

Kenya



Kenya joined the School Meals Coalition in July 2021 and submitted its [commitment](#) through the Ministry of Education in April 2023 around the following areas: Policy, Financing, Institutional framework, Programme design and coverage, Evidence and data generation.

Achievements

Kenya has expanded its national school meals programme from 1.9 million children in 2023 to 2.6 million in 2025, with a goal of universal coverage by 2030. This scale-up is guided by the “Operational Plan for SMP Scale-up 2024–2030,” developed with support from WFP and the Rockefeller Foundation.

A National School Meals Coalition was launched in 2024, bringing together over 100 partners and structured into six Technical Working Groups. The Ministry of Education is finalizing a National School Meals Policy with support from development partners. A digitalized school meals module hosted in the National Education Management Information System (NEMIS) will be migrated to the new Kenya Education Management Information System (KEMIS) once launched.

Kenya is piloting a School Meals Aggregator Model to strengthen market linkages with smallholder farmers and is introducing green technologies to support clean cooking in schools. The country also promotes school gardens through the re-establishment of 4-K clubs and has participated in international peer-learning exchanges, such as a South-South Learning Exchange in Brazil.

Next steps

Kenya is mindful of challenges and is working towards the following priority actions:

- Mobilize additional funding to support the scale-up of the school meals programme.
- Invest in infrastructure development, particularly in building and upgrading school kitchens and food storage facilities.
- Improve access to clean water in schools.
- Accelerate the deployment of clean cooking technologies, ensuring schools transition from biomass to sustainable energy solutions.

Highlights

- Increased school meals coverage from 1.9 million to 2.6 million children, aiming for universal access by 2030.
- Launched a National School Meals Coalition with over 100 partners and six Technical Working Groups.
- Piloting clean cooking technologies and school gardens; supporting smallholder farmers through aggregator models.