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FOREWORD

"If you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame."

— Isaiah 58:10–11 (NIV)

Across continents and communities, I have witnessed the quiet power of a school meal. It is more than nourishment; it is a promise. A promise that a child will return to school tomorrow. A promise that a parent will have one less worry. A promise that learning, dignity, and hope are still within reach.

This portfolio of country profiles is not just a record of programmes, it reflects resilience. School meals are transforming lives. They are keeping children in school, improving health, empowering girls and strengthening local food systems.

My own journey in school meals has been deeply personal. I have sat with mothers who shared how a simple plate of food changed their child's future. I have listened to children who now dream of becoming doctors, teachers, and leaders because hunger no longer stands in their way. I have worked alongside passionate colleagues and partners who believe, as I do, that no child should be too hungry to learn.

This work is not easy. It requires courage, collaboration, and commitment. But it is possible. And it is working.

As you read these profiles, I invite you to look beyond the numbers. See the children. Hear their stories. Feel the urgency and the opportunity. Let it challenge you to act, support one child, inspire someone to give, advocate for your government to prioritize school meals, implement programmes with excellence, or document and share the impact.

Each of us has a role to play.

Let us move forward with faith, guided by the belief that progress is not only possible—it is already unfolding, one meal, one child, one community at a time.

Mary Njeri

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Every school day, nearly one million children across 20 countries receive a nutritious meal through World Vision's school meals programmes. This is often the only meal they get all day. In a world where more than 66 million school-aged children lack access to school meals, this work is not only urgent—it is transformative.

World Vision's integrated school meals model delivers more than food. It provides locally sourced, culturally appropriate meals alongside complementary interventions such as improving access to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), enhancing child protection, nutrition education, promoting climate resilience, community engagement, and economic empowerment. This holistic approach improves child health, learning outcomes, gender equity, and strengthens community-led food systems.

Spanning Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East, World Vision adapts its school meals programmes to local contexts, guided by a School Meals Roadmap that drives scale and sustainability through four strategic pillars: enhancing programme quality, coverage, and sustainability (Impact); advancing advocacy and strategic partnerships (Influence); mobilizing resources for scale (Income); and generating and sharing evidence for continuous improvement (Information). Implementation is guided by the World Vision School Meals Manual, ensuring consistency, quality, and alignment with global standards.

This portfolio presents 19 country profiles, each offering insights into local context, programme reach, success stories, and key contacts. Together, they illustrate the diversity, adaptability, and impact of World Vision's school meals work.

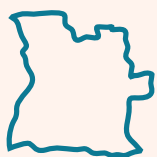
Looking ahead, World Vision envisions a world where every child has access to a nutritious school meal, no matter where they live. By 2028, we aim to reach 10 million children through sustainable, locally owned programmes embedded in national systems, supported by communities, and resilient to shocks. Our goal is not just to feed children, but to transform education, health, and livelihoods through scalable, integrated solutions.

This vision is ambitious but achievable. For as little as \$0.36 per child per day, we can deliver a nutritious school meal that fuels learning and growth. With your support, we can scale proven models, reach the most vulnerable, and ensure no child is too hungry to learn.

We invite donors, policymakers, partners, and advocates to join us in this mission. Your investment can unlock a child's potential, strengthen communities, and build a more equitable future.

Join us in feeding the future. Support World Vision's school meals programmes and help us reach every child, in every classroom, every day. Together, we can end child hunger and empower the next generation to learn, grow, and thrive.

WORLD VISION ANGOLA



Donor(s): United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Location(s): Huíla, Cunene, and Benguela

Project Period: 1 October 2024 – 30 September 2029

Target Beneficiaries: Over 96,000 children and 16,000 Pregnant and Breastfeeding Women

Cost per Child per Day: USD 0.28



In Angola, chronic hunger and food insecurity remain critical barriers to education and child development, especially in hard-to-reach provinces like Huíla, Namibe, Cunene, Cabinda and Benguela. Many children attend school hungry or miss school altogether due to food

scarcity at home. This impacts their ability to concentrate, learn, and reach their full potential.

Since 2022, World Vision Angola has been at the forefront of changing this reality through integrated school feeding

programs that serve(d) over **100,000 children** across more than **100** schools. At an average cost of **USD 0.28 per meal per day**, these programs provide daily nutritious meals that improve attendance, focus, and academic performance. Currently, WVA continues with the USDA funded School Feeding Program while the other programs have ended. The projects that ended allowed WVA to gain significant knowledge in the implementation of school feeding programs.

The Okulonguesa project in Namibe is a prime example of this impact. In vulnerable communities like Nkhondo, the project supports school kitchens staffed by trained local cooks, including Maria Zita, a mother and farmer who earns a small income preparing meals. Her daughter Isabel, once regularly absent due to hunger, now attends school consistently and dreams of becoming a doctor. “Before, I missed school often because I had nothing to eat. Now, with the school meals, I feel stronger and excited to learn every day. I want to become a doctor and help my community,” she shares with hope. School meals are prepared with fresh, locally sourced ingredients, including vegetables grown by community farmers trained by World Vision. These nutritious meals meet national standards by providing one-third of a child’s daily caloric needs (approximately 700 Kcal) while following strict hygiene protocols.

Currently, WVA is implementing the USDA funded ANGEL program, focuses

on school feeding for pre-school and primary school children and Take Home Rations for Pregnant and Lactating women, teacher training, capacity building of Parent Teacher Association, training of Municipal Administrations in the management of a school feeding program, Early Childhood Development, Nutrition interventions such as Vitamin A supplementation deworming and nutrition education, and child protection. The ANGEL program works together with the Ministry of Education supporting the Implementation of the National School Feeding Program (PNAE) through providing technical advice.

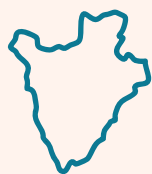
The program also strengthens resilience by training families in sustainable agriculture, supporting local food production, and creating income-generating opportunities. Key results include improved school attendance and retention, enhanced literacy and learning outcomes, increased community engagement in nutrition and agriculture, creation of livelihoods for local cooks and farmers, and adoption of national policies supporting school feeding and nutrition.

World Vision Angola’s integrated approach is helping break cycles of poverty and hunger by nourishing children, empowering families, and building resilient communities. Your support sustains this vital work. By investing in school meals, you are investing in Angola’s future, one child, one family, one community at a time.

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WORLD VISION BURUNDI



Donor(s): WFP

Project Title: Home-Grown School Feeding

Location(s): Makamba and Muyinga provinces

Project Period: Muyinga, Makamba and Gitega through 2027

Target Beneficiaries: Over 428,000 children

Cost per Child per Day: USD 0.52



Burundi has the highest rate of chronic malnutrition globally, with more than 55% of children under five stunted (WFP, 2024). This severe malnutrition is compounded by hunger and poverty that keep nearly 40% of school-age children out of classrooms, limiting their future opportunities. For many

families, food scarcity is a daily reality, and sending children to school hungry undermines their ability to learn and thrive.

Since 2019, World Vision Burundi has partnered with the government to provide daily hot meals to students in Makamba

and Muyinga provinces. These meals, prepared on-site by local parents, supported by community gardens, and complemented by WASH and nutrition education, are a critical lifeline. Partnering with the World Food Programme, World Vision sources fresh vegetables and staples from farmer cooperatives, strengthening local food systems while nourishing children. In FY2025, the programme has reached over 428,000 children, making it the largest school meals initiative in World Vision's global portfolio.

