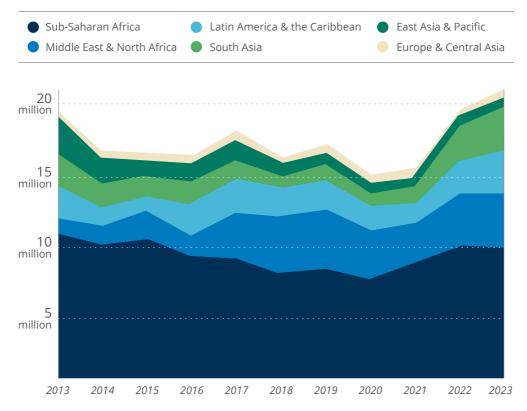
**Figure 4.6** Evolution of WFP school meal direct beneficiaries between 2013 and 2023 (by region)

There has been a continuous increase in the number of schoolchildren reached by WFP school meals since 2020. In 2023, this number reached its highest in a decade at 21.4 million children, the largest share of which continues to be in sub-Saharan Africa.



Source: WFP (2013-2023).