

Brazil



Brazil joined the School Meals Coalition in 2022 and became co-chair at Presidential level in 2023. Brazil's [commitments](#) cover the following areas: Financing, Institutional framework, Programme design and coverage, Advocacy and Partnerships.

Achievements

Brazil became a Coalition Co-Chair in late 2023 and has advanced all areas of its commitment, as demonstrated by the following:

- **Food and Nutrition Education:** Brazil developed the project, "Alimentação Escolar Nota 10," to improve the quality of school meals, promote healthy eating habits, offer training for nutritionists and school cooks, and support family farming. Moreover, FNDE issued guidelines for the integration of food and nutrition education in the curricula of public schools and is updating materials to guide capacity development for school cooks.
- **Participation of family farmers, including Indigenous Peoples and traditional communities:** the project "Amazon in Schools: Healthy and Sustainable Food" is being implemented across ministries and with partners like the Brazilian Development Bank, promoting procurement from family farmers in the Legal Amazon region. Legislation ensures that 50% of purchases from rural family units come from women, ensuring women's income opportunities and participation.
- **Avoiding food loss and waste:** efforts include training, infrastructure and food management improvements and support for sustainable practices such as composting. New partnerships are being developed with local stakeholders and universities to explore links between school meals and climate change.
- **Highlighting the value of fresh and minimally processed foods:** the reality show, "Vida de Merendeira," recognizes school cooks who contribute to healthy eating. New national guidelines that reduce the purchase of processed and ultra-processed foods and increase the minimum share of fresh and minimally processed foods have been implemented.
- **Promoting school meals policies worldwide and exchange of best practices:** Brazil has participated extensively in global and regional initiatives. It included the Brazilian school feeding model in the policy basket of the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty, a curated set of evidence-based policy options that can be adapted and implemented by other countries, and it supports the Sustainable School Meals Network (RAES), a platform for regional action in Latin America and the Caribbean. Brazil also supports South-South cooperation with partners in Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa and Asia.

Next steps

Brazil welcomes collaboration to address sustainability aspects of the program, including climate mitigation and adaptation efforts and fair and sustainable food systems transformation, and in areas like capacity development for stakeholders, infrastructure investments, and partnerships to co-develop robust impact studies. It is seeking ways to reduce regional disparities across diverse local socioeconomic contexts and ensure consistent implementation of the programme's legal framework.

Highlights

- Serves 50 million daily meals to 39 million students across 145,000 schools in 5,570 municipalities, 26 states and the Federal District.
- Promotes participation of family farmers and ensures equal priority to formal and informal groups of women family farmers, alongside other priority groups such as agrarian reform settlers, indigenous peoples, and quilombolas communities.
- Extensive participation in global and regional initiatives including the Sustainable School Meals Network and hosting of the Coalition's Second Global Summit.