

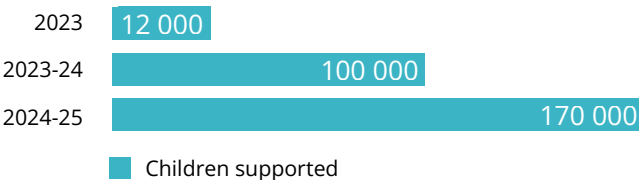


Supporting Ukraine's National School Feeding Programme

WFP WORKS WITH THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE DAILY MEALS TO CHILDREN AND SUPPORT SCHOOLS

The destruction of school buildings, attacks on energy infrastructure, and constrained state budgets have reduced the funding available for school meals. Many schools rely on contributions from parents to fund daily meals, but many families, particularly those who are displaced and unemployed, are struggling to cover school expenses during the war. Since 2023, WFP has been working with the Government and local authorities to help implement the National School Nutrition Reform, initiated by the First Lady, which aims to provide every child with daily nutritious meals.

In numbers



US\$9 million
invested for 2024-2025

170,000
children supported

1,600
schools supported

16
regions (oblasts)



Our approach

WFP provides advance payments for school meals through the Ministry of Education and Science (MoES) to selected municipalities (hromadas). This funding helps cover the cost of school meals or improve their nutritional value.

This support is particularly critical in regions close to the frontline where schools have recently reopened and local administration revenue remains low. Areas like Zaporizhzhia and Kharkiv, where many children have returned to studying in-person in underground schools, particularly benefit from this assistance.

Additionally, WFP has been providing material support to schools, including fuel for generators and energy-efficient kitchen equipment.

Project goals

Improve the nutritional quality of school meals in line with the standards set by the School Nutrition Reform, including by enhancing the knowledge and capacity of school administration and canteen staff.

Promote full attendance of children at school canteens by supporting local administration budgets and providing resources for the school canteens.

Alleviate the financial burden on parents of schoolchildren by supporting free school meals or reducing the parents' contributions.