

Cuba

Cuba joined the Coalition in May 2022 and submitted its [commitment](#) in March 2025 through the Ministry of Education around the following areas: Policy, Financing, Institutional framework, Programme design and coverage, Evidence and data generation, Advocacy and Partnerships.

Achievements

Cuba has maintained coverage of its School Feeding Programme despite economic challenges, with funding included in the national budget. The programme reaches 4,417 educational institutions across the country, benefiting over 849,274 students, which represents 58.2% of total enrollment in the general education system, with a strong presence in early childhood and primary education.

Food and Nutrition Education is integrated into the national curriculum and was updated in 2023 to promote healthy and sustainable food choices. Complementary activities include 4,932 interest circles and 815 scientific societies, involving students at all educational levels. It is also part of ongoing professional development for education staff, with 99,637 schoolteachers and school administrators trained to date.

School gardens are widely implemented, with 100% of schools with cultivable land participating. These gardens supply up to 6% of the programme's needs for fruits, vegetables, and condiments. Local procurement is prioritized, and all participating schools contract with local producers.

Collaboration with the Ministry of Public Health ensures food safety, hygiene, and health education, including vaccination campaigns in schools. Multi-year projects supported by partners such as WFP are strengthening infrastructure, building local capacity, and improving food quality and safety in selected municipalities.

Cuba has also participated in exchange activities that support knowledge sharing with the Center of Excellence Against Hunger in Brazil and the Dominican Republic and South Korea.

Next steps

Cuba seeks support to improve school meal quality, expand infrastructure, and optimize the use of school-owned arable land. Additional donor funding and technical assistance are needed to address challenges such as food procurement constraints, climate impacts on agriculture, and infrastructure upgrades. The country also aims to deepen its participation in international technical and knowledge-sharing initiatives.

Highlights

- The programme reaches 4,417 educational institutions, benefiting over 849,274 students, or 58.2% of total enrollment in the general education system.
- Food and nutrition education is part of the educational goals, equipping students with knowledge and skills to identify healthy and sustainable food choices.
- School gardens are active in all schools with cultivable land, contributing up to 6% of the programme's fresh food needs, and formal contracts with local producers ensure strong community links.