

Finland

Finland is a founding co-chair and champion of the Coalition, joining in July 2021 and submitting its [commitment](#) through the Ministry for Foreign Trade and Development in September 2021. The commitment was updated in July 2025. Finland provided commitments in the following areas: Financing, Programme design and coverage, Advocacy and Partnerships.

Achievements

In Finland, school meals are an integral part of the school day and are closely linked to food education and pedagogical guidance. They support learning about health, sustainability, and social skills, and are reinforced through home economics education where students gain practical food skills and an understanding of nutrition.

Finland continues to implement school meals procurement criteria that include environmentally friendly methods for food products, food safety, nutrition, and animal welfare and health aspects. It also works to increase food education and to involve students in the planning, implementation, and assessment of school meals.

Given its decades of experience in providing universal free and nutritious meals to students, Finland provides technical support to other countries on nutrition planning, policy development, implementation and the educational role of school meals. Resources can be found on the Education Finland [website](#).

Finland provides support to WFP's school meal programmes (in 2023, Lebanon; in 2024, Burundi, Kenya, Liberia, Myanmar, Syria, Ukraine, Yemen and Zambia; in 2025 Burkina Faso, Chad, Mozambique and South Sudan).

Finland co-leads the Coalition's Task Force and Working Group and has participated actively in the Coalition's high-level meetings and events, and more broadly in high-level advocacy for school meals since the Coalition was launched. It also provides support to the Coalition Secretariat.

Highlights

- Universal free and nutritious school meals are an integral part of the school day and closely linked to food education and pedagogical guidance – supporting learning about health, sustainability, and social skills.
- Provides technical support to partner countries to share Finland's experience on nutrition planning, policy development, implementation and the educational role of school meals.
- Co-chairs the Coalition's Task Force and Working Group and financially supports both the Coalition's Secretariat and WFP programmes across Africa, Asia, and the Middle East.