At a cost of just USD 0.52 per meal, this programme delivers exceptional value in transforming lives. Fifteen-year-old Audrey, a ninth grader, explains:

“Before, I sometimes missed lunch at home and went back to school hungry, which affected my learning. Now, with school meals, we eat lunch at school and return to class refreshed. Our health and well-being have improved.”

The impact is clear: improved attendance, fewer dropouts, and better academic

performance especially among girls, who benefit most from reliable school meals.

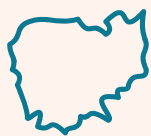
World Vision supports a phased handover of school feeding programmes to government management. The Home-Grown School Feeding initiative in Muyinga will continue through 2027, while Makamba's programme has been extended until 2025. From September 2025, nearly all schools will adopt a local procurement model: WVIB will distribute only a few items, such as salt and oil, while cereals and pulses will be purchased from local producers and cooperatives. WFP will make payments through its partnership with the Ministry of Education using vouchers. WVIB will continue to implement the agreements in Muyinga, Makamba, and Gitega, focusing on strengthening monitoring, ensuring quality, and building capacity at school, cooperative, and Ministry of Education levels at both communal and provincial scales, within the framework of the school feeding programmes.

Where hunger once closed doors, school meals are now opening them, feeding children's bodies and futures alike. Your support sustains this vital work. Help keep Burundi's children in school, well-fed, and ready to thrive.

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WORLD VISION CAMBODIA



Donor: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) through UN World Food Programme

Project Title: National Home-Grown School Feeding Programme

Location(s): 316 primary schools in 2 provinces

Project Period: 2017–2026

Target Beneficiaries: 110,640 children

Annual Budget: USD 412,120

Cost per Child per Day: USD 0.205



In Cambodia, nearly one in three children under the age of five is stunted, and almost one in ten is acutely malnourished (WFP, 2024). While school enrollment rates are high, dropout remains a persistent challenge; particularly in rural areas where poverty, food insecurity, and long travel distances

hinder regular attendance. Many children arrive at school without having eaten or skip school entirely to help their families or earn income. Without access to nutritious meals, their ability to concentrate, learn, and reach their full potential is severely compromised.

Since late 2017, World Vision International Cambodia (WVI-C) has implemented an integrated Home-Grown School Feeding (HGSF) program aimed at addressing children hunger, while strengthening local food systems. The program has supported more than 110,000 children in 316 primary schools in two provinces, in close partnership with the Ministry of Education and its line departments, World Food Programme, Provincial and District officials, local authorities, School Management Committee, and local farmers. Through these collaborations, children receive nutritious and locally sourced meals during the school day, typically including fortified rice, canned fish, vegetable oil, vegetables, fresh fish, meat, egg and fruit. In addition to school meals, the program provides nutrition education and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) support long-term improvements in child health and nutrition. The Government of Cambodia has established a sub-decree and national guidelines to support this program's implementation. To date, WVI-C has handed over 241 primary schools to the government management, with full transition planned by 2027.

Thirteen-year-old Chandy, a sixth grader, recently transferred to a school offering daily meals supported by World Vision Cambodia and the change transformed not only her education, but her entire family's routine.

“Before, my mum had to wake up very early to cook and pack my food. Sometimes we didn't have enough ingredients or time. Now I get breakfast at school, and it helps me learn better.”

The Cambodia's home-grown school feeding approach connects smallholder farmers and fish producers to local schools, integrating fresh, locally sourced meals, like fish soup and vegetable stir-fries, into the school menu. This model nourishes children while strengthening local food economies, providing farmers with stable incomes and children with healthier bodies and minds. One supplier, 39-year-old farmer Sitha, explains:

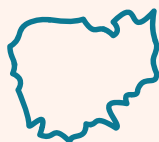
“One of the reasons I continue participating in the program is because of the stable and increased income I have received as a supplier. I used to earn 400,000 riels (USD 100), but now it has increased to 1,600,000 riels (USD 400) per month, which helps me support my children's education and buy more land.”

Feeding a child in Cambodia costs just USD 0.205 per day. This community rooted approach connects children to their local environment and offers a pathway out of poverty for both children and the communities. Let us ensure every child in Cambodia has the chance to learn, grow, and chase their dreams with a full stomach.

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WORLD VISION CENTRAL AFRICA REPUBLIC (CAR)



Donor(s): WFP

Project Title: Home-Grown School Feeding

Location(s): Bouar, Baoro, Baboua, Bambari and Bangassou sub-prefecture

Project Period: 2014 – current Field Level Agreement (FLA) ended August 31, 2025 (This activity will continue in the new Agreement)

Target Beneficiaries: 34,000 children

Cost per Child per Day: USD 0.232



In a country where prolonged conflict has devastated communities and disrupted education, World Vision, in partnership with the World Food Programme (WFP), has been

implementing a transformative Home-Grown School Feeding (HGSF) programme since 2014. This initiative targets six prefectures affected by instability and food insecurity,

providing over 34,000 children with daily nutritious meals in 2025; at a cost of just **USD 0.232** per child per day.

CAR ranks among the lowest, globally, on the Human Development Index, with widespread poverty, hunger, and malnutrition severely limiting children's access to education. For years, many schools remained closed due to violence, and even when open, hunger forced children, especially girls, to drop out or skip classes. In 2019, only 30% of school-age children had access to school meals (WFP, 2020), underscoring the critical need for expanded nutrition support.

The Home-Grown School Feeding (HGSF) programme is more than emergency food aid; it is a systems-strengthening intervention designed to build sustainable local food systems. By empowering smallholder farmers to increase production and linking them directly to school meal supply chains, the programme stimulates rural economies and enhances food security. Communities are actively mobilized to support school feeding efforts, fostering ownership and sustainability.

This integrated approach has yielded remarkable results: schools report higher enrolment, improved attendance, and reduced dropout rates, particularly among girls. One school director in Bambari observed, "Our enrolment has nearly doubled, and girls' attendance has significantly improved thanks to the school meals provided through this programme."

For children like 12-year-old Jocelyne, school meals are more than just food; they are a reason to hope and learn. *"I love this dish and I eat it with appetite every time it is presented to me at the table,"* she says, savoring her daily beans and rice meal. *"At home, I like to prepare it with my older sisters."* Jocelyne's father echoes this sentiment: *"The meal that is served to the children at school helps us a lot, especially when the children come home and sometimes have to wait until we come back from the fields to get food."*

Beyond the classroom, school meals act as a lifeline for families facing economic hardship. They save families up to 10% of their income, reduce child labour risks, and provide children with the nourishment needed to focus, learn, and thrive.

Despite these achievements, CAR's fragile context remains a challenge. Violence and displacement persist, and many schools operate in difficult conditions with limited infrastructure. However, the Home-Grown School Feeding programme demonstrates that targeted investment in nutrition and local agriculture can break cycles of poverty, improve education outcomes, and build resilience in the country's most vulnerable communities.

By supporting World Vision and WFP's continued efforts in CAR, you help provide vital nutrition, strengthen local food systems, and secure a better future for thousands of children like Jocelyne.

