Annex I Recent publications by WFP and partners

1. WFP publications

Updated School Meals Policy

WFP's updated School Meals Policy highlights the transformative impact of nationally led programmes in improving child nutrition, education and sustainable development. Drawing on 60 years of experience and over 50 successful national transitions, the policy emphasizes stronger government partnerships, climate-smart design and advocacy for sustainable financing. It supports the goals of the School Meals Coalition, uniting over 100 countries and more than 140 partners to ensure every child receives a daily meal by 2030. Despite reaching 418 million children between 2020 and 2022 – 98 percent through domestic funding – significant gaps remain in low-income countries, calling for innovative financing and targeted capacity building.

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State of School Feeding Worldwide

The State of School Feeding Worldwide is WFP's flagship biennial report, providing the most comprehensive global overview of school meal programmes. First published in 2013, in collaboration with the World Bank and Partnership for Child Development, it established WFP as a global leader in this field. Subsequent editions in 2020 and 2022 highlighted the evolution of school meal programmes, their integration with social protection and the impact of COVID-19. The 2022 edition showed strong recovery following the global pandemic, although low-income countries remained behind pre-pandemic levels. The 2024 edition – the fourth in the series – continues to build the evidence base for effective, equitable school meal delivery worldwide.

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A Chance for Every Schoolchild – WFP School Feeding Strategy 2020–2030

In 2020, WFP launched a ten-year strategy to advocate for increased investment in the health and nutrition of school-aged children and adolescents. The strategy emphasizes WFP's role in convening partners, advocating globally and supporting countries to address gaps in the provision of school meals. While WFP may not lead every intervention, it leverages its 60+ years of experience, presence in over 100 countries and deep knowledge of vulnerable populations to strengthen national programmes. By working collaboratively and drawing on its technical expertise, WFP aims to make school meal programmes a core component of national development and long-term human capital strategies.

WFP. 2020. A Chance for Every Schoolchild – WFP School Feeding Strategy 2020-2030. Available at:

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School Feeding Situation Analysis – needs and challenges in WFP programming

This document is part of a broader situation analysis conducted by WFP's School-Based Programmes Service, with support from the WFP Centre of Excellence, in late 2018. It informs implementation of WFP's School Feeding Strategy 2020–2030 by identifying key areas for organizational action to strengthen the delivery of school meal programmes and technical assistance. The analysis focuses on six priority areas: strategic direction, programme quality, partnerships, workforce capacity, systems and evidence generation.

These elements are essential for supporting countries in building effective, sustainable school meal programmes that respond to national priorities and contribute to improved learning, nutrition and development outcomes.

WFP. 2018. School Feeding Situation Analysis – Needs and Challenges in WFP Programming. Available at:

https://docs.wfp.org/api/documents/WFP-0000112503/download/

School Feeding in 2018 – Beyond the Annual Performance Report 2018 Series

This thematic report, developed by WFP's Performance Management and Reporting Division and the School-Based Programmes Service, captures WFP's progress in school meal programmes and reflects on lessons learned to shape future strategy. It reviews achievements from 2018 to 2019 in supporting vulnerable children, families and communities through school-based interventions, drawing on country and annual performance reports. The report also presents previously unpublished insights from a 2018 stocktaking exercise, which included evaluations, audits and consultations across country, regional and global levels. These findings have directly informed the development of WFP's new global school feeding strategy, marking a pivotal step forward in programme direction.

WFP. 2019. School Feeding in Ghana - Investment Case - Cost Benefit Analysis Report. Available at:

https://docs.wfp.org/api/documents/WFP-0000108072/download/

WFP. 2019. Costs-benefits Analysis of WFP Benin School Feeding Programme. Available at: https://docs.wfp.org/api/documents/WFP-0000114270/download/

WFP. 2019. School Feeding in 2018 – Beyond the Annual Performance Report 2018 Series. Available at:

https://docs.wfp.org/api/documents/WFP-0000110344/download/

2. Programme guidance and selected evaluations

WFP. 2020. From the School Gate to Children's Plate: Golden Rules for Safer School Meals. Available at:

https://docs.wfp.org/api/documents/WFP-0000105252/download/

The Food Safety and Quality Guidelines for Safer School Meals assign school meal programme managers responsible for the overall quality and safety of the food provided in schools, and those responsible for designing training for cooks and food handlers at school level with the basic food safety principles and good practices for the selection, storage, preparation and serving of food.

WFP, FAO, IFAD, NEPAD, GCNF & Partnership for Child Development. 2018. Home-Grown School Feeding Resource Framework. Technical Document. Available at: https://docs.wfp.org/api/documents/WFP-0000074274/download/

This resource framework is a guidance tool for stakeholders involved in programme design, implementation and monitoring of home-grown school meal programmes and the related policy and institutional environment. Stakeholders may include governments and development partners providing technical and financial assistance, as well as civil society, community-based organizations and the private sector.

World Bank. 2016. Manual for SABER School Feeding Exercise. Available at: https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/239141496301589942/pdf/Systems-Approach-for-Better-Education-Results-SABER-school-health-and-school-feeding.pdf

This manual, published by WFP and the World Bank in 2016, helps stakeholders plan and implement a SABER school feeding assessment at country level.

WFP. 2022. Joint Evaluation of the Breaking Barriers for Girls' Education Programme in Chad and Niger (2019-2022). Available at:

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These decentralized evaluations were commissioned by the WFP School-Based Programmes Team to cover the Breaking Barriers for Girls' Education Programme in Chad and Niger (2019–2022). The evaluations were jointly carried out by UNICEF, UNFPA and WFP in 2023.

WFP. 2025. Evaluation of Joint Resilience Programme in South-Central Somalia 2018-2022. Available at: https://www.wfp.org/publications/evaluation-joint-resilience-programme-south-central-somalia-2018-2022

This evaluation pertains to the Joint Resilience Programme, implemented by UNICEF, WFP and local partners. The programme aimed to address vulnerabilities and foster resilience for over 3.8 million beneficiaries in Banadir, Gedo and Jubaland with EUR 90.6 million in funding across two phases. The evaluation was jointly commissioned by the WFP and UNICEF Country Offices.

WFP. 2024. *Jordan, School Meal Programme: Impact Evaluation.* Available at: https://www.wfp.org/publications/jordan-school-meal-programme-impact-evaluation

WFP, in partnership with the Government of Jordan and the World Bank, conducted a randomized controlled trial to evaluate how a new school meals delivery model impacted children's nutrition, behaviour, education and kitchen workers' socioeconomic outcomes.

WFP. 2024. Summary of Evaluative Evidence: Home-Grown School Feeding. Available at: https://www.wfp.org/publications/summary-evaluation-evidence-home-grown-school-feeding

This summary brings together evidence from 49 WFP-commissioned independent evaluations, which cover the period 2018–2023. The summary offers lessons on WFP's home-grown school meals programming to inform ongoing and future interventions. It has global coverage, covering WFP interventions in 45 countries.

WFP. 2023. Lessons on School Feeding in West and Central Africa. Available at: https://www.wfp.org/publications/summary-evaluation-evidence-lessons-school-feeding-west-and-central-africa

The summary highlights lessons from School Health and Nutrition and Home-Grown School Feeding, sharing good practices from West and Central Africa to inform global programmes.

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