

Central African Republic

The Central African Republic joined the Coalition in June 2023 and submitted its [commitment](#) signed by the Prime Minister in June 2024 around the following areas: Policy, Financing, Institutional framework, Programme design and coverage, Evidence and data generation, Advocacy and Partnerships.

Achievements

On the political level, school feeding is identified in Central African Republic's National Development Plan 2024-2028, with a key priority to ensure universal coverage by 2028.

Financially, the government created a budget line of USD 87,100 (CFA 50 million) for school meals in the 2024 budget. While insufficient to cover the current requirements of the programme, this step demonstrates political will to prioritize school meals.

From 2024 to 2025, there was a gradual increase in coverage with 174,000 children reached in 192 schools to 236,000 children reached in 336 schools. Home Grown School Feeding has been launched in 26 out of 45 schools, including modern kitchens equipped with improved stoves, community-managed gardens connected to canteens and the inclusion of activities that benefit local communities.

To support implementation, a series of training sessions on food management was held, including introducing digital data collection tools on the operation and management of the canteen and community engagement.

Next steps

A National Directorate of School Feeding has been developed and is undergoing approval, and discussions are underway to establish a multi-sectoral Steering Committee and a framework for multi-sectoral consultation.

Central African Republic would benefit from support to develop a resource mobilization strategy, including innovative mechanisms and connections to new sources of funds. The government would welcome the opportunity for South-South cooperation including learning trips to countries whose programmes are further developed.

Highlights

- School feeding is identified in the National Development Plan 2024-2028, including a priority to reach universal coverage by 2028.
- From 2024 to 2025, an increase in coverage with 174,000 children reached in 192 schools to 236,000 children reached in 336 schools.
- Home Grown School Feeding launched in 26 schools, including modern kitchens equipped with improved stoves, community-managed gardens connected to canteens and the inclusion of activities that benefit local communities.