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WORLD VISION CHAD



Donor(s): WFP

Project Title: Emergency School Feeding

Location(s): Facharna, Abeche, Goz-Beida, Guereda, Iriba and Amdjaras in the eastern Chad

Project Period: Academic year 2024/2025: February 2025 to June 30, 2025

Target Beneficiaries: Over 79,000 children

Cost per Child per Day: USD 0.268



Nestled in the eastern corner of Chad near the Sudanese border, Farchana refugee camp is home to tens of thousands of families who fled violence and conflict in Darfur, Sudan. Established in 2004, Farchana is one of several refugee settlements in Chad

hosting over 400,000 displaced people—many living in fragile conditions with limited access to food, healthcare, and education. In this challenging environment marked by poverty, insecurity, and scarce resources, children face heightened risks of hunger,

malnutrition, and interrupted schooling. Many families depend heavily on humanitarian assistance, with irregular food supplies forcing children to go hungry or drop out of school to help find food for their siblings.

Since 2014, World Vision, in partnership with the World Food Programme (WFP), has been delivering a vital school feeding programme in Farchana that currently reaches over 79,000 children. For many, the daily meal provided at school is often the only reliable food they receive, helping to stabilize their health, boost concentration, and motivate attendance.

Fourteen-year-old Saba, who is among the children receiving school meals, explains:

“School feeding is good. The rice and beans are rich. When we eat, we’re full and can spend hours without hunger.”

Before this programme, many children would leave school early or stop attending altogether to look for food. Now, schools are places of safety, nourishment, and hope for young survivors of violence and loss.

Community engagement is a cornerstone of the programme: Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs) and School Feeding Committees take charge of day-to-day operations cooking meals, managing stocks, supervising

hygiene standards, maintaining records, handling finances, and responding to complaints. This strong local participation reinforces transparency, trust, and ownership of the programme.

Partial cash-based modalities have been introduced to increase flexibility and support local markets. Select schools’ pilot supplementary activities like kitchen gardens and small livestock farming, which enhance meal diversity and promote sustainability amid resource constraints.

The programme prioritizes child protection and improving girls’ access to education, recognizing that these groups are especially vulnerable in displacement settings. School feeding not only improves nutrition but also acts as an incentive to keep girls and boys in school, reducing risks of early marriage, child labour, and exploitation.

Despite ongoing insecurity, food shortages, and limited infrastructure, this school feeding initiative has made significant strides in fostering resilience and hope. The programme’s cost-efficiency, approximately \$0.268 per child per day, makes it a sustainable and impactful intervention in a difficult humanitarian context.

By supporting this initiative, donors invest in a lifeline that restores dignity, nurtures education, and builds stronger futures for displaced children in Chad.

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WORLD VISION DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO



Donor(s): WFP, European Union, and Japan

Project Title : « Protéger l'avenir : Santé et nutrition en milieu scolaire pour le développement communautaire intégral » and « Tudisange Bua Kalasa Mu Kasai central »

Location(s): -Kasaï central Province: Tshikaji health zone, Masuika health zone and Dibaya territory, Kasaï Oriental Province: Miabi health zone, Tshishimbi health zone, and Kabeya Kamwanga health zone

Project Period: 2024–2025

Target Beneficiaries: Over 53,587 children

Cost per Child per Day: USD 0.5



The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is currently facing a severe humanitarian crisis. The Eastern region continues to experience recurring violence and conflicts, leading to complex instability. To date, an estimated 6.9 million people are internally displaced. The situation escalated further with the M23 offensive, which captured Goma and, in February 2025, Bukavu, marking a new peak in violence. In response, the 'Humanitarian Reset' process, launched in early 2025, reprioritized interventions to focus on essential emergency support, including health, nutrition, food security, and shelter for the most vulnerable. Children are facing heightened risks of food insecurity and gender-based violence. A recent assessment of 111,328 displaced children found that 9,603 show signs of moderate malnutrition, while 2,630 suffer from severe acute malnutrition.

The current dynamics of conflict and population movements in eastern DRC have exacerbated food insecurity, affecting more than 10% of the population, so that the link between conflict in the east and food insecurity is now clear. According to the recent analysis of acute food insecurity by the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) DRC, approximately 27.7 million people (24%) of the population are facing high acute food insecurity (IPC Phase 3 or higher). Approximately 3.9 million are in an emergency (IPC Phase 4), and over 23.8 million are facing crisis-level food insecurity (IPC Phase 3).

Malnutrition among children under five remains alarmingly high. For many families, daily survival takes priority over school, and hunger becomes a barrier to learning. Without food, classrooms are half-empty, and children's future is put on hold. Faced with a food crisis and malnutrition in the Democratic Republic of Congo, school feeding programmes are proving to be an alternative way of providing nutritious meals to primary school pupils.

To meet this urgent need, World Vision, in partnership with WFP, EU and JAPAN, implemented a school feeding project across 104 primary schools Dibaya territory, Tshikaji , Masuika, Miabi, Tshishimbi, Kabeya Kamwanga and Kabinda health zones. Running from September 2024 to July 2025, the programme reached over 53,587 children, teachers, and cooks, providing daily hot meals prepared on-site using locally sourced cereals, pulses, oil, and iodized salt. The project also distributed take-home rations, installed kitchen and hygiene infrastructure, and supported school gardens to strengthen local food systems. Communities played a hands-on role, volunteering as cooks, collecting firewood, managing storage, and participating in school canteen committees.

The results of the programme were both immediate and significant. Attendance rates rose from 70% to 90 % across participating schools, while dropout rates declined compared to the previous academic year; especially among girls and displaced children. Marie, a mother from Kabinda, shares her experience: "Before, I couldn't afford to feed my children every day. Now, they eat at school, which is such a relief for me. I've noticed a big difference in their behavior and school results."

A total of 104 school canteen committees were trained and are now actively managing food operations. Additionally, 15,000 learners received hygiene kits and were sensitized on handwashing and food safety practices. Teachers reported noticeable improvements in student concentration and classroom participation. The project also exceeded its planned coverage by 5%, reaching more learners than initially anticipated. As Fabrice, a local health worker, observed: "A child who comes to school hungry is exhausted. Their brain is on standby, unable to concentrate. To help them succeed, we must first feed them properly."

The total budget for the school feeding component was USD 4,737,260 \$ million, with a unit cost of just USD 0.5 per child per day. This investment brought children back to school, energized classrooms, and mobilized communities around a shared goal: keeping education alive in a fragile context.

As a result of these projects, there has been an increase in student enrolment rates in the targeted schools, while improving access to education, school attendance and reducing dropout rates in the targeted schools in the provinces of Kasai Oriental and Kasai Central. In Kasai, the above-mentioned projects are implemented with the support of government departments (health department, education department, social affairs department, gender department) as well as parent committees. In Central Kasai, World Vision works with a local partner called Espoir pour la Vie (EPVI).

But the story does not end in Kasai. In Tanganyika province, a new chapter began in March 2025 with the launch of a Supplementary Meals Programme in Kalemie. Funded by World Vision Singapore and implemented in collaboration with WFP and local partner APETAMACO, this pilot project supplements the existing WFP rations with vital protein (smoked fish) alongside

oil and salt. At Kichanga and Musimbwa primary schools, over 1,500 children and teachers have already benefited. Eventually, the program will reach 10 schools and nearly 3,000 children. The excitement is tangible.

“I’m happy to have fish at school today. It’s a change from what we usually eat,” Patrick, a sixth-grade student.

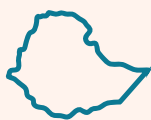
This initiative is part of World Vision’s ENOUGH campaign, which calls for the expansion of school canteens nationwide. In Tanganyika, where 1.8 million people face acute food insecurity, these meals are more than nutrition, they are a lifeline. “We are not only meeting children’s immediate nutritional needs, but also enabling them to attend school under better conditions,” said Jared Mombo, Food & Cash Assistance Manager at World Vision DRC.

