

Germany



Germany joined the Coalition in July 2021 and submitted its [commitment](#) through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity in September 2021 around the following areas: Financing, Programme design and coverage, Evidence and data generation, Advocacy and Partnerships.

Achievements

The government, through efforts of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity (BMLEH), is committed to promoting a balanced and sustainable diet for children and young people at the national level.

To ensure health-promoting and sustainable school meals, the German Nutrition Society has developed quality standards that provide guidance for schools, school boards and caterers and that engage local communities and strengthen local capacity based on lessons learned through the Coalition.

Germany has also been supporting the development of scientifically sound global nutrition guidelines and standards for school food at the international level in close cooperation with partner countries like Ghana and Cambodia. Those standards are to be incorporated into work of the Research Consortium on School Health and Nutrition, an initiative of the School Meals Coalition.

Germany also provides financial support through the UN for school meals and related programmes such as food systems, WASH, health, and education, to ample countries such as South Sudan (2024-2026); Democratic Republic of Congo (2024-2028); Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Chad and Mauritania (2023-2027); Somalia (2023-2026); Darfur (2021-2026); Central African Republic (2023-2027); Yemen (2023-2025); and Sierra Leone and Laos (2023-2028). In the Philippines, Germany is supporting the reform of the Philippine school-based feeding program, enhancing its interlinkage with Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) aspects in schools.

Germany has provided continuous support and high-level advocacy to support goals of the Coalition, including at COP28, the UN Food Systems Summit Stocktaking +2 and +4 and through the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty. Germany also provides financial support for the Coalition's Secretariat, its Sustainable Financing Initiative and the Research Consortium for School Health and Nutrition. Germany will strongly support the newly planned initiative on accelerating home-grown school meals programs. With this, the country further expands its strong advocacy for school meals, joining forces with partners from philanthropy and private sector.

Highlights

- Drives global momentum through strategic investments in the School Meals Coalition and large-scale resilience programmes that integrate school meals with broader development goals.
- Provides financial support for research and programmes in partner countries that deliver nutritious, locally sourced meals in crisis settings, linked with school health, nutrition, and social protection.
- Promotes balanced, sustainable school meals and supports the development of quality standards both nationally and internationally.
- Champions global advocacy for school meals and supports the Coalition Secretariat, Research Consortium and Sustainable Financing Initiative.