

WFP's new flagship report: State of School Feeding Worldwide 2020

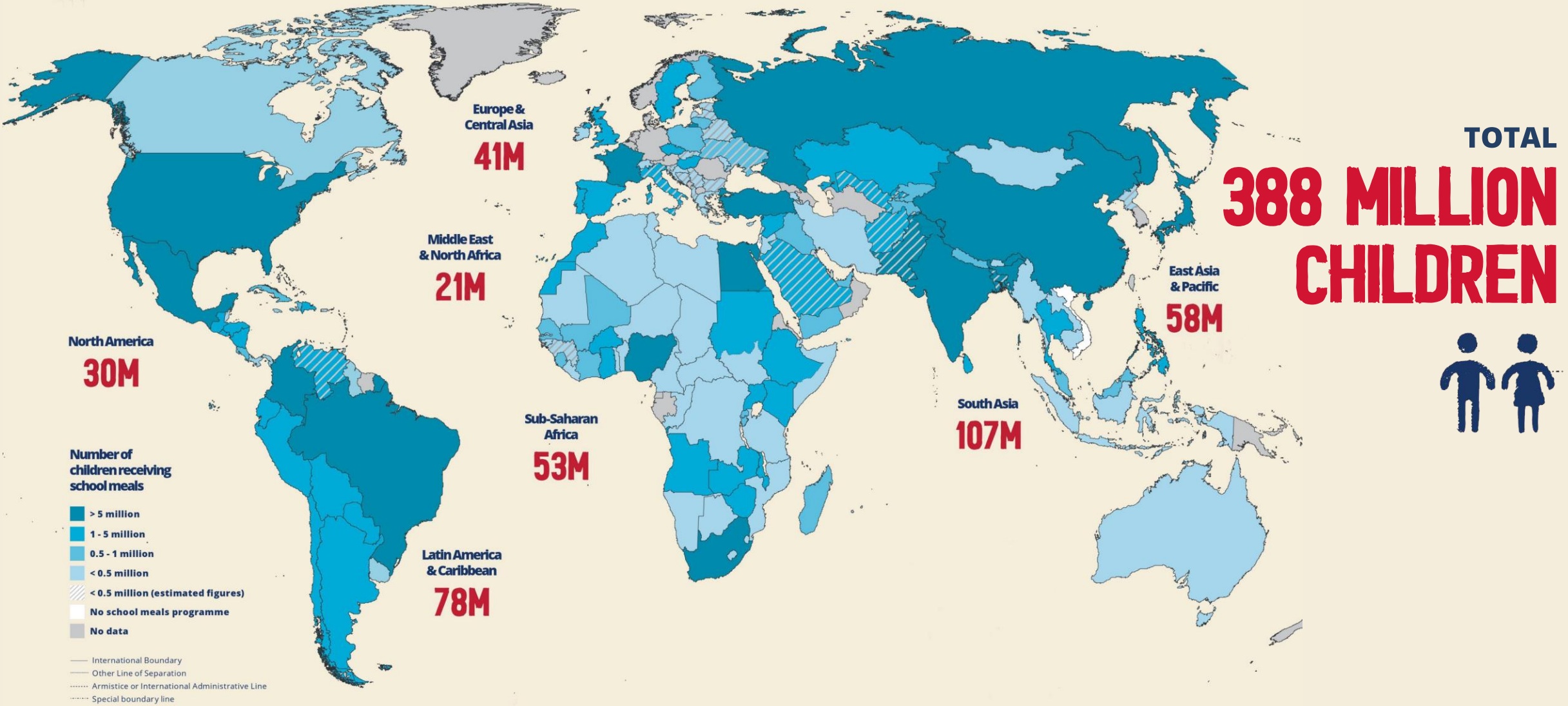
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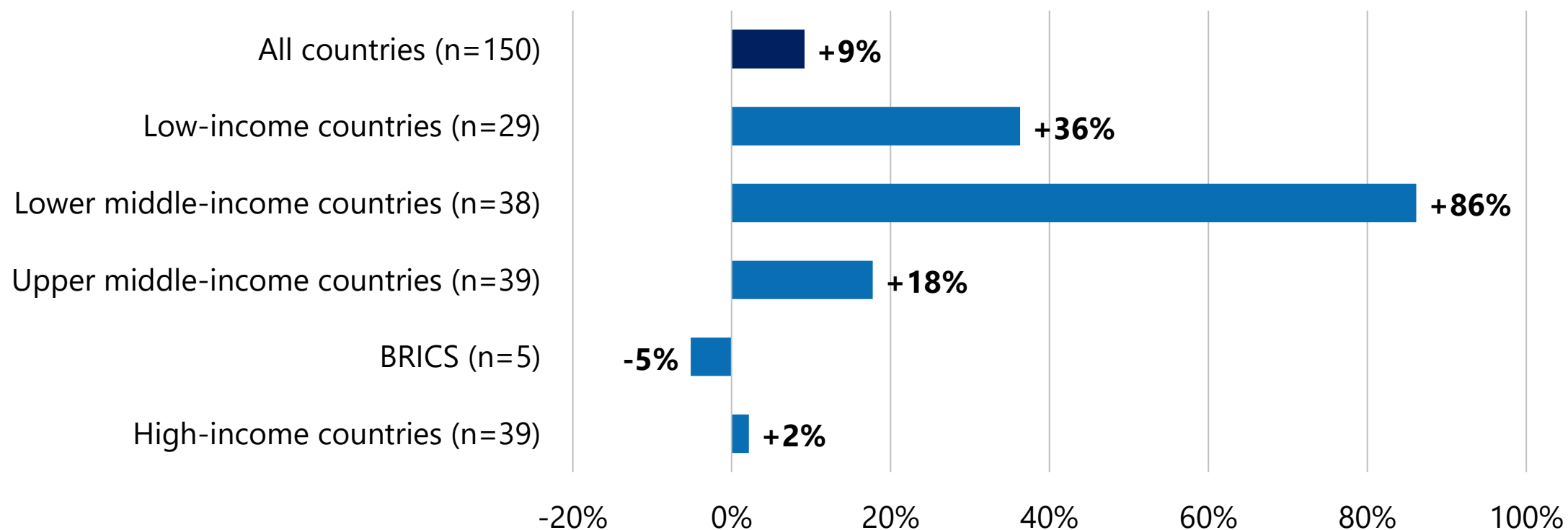
At the beginning of 2020, national school feeding programmes delivered school meals to more children than at any time in human history, making school feeding the most extensive social safety net in the world.