Across provinces, these stories echo a shared truth: a school meal is more than food, it is a foundation for learning, a relief for families, and a beacon of hope in fragile contexts. With continued support and advocacy, World Vision and its partners are working to expand these programs, ensuring that no child in the DRC is left behind because of hunger.

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WORLD VISION ETHIOPIA



Donor(s): Education Cannot Wait, UNICEF

Project Title: Education Cannot Wait Multi-Year Resilience Programme (ECW-MYRP), First Emergency Response (FER) and World Vision Singapore

Location(s): North Gondar Amhara Region, Oromia, SWEP, Sidama and SNPR

Project Period: ECWMYRP (2021-2024) & ECW-FER (2023-2024)

Target Beneficiaries: 16,526 (8,047 girls). ECW-MYRP= 11,031 (5,362 girls), ECW FER=5,074 (2,499 girls) & WV Singapore=421 (186 girls)



In Ethiopia, hunger and hardship are keeping children out of school. Years of conflict in the north, ongoing intercommunal violence, and a prolonged drought across the South and East have displaced millions and pushed families

deeper into poverty. Over 20 million people need food assistance, and school-aged children are among the most vulnerable, often forced to drop out to help at home, migrate, or simply because they are too hungry to learn.

In regions grappling with overlapping crises, education systems are under immense strain. Many schools lack even the most basic infrastructure, and enrollment, particularly for girls, remains precarious. In some communities, schools double as shelters for displaced families. Amid this instability, World Vision Ethiopia is using school meals as a critical lifeline, keeping children in school, supporting their health, and bringing stability to communities' influx.

Through the Education Cannot Wait Multi-Year Resilience Programme (ECW-MYRP) and First Emergency Response (ECW-FER), with UNICEF as the grantee, World Vision Ethiopia implements a home-grown school feeding (HGSF) programme that addresses both humanitarian and development needs. The programme provides in-kind food deliveries to ensure children receive nutritious daily meals, offers cash-based assistance to enable local food purchases from nearby farmers, and fosters strong community engagement by linking schools with parents and producers to promote sustainable ownership. This integrated

model not only nourishes students but also stimulates local economies, eases the burden on overstretched families, and helps stabilize education systems in crisis-affected regions.

“Some of our learners arrive at school after walking long distances with nothing to eat. But since the meals began, they don't leave early anymore, they are staying, participating, and even helping each other,” – school principal in Afar.

WV Ethiopia's school feeding programme does more than address hunger, it stabilizes education in a time of disruption. It gives children a reason to stay in school, provides families with relief, and ensures that even amid drought, displacement, or conflict, learning continues. In a nation rebuilding amid adversity, school meals are a foundation for hope, equity, and resilience.

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WORLD VISION HAITI



Donor(s): WFP

Location(s) : La Gonâve -Haiti

Project Period: September 01, 2024 – July 15, 2025

Target Beneficiaries: Over 14,000 children

Cost per Child per Day: USD 0.07



In Haiti, hunger is more than a statistic, it is a daily crisis. With over 2.85 million children facing high levels of food insecurity, families struggle to afford even one nutritious meal per day. Inflation continues to erode access to food, education, and stability leaving children especially the most vulnerable. For

many, hunger keeps them out of school, or unable to concentrate when they do attend.

But in the Northern region of Haiti, a different story is taking root. At Grand Pré National School, students are not just recipients of school meals, they are farmers, learners,

and change-makers. Since late 2024, World Vision has been working with 23 students in the 6th grade to plant, nurture, and harvest cabbages, peppers, and hot peppers in their school garden. With seeds, tools, and agricultural training provided by World Vision and nutrition education supported by WFP the students have turned a barren patch of land into a source of nourishment for their entire school.

On April 21, 2025, their proud harvest was transformed into hot meals in the school cafeteria. *"I helped prepare the garden beds and carry the plants. Today, I am proud to harvest what we grew with our own hands!"* said Francesca Eustache, 14. Now, all 194 students at the school enjoy meals enriched by their classmates' effort, a tangible lesson in sustainability, teamwork, and food security.

This is not just a story of one school. Across Haiti, over 14,000 children are now receiving daily school meals through World Vision's school feeding programme, with support from partners like the World Food Programme (WFP). At Institution Mixte Quisqueya, where 834 students benefit, teachers report a clear difference:

“Before the school meals programme, many children would fall asleep during class and others were not motivated to learn. But with the school meals, the children are happy. There is life in them when they find food,” – Augustin, a teacher.

Every meal served is a shield against malnutrition, a boost to learning, and a relief for families who are stretched thin. School meals also reduce dropouts, improve attendance, and instill healthy habits from an early age.

At just USD 0.07 per child per day, school meals in Haiti are an incredibly cost-effective intervention in one of the most food-insecure countries in the region. But the need far outweighs the reach. With your support, we can scale up sustainable models like the Grand Pré school garden, ensuring more children are fed, not just today, but for years to come.

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WORLD VISION KENYA



Donor(s): World Vision Germany (PNS funding)

Location(s): Baringo County

Target Beneficiaries: Over 3,000 children

Cost per Child per Day: USD 0.15



In many parts of Kenya, hunger stands between children and their education. Drought, poverty, and rising food prices have pushed families to the edge, especially in arid and semi-arid counties where meals are no longer guaranteed at home. For many children, attending school on an empty stomach is an everyday struggle. Some drop out entirely, forced to help their families search for food or income, instead.

World Vision Kenya is addressing this crisis through a school feeding programme that ensures learners receive a daily warm meal making school not just a place to learn, but a place to survive and thrive. Operating in drought-affected counties such Baringo, the programme has reached over 3,373 children in vulnerable communities.

The meal consists of rice and green grams, locally sourced and carefully chosen based on community preferences and endorsed by the County Government of Baringo for their

nutritional value and ease of preparation. At less than USD 0.15 per child per day, these meals are cost-effective while making a profound difference.

During the period under review, the project witnessed prolonged dry spell affecting school enrolment and attendance. The project managed to sustain enrolment and retain the learners in schools through the feeding program reaching a total of 1,873 learners in schools in Tirioko ward. Parents and partners appreciated the program as it not only retained children in schools for uninterrupted learning but also maintained their health through the delivery of meals served during lunch hour comprising well-cooked rice and green grams. Mr. Cleophas, a head teacher said *"We are grateful to World Vision for the school feeding program support which has come at a time when we are experiencing dry season. School attendance has gone down but now with the food, we have retained our learners, and we are witnessing children*

who had stayed at home previously come to school. Thank you, World Vision". (See attached video in human interest story.)

The project procured – 158 bags of rice (25kgs each), green grams – 800 kgs and cooking oil – 200 liters, salt – 79 kgs. In collaboration with the schools and the parents who contributed firewood, water and labor. The intervention has benefited 1,873 learners in 26 schools who took lunch in school during the months of January, February, and March 2025. Cumulatively, with Child learning project integration a total of 3,373 (1,691 Boys 1,682 Girls) benefited. The schools were supported with Rice, Greengrams, cooking oil and salt as per the number of learners enrolled in the ECDE centers.

Teachers report higher attendance and improved focus in class. Parents, once burdened by food insecurity, now send their children to school with hope rather than hesitation. Children stay longer, learn better, and are more likely to return day after day. Supported by World Vision Germany's Private Non-Sponsorship (PNS) funding, this programme is helping build healthier learners, stronger communities, and a more equitable future, one nutritious meal at a time.

