

Somalia



Somalia joined the Coalition in August 2021 and submitted its [commitment](#) in March 2022 through the Ministry of Education. The commitment was updated in June 2025. Somalia provided commitments in the following areas: Policy, Financing, Institutional framework, Evidence and data generation, Advocacy and Partnerships.

Achievements

Somalia has made progress in almost all aspects of its commitment, attributed to the motivation around school meals given the government's involvement in the Coalition coupled with renewed political will and high-level institutional buy-in. Highlights include:

- A National School Meals Policy has been developed and is being finalized for ministerial and cabinet endorsements. The government has also made school meals a central priority of the newly adopted National Transformation Plan (2025-2029).
- Expanded capacity on school meals at the Ministry of Education.
- Discussions to ensure school meals are included in Somalia's annual budget for 2026.
- School meals champions from government and the private sector who have been mobilized by the Ministry of Education.

Next steps

While financing was not included on Somalia's initial commitment, the government plans to include it in an updated commitment.

Challenges faced include gaps in the following areas: funding, technical expertise (for example, to develop a multi-year financing strategy for school meals), capacity development for school meals and support staff, technology, and infrastructure.

Highlights

- School meals a central priority of the newly adopted National Transformation Plan (2025-2029).
- Expansion of school meals capacity at Ministry of Education.
- Working to ensure school meals are included in 2026 budget.