Unprecedented global reach



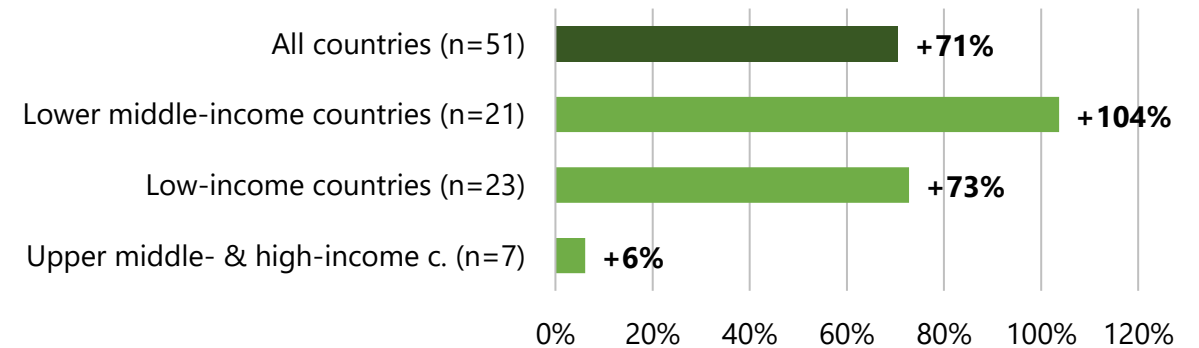
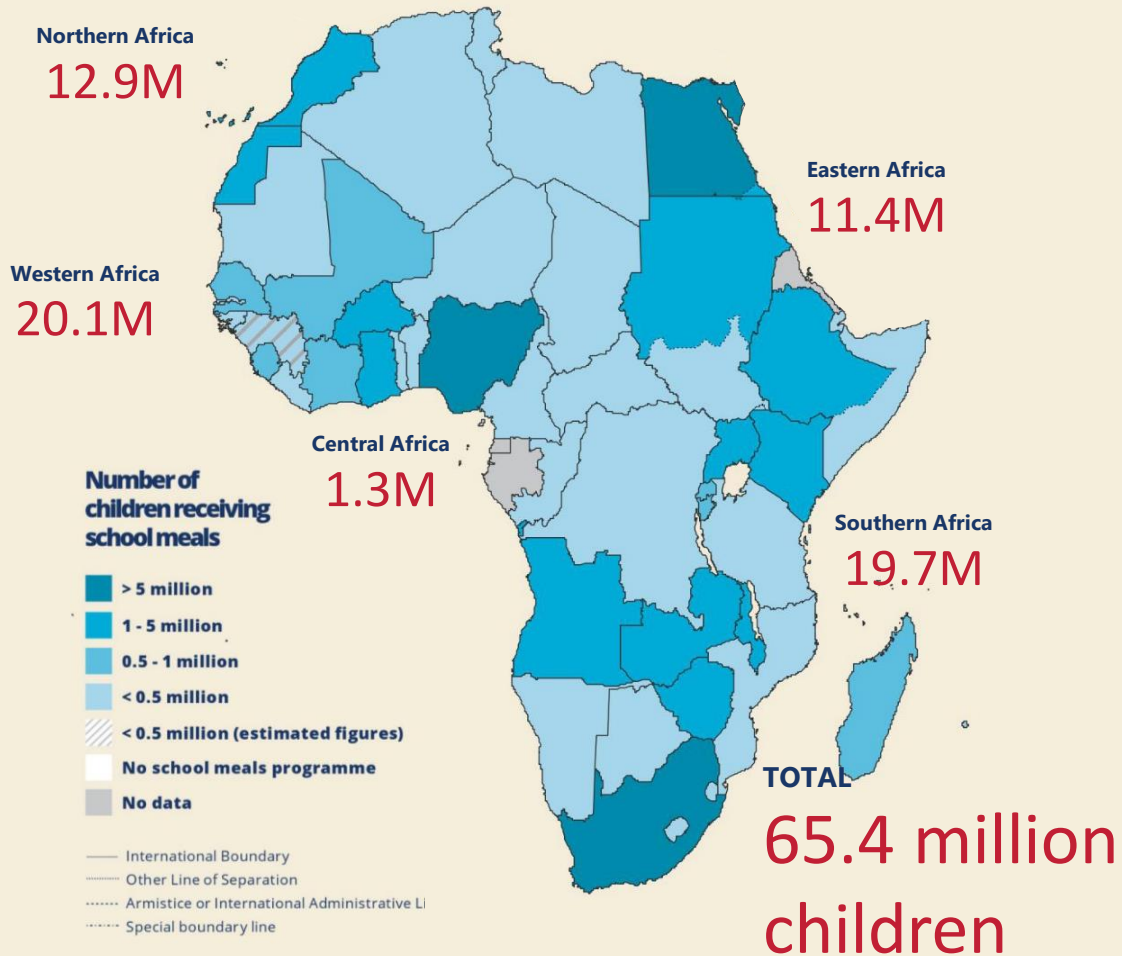
Greatest increase in low/middle-income countries