World Vision Kenya (WVK) has prioritized school meals in its national office strategy for fiscal years 2026 to 2030, recognizing the programme as critical for improving educational and nutritional outcomes, as well as building resilience. Additionally, WVK has a strong track record in supporting school meals initiatives, both directly and through multi-stakeholder partnerships:

- **National School Meals Coalition (NSMC):** WVK serves as a key member of the NSMC and co-chair of the Innovative Financing, Policies, Legislation and Advocacy technical working group under the NSMC in Kenya to advocate for sustainable school meals programs and influence sustainable resourcing and

political commitment.

- **Climate smart integration:** WVK strengthens local food systems by training farmers and schools' management committees and teachers in farmer-managed natural regeneration (FMNR and climate-smart agricultural practices ensuring reliable, nutritious, and locally sourced food for schools and promote clean cooking solutions to strengthen resilience and sustainability within school meals programmes
- **Budget advocacy and policy influence:** WVK plays a pivotal role in budget advocacy to strengthen government investment in school meals through engaging Parliament and County Assemblies to increase allocation to the national and county education budgets for school meals.
- **Legislation and policies development;** WVK supports the development of National School Meals policy among other legislative frameworks to guide the implementation of school meals programmes. WVK provides technical assistance to national and county governments in the design, development, and implementation of comprehensive school meals policies and frameworks.
- **Stakeholders' engagement;** WVK convenes dialogues targeting members of parliament, government ministries (Ministries of Education, Agriculture, and Health) Civil society organization and county governments to advocate for inter sectoral financing for sustainable school meals. WVK collaborates with the Government of Kenya – Ministry of Education, Ministry of Agriculture, county governments, donors and partners to advance home-grown school feeding programs

You can be part of this journey, helping to expand access to nutritious meals that fuel children's futures and strengthen communities in Kenya.

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WORLD VISION MOZAMBIQUE



Project Name: PARES (Partnering for Sustainable Education Outcomes)

Donor: USDA McGovern-Dole

Location(s): Meconta, Monapo, Milange districts

Project Period: October 2023–September 2028

Target Beneficiaries: Over 85,000 children

Cost per Child per Day: USD 2.00



In Mozambique, hunger remains a silent barrier preventing over 1.2 million children, particularly girls, from attending and thriving in school. Even with free primary education, many children face chronic food insecurity, poor learning outcomes, and high absenteeism. More than 93% of Grade 3 students lack basic reading skills, and absenteeism affects 45% of teachers, 44% of school directors, and nearly half of enrolled students on any given day. These challenges threaten Mozambique's goal of providing inclusive, equitable, and quality education as outlined in its Education Strategic Plan

(2020–2029). Reducing absenteeism is a top government priority, with school feeding programmes recognised as a key strategy to keep children in school and learning.

Since 2012, World Vision Mozambique has supported this goal through its McGovern-Dole-funded school feeding programme. Today, the PARES project reaches over 85,000 children across 157 schools in the rural, agriculture-dependent districts of Meconta, Monapo, and Milange. These regions are frequently affected by cyclones and heavy rains, which damage

infrastructure and farmland, worsening food insecurity and contributing to absenteeism.

World Vision's integrated approach goes beyond providing daily nutritious meals. School gardens produce fresh, locally grown vegetables that supplement meals, improve nutrition, and reduce reliance on external food sources, boosting sustainability and cost-efficiency. The gardens serve as practical learning environments where students and staff gain hands-on experience in agriculture, nutrition, and environmental stewardship. Comprehensive training ensures gardens remain productive and educational, directly supporting student wellbeing and learning outcomes. The new phase of the PARES project began with the first meals served to primary school children in Milange district, marking the programme's expansion from Nampula province.

The project also strengthens local economies through the Local and Regional Procurement (LRP) model. Small-scale farmers, like the "Lions of Manganira" group in Milange, have revitalized their activities to supply fresh vegetables to schools. Supported with seeds, watering cans, sprayers, weighing scales, and technical training, these farmers now provide a reliable source of nutritious food while benefiting from a guaranteed market. Farmers commit 30% of their production to schools, with guidance to formalize associations, develop business plans, and access financial institutions. This approach builds community resilience and ensures the sustainability of school feeding programmes beyond the project's lifespan.

World Vision Mozambique's holistic approach aligns with government priorities

by simultaneously addressing hunger, infrastructure, and education. By integrating school feeding, local agriculture, and capacity building, the PARES project breaks cycles of poverty and malnutrition, enabling children to attend school regularly, thrive academically, and gain practical skills.

Gilda, a 12-year-old Grade 5 student in Milange, shares: *"The meals at school help me stay in class and concentrate. I used to skip school when I was hungry, but now I can learn and grow."*

Lídia, leader of the "Lions of Manganira" farmers' group, notes: *"Seeing our children receive daily school meals motivates us to cultivate vegetables for the schools. It gives us hope and an opportunity to sustain our livelihoods."*

The programme's comprehensive support, including nutritious meals, gardening, training, and infrastructure costs approximately USD 2.00 per child per day. This reflects the complexity of reaching remote communities, ensuring food quality and safety, and integrating sustainable practices into the programme. Despite the progress made, schools face critical infrastructure challenges. Students often walk 1–2 kilometers to fetch water for cooking and hygiene, limiting availability for school meals and gardens. A lack of handwashing stations further complicates safe meal preparation and student health.

Your support helps sustain and expand these critical programmes, empowering Mozambique's children to learn, grow, and build healthier, more prosperous futures.

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WORLD VISION MYANMAR



Donor(s): UNICEF (QBEP4C), Global Fund (ECW-Project)

Location(s): Total: 13 townships across 7 states/regions

Regions: Ayeyarwady (5 townships), Magway (2), Tanintharyi(2), Mandalay (1)

States: Kayin (1), Kayah (1), Mon (1)

Project Period: 2024 – extended to 2026 (QBEP4C), 2023-25 (ECW)

Target Beneficiaries: 23,000 children

Cost per Child per Day: USD 1.00



Since the 2021 military coup, conflict, displacement, and economic collapse have severely disrupted children's learning across Myanmar. Thousands of schools have closed or are unsafe, and parents in insecure areas often keep children at home.

At the same time, hunger is intensifying. Humanitarian projections estimate that nearly 15 million people could face severe food insecurity in 2025, driven by conflict, rising prices, limited access, and repeated shocks to agricultural systems. In this

context, many children who manage to attend school do so on empty stomachs; while delivering assistance to remote or conflict-affected communities remains a significant challenge

Eight-year-old Nor Mai's family once farmed rice and vegetables in a mountain village. When fighting broke out, his father could no longer safely reach their fields; landmines and troop movements cut off their food and income. To support his family, he now travels long distances in search of irregular work, and at times, older children have been withdrawn from school to earn income or assist relatives. On many days, the younger children—including Nor Mai—attended class or went to bed without having eaten." *"Sometimes we had to go to school hungry," Nor Mai said. "At lunchtime, other children went home to eat, but we had no rice, so we just drank water and stayed at school."*

Support from World Vision's school feeding programme provided monthly food rations to families like his. With rice now available at home, the children return for lunch and can continue their classes with renewed energy

In FY25, World Vision Myanmar reached more than 9,000 children across six townships—Einme, Kangyidaunk, Myaungmya, and Pyapon in Ayeyarwady Region; Hlaingbwe in Kayin State; and Bilin in Mon State—by integrating nutrition-focused, locally produced snacks into reading clubs, outreach activities, and Early Childhood Development centres. Instead of channeling food solely through government primary schools, the programme operates across more than 100 villages, leveraging village development and early childhood development (ECD) committees to embed nutrition support where children naturally gather.

