda, Tanzania, Sudan, Ethiopia (8)
- **South Africa Region:** Zambia, Lesotho, Eswatini, Malawi, Zimbabwe, DRC, Mozambique, Angola (8)
- **West Africa Region:** Sierra Leone, Chad, Niger, Mauritania, Mali, Ghana, CAR, Burkina Faso (8)
- **Latin America and the Caribbean Region:** Haiti, Dominican Republic (2)
- **South-East Asia Region:** Cambodia, Myanmar, Vietnam (3)
- **South Asia and Pacific Region:** India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka (4)
- **Middle East and Eastern Europe Region:** Romania, Lebanon (2)



Impact Highlights

Figures cover October - December 2024



World Vision is providing school meals to 375,871 children



with a total funding of US\$21,692,036




for implementation in 15 countries

Core Indicators

 **375,871**
Total number of children receiving wet or dry school meals


 **17,834.85**
Total MT distributed for school feeding

 **US\$482,805**
Total amount of cash and voucher assistance for school feeding

Sectoral Indicators

 **320,742**
Total number of children gaining access to basic handwashing services

 **325,098**
Total number of children gaining access to basic sanitation services

 **76,208**
Total number of children receiving psychosocial support

 **122,070**
Total number of children/schools trained in smart agriculture

Implementing Offices Children receiving school meals

135,427 Burundi	5,671 Kenya	66,202 South Sudan
1,714 Cambodia	18,808 Mozambique	56 Sri Lanka
6,682 CAR	9,427 Myanmar	9,586 Sudan
55,681 DRC	1,142 Romania	306 Vietnam
13,951 Haiti	12,713 Rwanda	38,505 Zambia



On December 18, 2024, a significant milestone was reached for school children in Tanganyika province in DRC, with the official launch of the Supplementary School Meal Programme. Initiated by World Vision DRC and funded by World Vision Singapore, this pilot project aims to combat hunger and malnutrition in 10 primary schools across the city, improving both the nutritional status and academic performance of children.

Influence Highlights

- **G20:** WV actively engaged and advocated for governments to support and join the Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty. World Vision, along with partners organisations, delivered a letter thanking President Lula for his leadership in launching the Global Alliance and urging the prioritisation of child hunger and strengthened partnerships with civil society through the alliance.
- World Vision's advocacy at **COP29** in Azerbaijan achieved key milestones, including amplifying child participation in climate policies for the Solomon Islands and Zambia. The UNFCCC ACE report also recognized World Vision's leadership in engaging vulnerable groups in climate action.
- WV actively participated in the launch of the **Kenya National School Meals Coalition**, where the ministry of education also released an operational plan for the scale-up of the School Meals Programme (SMP) to universal coverage. The establishment of a National School Meals Coalition fulfils one of the commitments that Kenya made at the launch of the global School Meals Coalition at the United Nations Food Systems Summit in September 2021 during the UN General Assembly.
- The school meals team collaborated with the **School Meals Coalition (SMC)** secretariat, to host and lead a [School Meals CSO meeting](#) on 24 October 2024, in Nairobi, Kenya.
- WV participated in the **2nd Ministerial Taskforce of the School Meals Coalition on 29 October 2024**, which provided invaluable networking opportunities and raised WV's visibility among governments and partner organisations.
- School Meals Coalition published an [interview](#) with Mary Njeri, Global School Meals Director, creating awareness of WV's effort in scaling up school meals work.
- WV presented at the World Vision Singapore **Youth Conference** on 7 December 2024 on 'Unequal Plates: Global Hunger in a World Abundance'
- WV participated in the **Global Child Nutrition Forum** on 9–12 December 2024. This was a major opportunity for World Vision to influence global leaders, secure partnerships and advocate for increased support and implementation of school meal programmes.
- We are in the process of establishing a virtual platform in partnership with Plan International, Parliamentary Network for Education (IPNED), Mary's Meals. This will facilitate collaboration among the CSOs enabling them to contribute effectively to the mission of the School Meals Coalition (SMC).

Income Highlights

- **World Bank:** The team participated in an internal discussion on how to engage the World Bank in school meals work. The agreed entry point will be through supporting field offices participate in country programming framework reviews.
- **Government of Finland:** Initiated discussions with World Vision Finland as well as the Embassy of Finland in Kenya. There is an opportunity for World Vision to prepare a multi-country concept note for the upcoming four-year funding opportunity for NGOs from FY26.
- **McGovern Doyle:** Engaged with McGovern-Dole during the Global Child Nutrition Forum and agreed to plan a learning event on sustainability within FY25. The school Meals team will work with WVUS to pursue the opportunity.
- **Global Affairs Canada:** The team will work with the East Africa Regional Grants Acquisition and Management team to plan and co-host a high-level round table discussion.
- **KenGen Foundation:** There are ongoing discussions with KenGen Foundation on a partnership with WV Kenya
- The team has initiated discussions for potential partnerships with *Food for Education* and *Mary's Meals International* with an intention to collaborate in resource mobilization and project implementation.

