

Japan



Japan joined the Coalition in January 2022 and submitted its [commitment](#) through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in April 2022. Japan provided commitments in the following areas: Financing, Programme design and coverage, Evidence and data generation, Advocacy and Partnerships.

Achievements

Japan has shared insights on the institutional design, operational management and food and nutrition education (Shokuiku) aspects of its school meal programme based on the interest of partner countries including Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia and Paraguay, and with partners such as the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) through a published case study.

The government has provided bilateral assistance to support capacity building and human resource development for school meals in countries such as Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Paraguay, Burkina Faso, Botswana, Kenya, Cameroon and Senegal. In addition, it has advised and supported WFP programmes in Kenya, Cameroon, the Philippines, Haiti and, through a supplementary budget in 2024 and 2025, those in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Chad, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Jordan, Myanmar, Niger, Rwanda and Somalia.

Japan supports the global agenda on school meals through advocating for their importance at global forums, including the Global Health and Nutrition Forum that took place in Japan in December 2024 and the 2025 Nutrition for Growth Summit.

At the national level, the government emphasizes the importance of nutritionally balanced school meals and promotes the use of local products and Shokuiku (Food and Nutrition Education). It also provides teaching guidance to ensure the implementation of learning related to Shokuiku.

Highlights

- Emphasizes nutritionally balanced school meals, promotes the use of local products and Shokuiku (Food and Nutrition Education), and shares institutional, operational, and pedagogical insights, including teaching guidance, to support partner countries in implementing effective school meals models.
- Advanced WFP school meals initiatives globally by supporting nutrition recovery post-COVID-19, promoting home-grown school meals in Kenya and Cameroon, enhancing enrollment and nutrition in the Philippines and Haiti, and advocating Japan's school lunch model and nutrition education at global forums and through multilingual materials.