Change in the number of children receiving school feeding between 2013 and 2020



Exceptional growth of school feeding in Africa

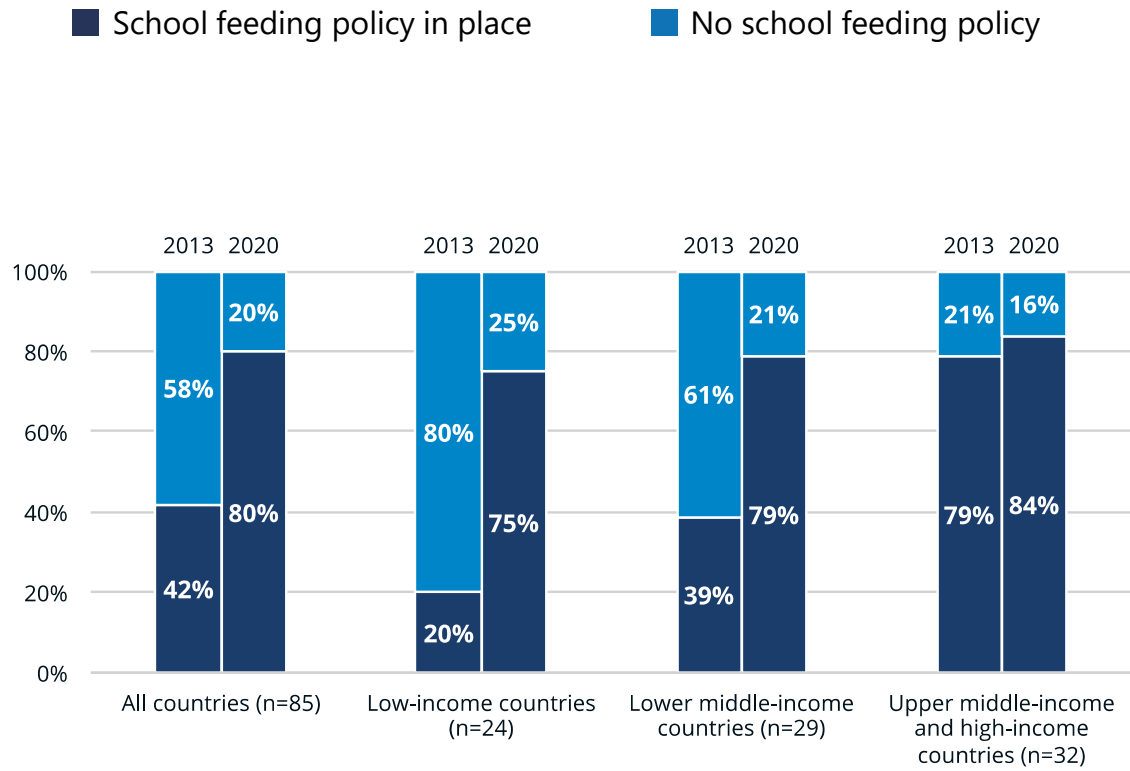
Number of children receiving school feeding in Africa



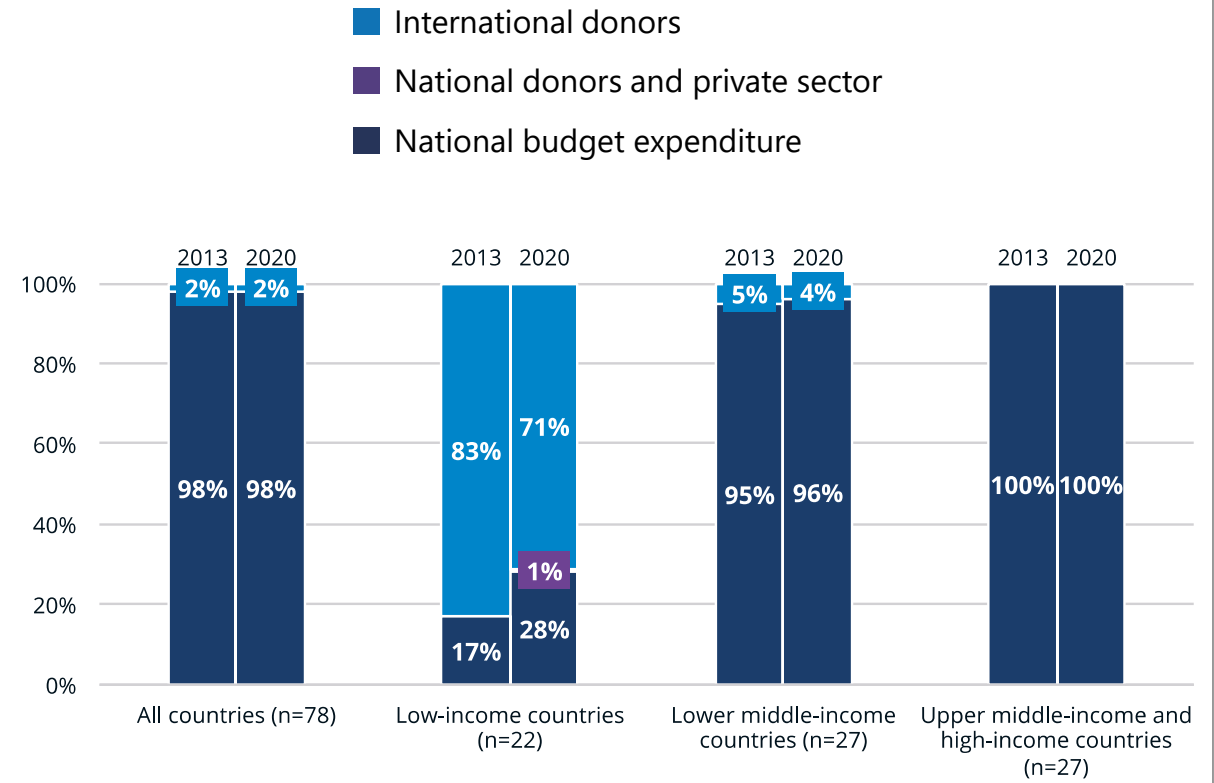
There are 65.4 million children receiving school feeding in Africa, a massive increase from 38.4 million in 2013