Information Highlights

- Disseminated the World Vision Scaling Up School Meals Roadmap (2024 – 2027)
- Streamlined and shared the school meals reporting guidelines with Field Offices.
- Organized and hosted two school meals webinars to present the school meals roadmap and reporting guidelines to 40 Field Offices who have prioritised school meals as part of the ENOUGH Campaign.
- Developed the Schools Meals Dashboard to centralise and visualise school meals data
- Shared 2 surveys with 43 field offices that have prioritized school meals as a key intervention in the ENOUGH campaign to assess their school meal programs. 34 Field Offices confirmed that they are implementing and/or advocating for school meals. Field Offices also shared their targets for beneficiary reach, funding, and policy influence which will be validated and shared soon.



Pre-school children receiving daily nutritious lunches through the RISE Lanka project. The RISE Lanka Project, funded by the Australian Government through the Australian Humanitarian Partnership (AHP), has been providing 1,988 pre-school children with daily nutritious lunches to prevent malnutrition and support some of the most vulnerable families in Sri Lanka. Providing these meals has also increased regular attendance at the 85 pre-schools.



Case Study: South Sudan

Since 2023, World Vision, in partnership with the World Food Programme, have implemented school meals programs in South Sudan. In 2024, the program targeted 130 schools, reaching 70,517 pupils with 1,780.728 metric tonnes of food and \$549,749.20 in value vouchers.

A case study was conducted in Warrap State in South Sudan, highlighting the impact of school meals programmes on educational outcomes. The study showed that there was increased enrolment of students from 31,000 to 42,000 pupils in 2023. In 2024, the actual enrolment surpassed 100% by the first term. Over 90% of pupils from supported schools passed National Examinations.

The case study also showed that the integration of complementary activities significantly boosted the effectiveness of the school meals programmes, including:

Improved Infrastructure: Construction of latrines and toilets in 7 schools created a better learning environment.

Community Engagement: Active community involvement raised awareness and increased support for regular school attendance.

Health and Nutrition Initiatives:

- Deworming campaigns reaching 23,116 pupils.
- Health and nutrition education targeting 74 schools.
- 25 health and nutrition clubs (550 members: 275 girls and 275 boys) were formed and trained.

Environmental Sustainability:

- 66 school vegetable gardens were established to supplement feeding and teach agronomy.
- Planting of 372 trees and installation of 20 energy-saving stoves provided environmental, social, and economic benefits.

Capacity Building: Training for 25 health and nutrition clubs, 666 members of the PTA and teachers.

Community Sensitisation and mobilisation through different channels including 3 radio talk shows.

Regular joint monitoring and reporting of school feeding successes and areas of improvement.

This integrated approach has improved access to education, retention rates, and academic performance, ensuring sustainable impact for students and communities.

Priorities for the Next Quarter (Jan - March 2025)

- Commemoration of the Africa Day of School Feeding on 1 March 2025 and the International School Meals Day on 13 March 2025
- Finalise and launch the Revised School Meals Manual
- Participate in a School Meals Marketing design workshop in Nairobi, Kenya
- Monthly reporting on school meals and updates to the school meals dashboard
- Develop and disseminate the donor engagement strategy for school meals
- Build up evidence-based learnings and information on School Meals
- Engage with FOs through meetings and the Community of Practice (Viva Engage)

Resource Highlights

Articles

[World Vision: An Enduring Vision for School Meals in Crisis Setting](#) (School Meals Coalition)

[How school meals help Maria stay in school | ENOUGH | World Vision International](#) (Mozambique)

[School Meals: Empowered To Dream & Reduced Family Expenses](#) (Cambodia)

[School canteens stirring school performance and reducing dropouts in Nyanza-Lac commune | Burundi | World Vision International](#) (Burundi)

[School meals are life-changing, but not as easy as ABC | View | World Vision International](#)
[Outcome Statement: Southeast Asia School Meals Coalition Summit](#) (South East Asia)

Reports and Publications

[Policy Brief: Universal, Inclusive, and Sustainable School Meal Programmes](#)

[School Meals Roadmap](#)

[WV School Meals Targets](#)

[WV Report: School Meals Civil Society Meeting in Nairobi, Kenya](#)

[WFP State of Feeding Report 2022](#)

[School Meals Coalition: Report on the meetings and taskforces](#)

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