

Armenia



Armenia joined the Coalition in December 2021 and submitted its [commitment](#) through the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport in September 2023 around the following areas: Policy, Financing, Institutional framework, Programme design and coverage, and Evidence and data generation.

Achievements

Armenia is working toward making school meals universally available through:

- Expansion of coverage throughout its capital Yerevan by 2030, through four different models to accommodate varying school conditions.
- A pilot programme to be launched in September 2025, targeting students grades 5-9 with affordable, co-financed healthy meals based on cooperation among parents, schools and communities.

Since 2025, the Government has provided budgetary funding for the National School Feeding and Child Welfare Agency (NSFCWA), which is now mandated to coordinate and manage the programme. School meals have also been integrated as a mandatory budgetary line.

In collaboration with the Ministry of Health, the NSFCWA has revised national nutrition standards in schools and kindergartens, aligning them with scientific and internationally accepted standards, and the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport rolled out a national educational school health and nutrition curriculum starting in January 2024. In parallel, the country is advancing agricultural literacy through extracurricular clubs.

Armenia is strengthening international cooperation through participation in global events and bilateral initiatives and is supporting training and exchange at the local level for school cooks, principals and other stakeholders.

Next steps

Armenia is preparing a national case study on its programme, with the Research Consortium on School Health and Nutrition.

The Government, in coordination with WFP, will pilot the school feeding programme in Yerevan starting in September 2025, while also continuing infrastructure upgrades in over 300 schools and 500 kindergartens and improving programme implementation through a new digital management system.

Highlights

- Working toward making school meals universally available through expansion of coverage throughout its capital Yerevan by 2030, through four different models to accommodate varying school conditions.
- Has revised national nutrition standards in schools, aligning them with scientific and internationally accepted standards, and introduced a national school health and nutrition curriculum in 2024.
- Since 2023, the government has taken full responsibility for funding the school meals programme in 10 regions. As of 2025, school meals are integrated as a mandatory budgetary line.