Feeding a child in Myanmar costs about \$1 per day, higher than in some other contexts, because conflict and access restrictions drive up transport and security costs, markets are volatile, and food prices have risen sharply with inflation and supply chain disruption, especially in hard-to-reach areas.

In Myanmar, every meal is more than food, it is a reason to keep learning when everything else is uncertain. Let us keep children like Nor Mai in school, safe, and nourished.

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WORLD VISION ROMANIA



Donor(s): corporate donors

Project Title: Bread for Tomorrow

Location(s): Romania, 12 counties

Project Period: 2016 - ongoing

Target Beneficiaries: 1200 middle school students from rural areas

Cost per Child per Day: USD 3.70 per day for a hot meal



In Romania, hunger and inequality are quietly shaping the school experience for thousands of children. Nearly half (49%) of children enrolled in the National Healthy Meal Program rely on the school meal as their main meal of the day, and for 22%, it is

the only meal they receive. In disadvantaged communities, food insecurity is stark. One in five children goes to bed without dinner, and 23% of children report that evening meals are insufficient for the whole family, forcing some siblings to give up their share.

¹At home, meals often consist of pasta and potatoes, with limited access to fresh fruits, vegetables, or protein. Only 8% of children eat unprocessed meat daily, and processed snacks and sweets dominate their diets.

The National Healthy Meal Program (NHMP), while well-intentioned, faces serious implementation challenges. In the 2023–2024 school year, only 36% of selected schools effectively delivered meals. Most opted for food packages (63%) over hot meals due to lack of infrastructure, and 77% of schools reported high difficulty in implementation. The budget of 15 lei per child per day is widely considered insufficient, with outsourcing costs further reducing the value of meals. Despite these challenges, the impact is clear. School attendance has improved in 64% of participating schools, and those offering hot meals in-house saw an 18% higher likelihood of positive outcomes. Yet, disparities remain. In some schools, only select children receive meals, creating tension, labeling, and exclusion among peers.

World Vision Romania's Bread for Tomorrow programme offers a model of hope. In multi-grade classrooms across rural areas, children receive a daily warm meal and two hours of remedial education. For many, this is the only meal they eat and the only chance to catch up academically. The programme also provides clothing, school supplies, psychological support, and parental education, helping families navigate poverty with dignity.

The results from the programme speak volumes²

- 85% of children improved their math scores
- 82% improved in Romanian language
- 74% of schools reported a 40%+ increase in attendance
- Half of the schools now report 99% attendance, and a third report 100%

For children like those in Romania's rural heartlands, a warm meal is more than food, it is a lifeline. It is the difference between dropping out and dreaming big. With your support, we can expand this model, reach more children, and ensure that no child is left behind because of hunger.

According to Robert, a 17-year-old boy from Romania;

“No child should be left behind. That’s why our main request for the Romanian government is to extend the national school meals programme coverage in schools. Education cannot be done with an empty stomach, and if you are hungry and cold, it’s normal that you cannot focus in class and learn. A hot meal in school means healthy food, harmonious development, improved school results and reduced school dropout rates.”

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¹ World Vision Romania. [Are Romanian Children well fed and fed at home. School meals and meals at home.](#)

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WORLD VISION RWANDA



Donor(s): USDA

Partners: WFP (Prime Recipient), Gardens for Health International and WV (Sub-recipients)

Project Title: Home Grown School Feeding

Location(s): Burera, Kayonza, Gasabo, Nyamasheke, and Ngororero Districts (Phased out in Nyamagabe, Nyaruguru, Rutsiro and Karongi Districts)

Project Period: 2015 to 2029 (3 Phases of 5 years each)

Target Beneficiaries: 177,000 children

Cost per Child per Day: USD 0.16



In Rwanda, hunger and poor nutrition remain silent barriers to learning, especially for children in rural communities. While school enrolment has improved, many

students still arrive at school hungry or stay home altogether due to a lack of food. Food insecurity, limited water and hygiene infrastructure, and under-resourced

classrooms continue to impact learning outcomes.

Since 2015, with funding from USDA, World Vision, in collaboration with WFP, Gardens for Health International and the Government of Rwanda, has supported WFP as they provide daily school meals to over 177,000 children across 180 schools (including ECD) in 9 districts. At just **USD 0.16 per meal**, these hot, nutritious lunches are transforming schools into places of stability, health, and opportunity.

World Vision supports WFP by providing a suite of complementary literacy, health and community empowerment interventions, and Gardens for Health International supports nutrition-focused interventions that link classrooms to gardens and communities. By integrating nutrition, education, school gardens, WASH, menstrual hygiene support, and early grade literacy, the programme addresses the root causes of poor learning outcomes.

Between 2017 and 2021, learner retention rose from 67% to 96%. Literacy outcomes climbed from 41.5% at baseline to 77.7%, while classroom attentiveness increased from 71.9% to 86.2%. Today, 177,000 children receive daily meals, and every

target school sustains its own kitchen garden. Over 650 teachers have been trained in nutrition, and 40 schools that did not have water have now been connected to clean, reliable water. Importantly, 72% of supported schools now have menstrual hygiene rooms, ensuring girls do not miss class when they need dignity most.

The ripple effects extend far beyond the school walls. This programme has directly informed Rwanda's new National School Feeding Policy, and a National School Feeding Steering Committee now oversees its implementation. What began as a targeted intervention has become a blueprint for the entire country placing local farmers, communities, and children at the heart of long-term national development. In Rwanda, the cost-efficiency of school meals is largely attributed to intentional government support, which includes strong policy frameworks, local procurement strategies, and coordinated implementation across sectors.

With your continued support, Rwanda's school meals programme will do more than fill stomachs; as it continues to integrate nutrition, education, health, and livelihoods into a resilient system that empowers every child to thrive.

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WORLD VISION SOUTH SUDAN



Donor(s): WFP

Location(s): Central Equatoria, Upper Nile, Warrap, Western Equatoria

Project Period: Ongoing School Meal Strategic Plan: 2025–2030

Target Beneficiaries: Goal: 200,000 school going children

Cost per Child per Day: USD 0.32



South Sudan is one of the few countries in the world where the number of children out of school exceeds those enrolled. An estimated 2.8 million school-age children, over 70 percent, are not enrolled, most of them girls. Years of conflict leading to forced displacement, and climate shocks have eroded education systems, destroyed

infrastructure, and stretched household resources. For many families, sending children to school simply is not viable, especially when hunger takes priority. But when a school meal is guaranteed, parents are more likely to send their children to school, and the children are more likely to stay. For girls, this can be the difference

between continuing their education or being forced into early marriage, domestic labour, or worse. School meals are a proven, practical tool to keep children in class, nourish their bodies, and protect their future.

Since 2003, World Vision has partnered with the World Food Programme and South Sudan's Ministry of General Education and Instruction to deliver school meals in Central Equatoria, Upper Nile, Warrap, and Western Equatoria. The programme includes cooked meals served on-site, take-home rations, and cash-based transfers. These are complemented by school gardens, water and sanitation hygiene interventions, nutrition education, and community involvement to make schools healthier and more supportive spaces for children.