90% of funding is from the countries themselves

Countries with a school feeding policy 2013-2020



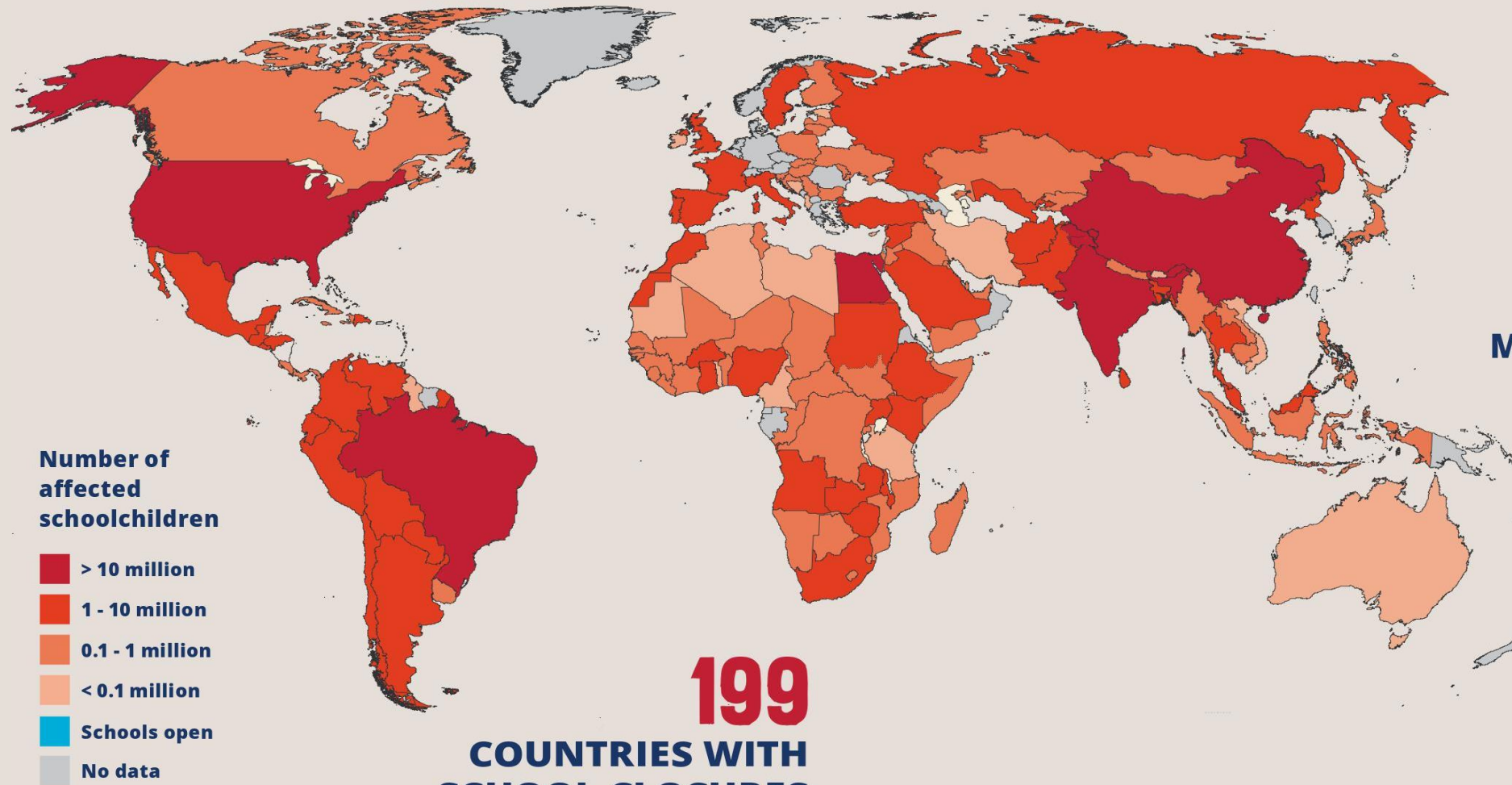
School feeding budgets by source of funding 2013-2020



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In April 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic brought an end to a decade of global growth in school feeding programmes.

