

Cameroon



Cameroon joined the Coalition in August 2021 and submitted its [commitment](#) through the Ministry of Education in October 2023 around the following areas: Policy, Financing, Institutional framework, Programme design and coverage, Advocacy and Partnerships.

Achievements

Cameroon has included school feeding in its education policy, recognizing its key role in improving human capital and reducing inequality. The goal is to reach 1,000,000 children by 2025.

The National Strategy for School Feeding is being finalized, with technical support from international partners and a multi-sectoral approach. In parallel, Cameroon is also benefitting from the support of the Sustainable Financing Initiative (SFI) to develop a long-term financing strategy for its national programme.

In collaboration with subnational authorities, civil society organizations and technical partners, a national school meals programme is being developed, supervised by a team in the Ministry of Basic Education.

Awareness campaigns are conducted annually to highlight the importance of nutrition and education, especially for girls.

The government has budgeted USD 19.4 million and mobilized additional funds through partners such as Education Cannot Wait and the Emergency Project to Combat Food Crisis (PULCCA).

Next steps

The government is facing challenges in meeting its goal of reaching 1 million children by 2025, including around the budget and its sustainability, coverage in crisis-affected regions, gaps in data, and limited intersectoral coordination.

It therefore welcomes support in financial capacity building, technical and logistical support for supply chain management, and training for local stakeholders in addition to donations of equipment to support kitchens and storage infrastructure. Cameroon would also welcome participating in knowledge sharing with other Coalition members to learn more about solutions such as school gardens and sustainable energy supply.

Highlights

- Included school feeding in its education policy, recognizing the key role of school meals in improving human capital and reducing inequality, with the goal of reaching 1,000,000 children by 2025. To support this ambition, the government has budgeted USD 19.4 million and mobilized additional resources through partners such as Education Cannot Wait and the Emergency Project to Combat the Food Crisis (PULCCA).
- National school meals programme is being developed with subnational authorities, civil society organizations and technical partners, led by a team in the Ministry of Basic Education. The programme is guided by a new National School Feeding Strategy and supported by the development of a sustainable financing strategy through the Sustainable Financing Initiative.