The results speak for themselves. In Warrap State, school enrollment jumped by 35 percent in 2023, from 31,000 to 42,000 students, after school meals were introduced. As of May 2025, over 66,000 children are receiving a daily meal through World Vision's programme.

“In Science class, we learn how food nourishes our body and mind. That's true. When we are not hungry, we can focus on our studies and enjoy learning.” — Yanga and Josephine, Primary 7 and 8 students

To meet rising needs and reach more vulnerable children, World Vision South Sudan has developed a School Meals Strategy for 2025–2030. The goal is to reach 200,000 children with nutritious meals that support learning, health, and long-term resilience. This will involve expanding locally anchored school feeding models, fostering stronger collaboration between governments and civil society, and advocating for more comprehensive national policies and increased public investment in school meals.

Feeding a child costs just \$0.32 per day in South Sudan. One meal can mean one more child in school and one more step toward a better future. Partner with us. Help feed the future.

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WORLD VISION SRI LANKA



Donor(s): Australian Humanitarian Partnership (AHP)

Project Title: Resilient, Inclusive Sustainable Economic development, for Sri Lanka (RISE Lanka) RISE Lanka

Location(s): Moneragala and Badulla Districts (Uva Province), including the estate sector: Bibile, Meegahakiula, Lunugala, Rideemaliyadda and Welikanda, Polonnaruwa District (North Central Province)

Project Period: 01.01.2023 - 31.03.2024 (15 months)

Target Beneficiaries: Over 1,500 preschool children



In Sri Lanka, hunger threatens the promise of early childhood. A prolonged economic crisis has deepened poverty and left families struggling to feed their children, especially in rural and economically marginalized areas. As a result, many preschool-aged children begin life undernourished and already behind. More than 1 in 5 children under five are stunted due to chronic malnutrition. Wasting—where children are dangerously underweighting for their height—remains among the highest in South Asia. Yet during this critical window of early development, far too many children still lack the food they need to grow, learn, and thrive

The project addressed a critical gap in nutritional support, focusing on the nutritional welfare of preschool children aged 3-5 who are vulnerable to diseases and risks due to undernutrition, which follows a crisis. Through the preschool mid-day meal program, 2,478 (1,132 girls, 9 girls with disability, 1,331 boys, 6 boys with disability) children's nutritional needs were supported. This program operated in all five project locations covering 107 preschools. Reports from the MOH on weight measurement show significant weight gain and preschool attendance records show increased attendance among children. Regular

monitoring by the MOH, Provincial Early Child Development Authority (PECDA), and Sarvodaya officers ensured the effectiveness of the nutritional interventions.

Some children walk over 2 km each morning, just to be sure they do not miss it. School meals were locally sourced and freshly prepared by caregivers and teachers. Parents received support to grow home gardens that supply both their kitchens and the schools. Nutrition training and home visits ensure caregivers know how to make the most of what they grow.

In an FGD survey conducted with pregnant and lactating mothers, they mentioned that since participating in the program, their nutrition and dietary habits have improved significantly. *"They now provide three full meals a day for our children, focusing on nutritious foods like meat and dairy products and fresh produce from their gardens. This change has led to noticeable positive changes in the health of the children. We have seen them gain around 600 grams of weight, and they seem more energetic and playful."* They also mentioned that Sarvodaya has supported enhancing the nutritional level of their children.

These meals are paired with the Positive Deviance/Hearth (PD/Hearth) approach, where caregivers of underweight children learn practical, low-cost ways to feed their children using local foods and shared knowledge. In a recent 2024 cohort, 87.5% of participating children gained weight in less than two weeks. The programme also teaches handwashing, food hygiene, and age-appropriate play to support early brain development.

The project also raised awareness among nutritionally vulnerable groups, particularly pregnant and lactating women (PLW), on the importance of nutrition and a diversified

diet. Field monitoring showed 420 PLW participated, surpassing the target of 400. Ongoing efforts continue to boost awareness through locally tailored Information, Education and Communication materials highlighting nutrient-rich foods. Practical demonstrations on preparing nutritious meals using local ingredients benefited 1,047 participants. The initiative's key objective was to equip individuals with knowledge and skills to create nutritious meals using readily available resources, despite economic challenges and rising food prices. Feedback received in monitoring visits to the households and during the donor visits to the community, emphasized the crucial role of the training sessions in promoting well-being for PLW and their families, with positive changes noted in eating habits and dietary practices among children and family members.

Home gardening activities were also supported through the project, to enhance resilience and nutrition related behavioral change.

World Vision aims to expand its efforts to reach more children in the most severely affected regions, particularly where hunger compels families to choose between feeding their children and sending them to school. A key focus is advocating for comprehensive school and preschool meal programs in Sri Lanka, where existing government initiatives are limited to primary school children. There is an urgent need to expand these programs to ensure that all children—including those in preschool, have access to nutritious meals, as proper nutrition during the early years is essential for children under five to grow, develop, and thrive. With your support, we can help ensure no child has to start life hungry or unseen.

Every child deserves a full stomach and a fair start.

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WORLD VISION SUDAN



Donor(s): European Union

Location(s): South Kordofan State

Project Period: 2023--2025, extended to 2026

Target Beneficiaries: 22,376 children

Cost per Child per Day: USD 0.454



Sudan is one of the hardest places in the world to be a child right now. Since the civil war broke out in April 2023, over 12 million people have been internally displaced and more than 3.5 million have fled across borders. Nearly half the population, 25

million people, now face hunger, and over 3.6 million children are acutely malnourished. With schools destroyed or turned into shelters, 19 million children, essentially every school-aged child in the country, is now out of school.

In this fragile and chaotic context, World Vision is delivering hot meals to over 22,000 children through informal education spaces. The programme is part of a broader EU-funded education project that aims to reach 83,000 children across six conflict-affected states. Meals are cooked on-site by parents and local cooks using homegrown ingredients, sorghum, vegetables, pigeon peas, and groundnuts, sourced from nearby farmers or traders. Involving the community in everything from cooking to reporting makes the programme cost efficient, more sustainable and deeply rooted.

It costs just USD 0.454 a day to feed a child in Sudan. This amount also covers the cost of school meals preparation (water and charcoal) as well as incentives for cooks

and Parents Teachers Association (PTA) members who supervise the school feeding program, yet the impact is enormous. For children who may only eat once a day, school meals offer both nourishment and a reason to return to safe learning spaces. *"I had assida (porridge) in the morning,"* says 17-year-old Eman, *"but it's difficult to expect another meal at home. I hope the conflict ends soon so we can go back to school."*

Delivering meals during active conflict, through informal learning centers, without formal school infrastructure, comes with its own complexity. The need is urgent, the stakes are high, and the moment is now. In Sudan, a school meal is more than just food. It is hope carried in a plate, handed to a child who dreams of a future beyond war.

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WORLD VISION VENEZUELA



Donor(s): WFP

Project Title: School Meal Program

Location(s): Five states including Falcón and Barinas

Project Period: October 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025

Target Beneficiaries: Over 78,000 children

Cost per Child per Day: USD 1.22



School meals in Venezuela are quietly transforming the lives of thousands of children and communities. Amid ongoing economic challenges, political instability, and food shortages, millions of families face daily

uncertainty about their next meal. For many children, school meals are not just food, they are a vital lifeline that enables them to stay in school, stay healthy, and hold onto hope.