COVID-19 school closures suddenly deprived children of education and school meals



370 MILLION
CHILDREN
MISSING OUT ON SCHOOL
MEALS GLOBALLY

The largest education crisis in history

More than 1.5 billion children suddenly deprived of schooling and school-based services

Massive coping and mitigation efforts could not replace delivery through schools: WFP programmes could reach only 40% of their previous caseload

Early marriage and inappropriate child labour increased globally, disrupting girls' education and life chances

The **digital divide** opened up, **exacerbating inequalities** in access to distance learning

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The COVID-19 pandemic has sharpened global resolve to build back better, and highlighted school feeding as a priority for safely opening schools, creating human capital and promoting economic development.

School feeding supports education

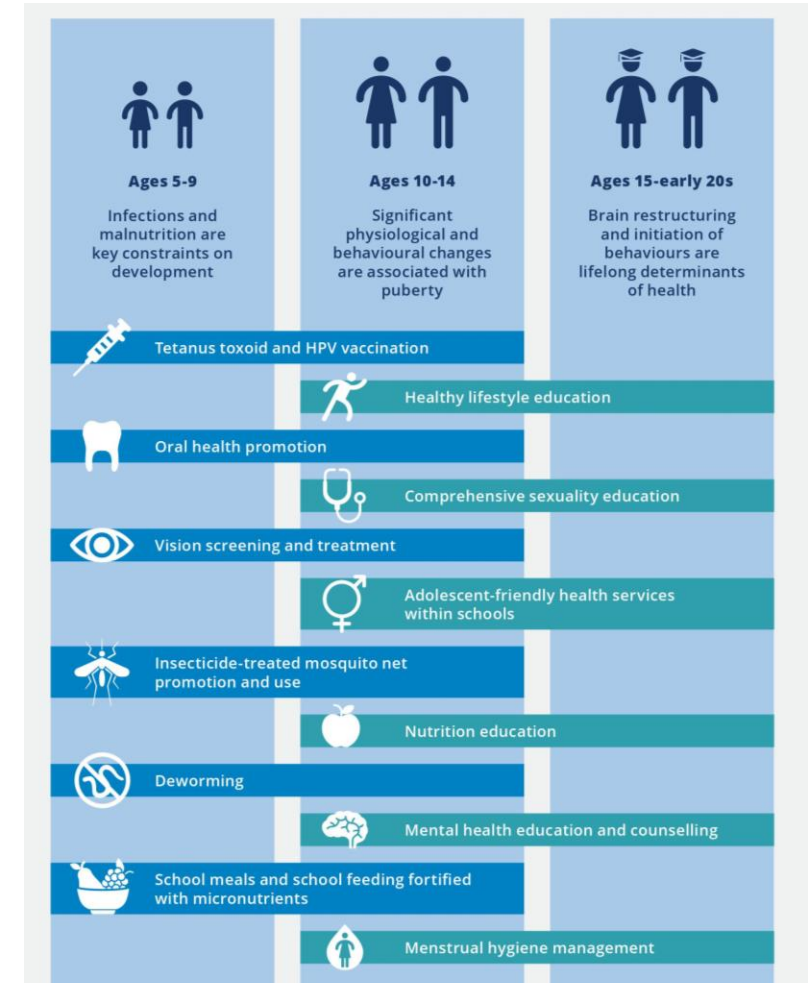


- School feeding increases **girls' education and self-agency**
- It improves not only **access** to education but also **learning** outcomes
- Improved wellbeing and better learning help build **human capital**, especially for girls

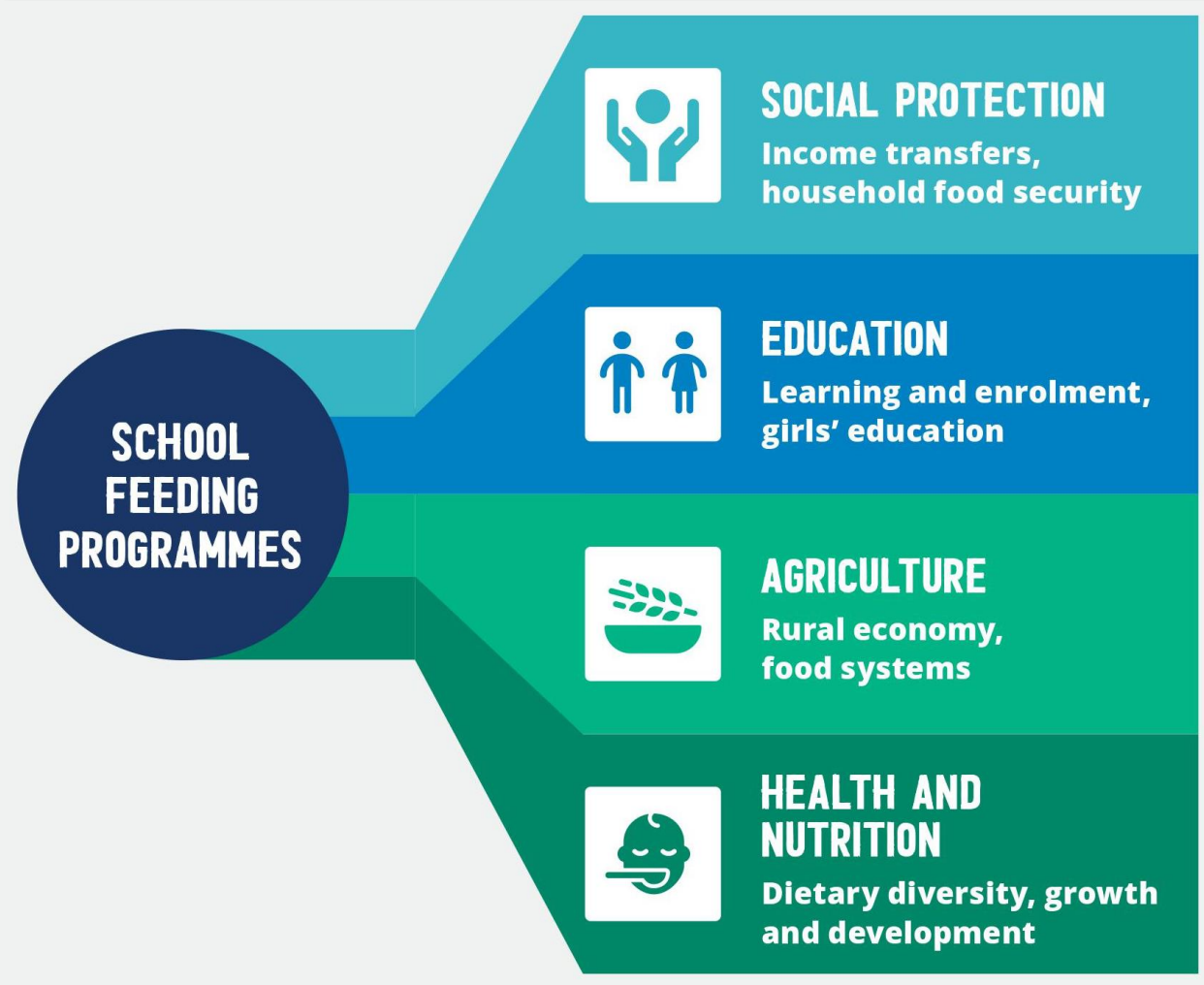
Better health and education together create Human Capital

- **93%** of countries use the school feeding platform to deliver health interventions
- Sustaining investment throughout the **8,000** days to adulthood:
 - secures early gains and supports development during puberty and adolescence
 - offers lifelong and intergenerational benefits
 - helps realize individual potential and create human capital for the nation

Essential health and nutrition interventions during school years



School feeding benefits many sectors, including the local economy



Efficient programmes yield returns of up to **USD9** for every **USD1** invested.

2,000 jobs created per **100,000** children fed

It's launched!

State of School Feeding Worldwide 2020

Available at wfp.org in 6 languages:

- **Arabic** - حالة التغذية المدرسية في جميع أنحاء العالم لعام 2020
- **Chinese** - 2020年全球学校供餐状况
- **English** - State of School Feeding Worldwide 2020
- **French** - La situation de l'alimentation scolaire dans le monde en 2020
- **Russian** - Состояние школьного питания в мире в 2020 году
- **Spanish** - El Estado de la Alimentación Escolar a Nivel Mundial 2020