Since 2014, World Vision, in partnership with the World Food Programme (WFP), has expanded school feeding initiatives across five Venezuelan states, reaching 542 schools and benefiting over 78,000 children. The program provides a mix of fresh food deliveries, on-site meals, and fortified supplements such as Super Cereal to ensure balanced nutrition. Beyond nutrition, this initiative has revitalized school environments with kitchen upgrades in schools like CEI Josefa Camejo in Falcón improving food safety and meal quality, while schools like Don Rómulo Gallegos in Barinas prepare and serve meals daily, encouraging regular attendance.

At an average cost of USD 1.22 per child per day, the program invests in high-quality, fortified meals tailored to local nutritional needs. This investment reflects the logistical complexities of delivering food across Venezuela's diverse and often remote regions, ensuring every meal supports children's growth and learning.

School meals have a direct impact on children's health and educational outcomes. Teachers report increased attendance and improved children's focus while in class, while parents express relief knowing their children receive at least one nutritious meal each day. As one school director shared,

“The meal program has brought new energy and hope to our students.”

The program's emphasis on local food sourcing also supports smallholder farmers, creating economic opportunities within communities and strengthening local food systems.

Despite progress, Venezuela's school feeding programs face ongoing challenges including inflation, political instability, and logistical hurdles in reaching remote areas. To meet these challenges, World Vision and partners are shifting from emergency responses toward more sustainable, systems-strengthening approaches, working closely with local communities to increase resilience and ownership of school meal initiatives.

Nutritious school meals are more than just food; they are investments in children's dignity, potential, and futures. Continued support from donors, governments, and civil society is essential to scale up and sustain these life-changing interventions.

You can be part of this journey, helping ensure that every child in Venezuela, regardless of their circumstances, has access to the nourishment they need to learn, grow, and thrive.

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WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL IN VIET NAM



Donor(s): Korea Ginseng Corporation, WV Korea

Project Title: Meal distribution

Location(s): Huong Hoa and Dakrong Area Programmes, Quang Tri Province

Project Period: 2023–2024

Target Beneficiaries: 873 malnourished children

Cost per Child per Day: USD 0.57



In Viet Nam, child malnutrition remains a critical concern, with over 1.4 million children (19.3%) under five stunted and more than 349,200 suffering from wasting (4.7%)³ annually. In ethnic minority communities such as Huong Hoa and Dakrong, the burden is even heavier. According to the

Annual Nutrition Measurement (June 2022), malnutrition rates in these areas are alarmingly high: underweight prevalence is 27.6% in Dakrong and 26.5% in Huong Hoa; Stunting affects 35% of children in Dakrong and 34.2% in Huong Hoa; and around 10% of children in both Area Programs are

³ Key findings of the Joint Child Malnutrition Estimates, 2023, Levels and trends in child malnutrition, UNICEF / WHO / World Bank Group

severely wasted⁴. Key contributing factors include inadequate health and nutrition practices among caregivers, lack of multiple micronutrient supplementation, and limited household food availability, with 40–60% of households⁵ lacking sufficient diet diversity and many children attending school without breakfast.

To address these challenges, World Vision International in Viet Nam, in partnership with World Vision Korea, launched the “Meal Distribution” project in August 2022 to improve the health and nutritional status of malnourished children in kindergartens across Huong Hoa and Dakrong.

The project rehabilitated 742 malnourished children under five through school meal distribution and caregiver nutrition education, applying the PDH+ model with 20–22 school-day hearth sessions, and provided micronutrient supplements to 873 of the most vulnerable children. Kitchen and nutrition gardens were also introduced to vulnerable households to improve diet diversity and ensure year-round access to nutritious food.

As a result, 354 children successfully graduated from underweight status; 873 children impacted by micronutrient support; and 728 caregivers strengthened their skills through nutrition education sessions⁶. These interventions not only improved children’s immediate nutritional status—helping them gain healthy weight, strengthen immunity, and reduce illness—but also equipped caregivers with lasting knowledge and practical skills to prepare

nutritious meals and provide better care at home. The establishment of household nutrition gardens further ensured a consistent supply of diverse, healthy food, reducing dependency on external aid and building resilience against future nutrition insecurity. Collectively, these changes have fostered a healthier home environment, enhanced children’s readiness for learning, and contributed to breaking the cycle of malnutrition in the community.

The impact of the project is evident in the stories of local families. Mrs. Thi, a mother who participated in the project, shared:

“He eats better, gains weight steadily, and is less sick. Thanks to the advice from World Vision staff and teachers, my husband and I now know how to balance meals and care for him properly.”

Similarly, Mrs. Nam expressed: “I can hardly express the incredible difference this meal programme has made for our family. It’s more than just nourishment; it’s a transformative approach to living. We’re learning how to keep our kids healthy and make sure they have a better life ahead.”

World Vision International in Viet Nam is committed to expanding this successful model to reach more vulnerable children and break the cycle of malnutrition. In FY26, the project will be scaled up to support at least 250 malnourished children in Nam Tra My Area Programme, giving them the chance to grow healthier, thrive in school, and build a brighter future.

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⁴ Annual Nutrition Measurement 2022, World Vision International in Viet Nam

⁵ Baseline survey result, World Vision International in Viet Nam, 2023

⁶ Meal Distribution Project Final report, World Vision International in Viet Nam 2024

WORLD VISION ZAMBIA



Donor(s): WFP

Location(s): 500+ ECD centres in Central, Southern, and Eastern provinces

Project Period: 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

Target Beneficiaries: 110,655 children

Cost per Child per Day: USD 0.074



In Zambia's Central Province, hunger is one of the greatest barriers to education. Many families survive on subsistence farming, and children often arrive at school without having eaten—tired, distracted, and too hungry to learn. With stunting affecting nearly **32% of children under five** and food insecurity worsened by climate shocks and poverty, the promise of education often slips out

of reach. "We had no harvest," says Jane Mwila, a mother of four. "It broke my heart to see them crying from hunger. When food runs out at home, children often stop attending school or if they go, they're too hungry to learn. "Some days, I would feel too weak to listen to my teacher," remembers 11-year-old Lutando. "I even missed school because we had no food at home."

To meet this need, World Vision Zambia, with support from the World Food Programme, is running one of the country's most far-reaching school feeding programs for young children. At over 500 Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres across Central, Southern, and Eastern Provinces, more than 113,000 children now receive a daily hot porridge meal served fresh by local caregivers who volunteer their time and effort. Each meal costs just USD 0.074 per child, yet has a big impact on learning, nutrition, and school attendance.

The porridge is prepared using locally sourced, fortified corn-soya blend; nutrient-rich, easy to digest, and adapted to local tastes. But the program does not stop at feeding. Parents and caregivers are trained in food hygiene, safe storage, and child nutrition. Community ownership is built in at every step from food management committees to joint meal preparation.

The programme has driven higher attendance, especially for girls, reduced

malnutrition, and helped lay the foundation for lifelong learning. It is also reducing financial pressure on families, many of whom struggle to provide even one full meal at home. Now, with daily meals, attendance is rising, and concentration has improved.

“This porridge is more than just food.” “Since the program started, children have been more focused in class, and they attend school regularly.” – Peter Zulu, a teacher in Magoye.

The programme is built on strong local partnerships with communities, schools, and the government ensuring long-term impact and ownership. For parents like Jane, the effect is profound. *“Knowing my child will get food at school helps me,”* she says. *“I don’t have to worry as much about what to feed them.”*

For just USD 0.074 a day, you can help feed a child and keep their dreams alive.

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