

South Sudan



South Sudan joined the Coalition in November 2021 and submitted its [commitment](#) through the Ministry of General Education & Instruction in November 2022 around the following areas: Policy, Financing, Programme design and coverage, Evidence and data generation, Advocacy and Partnerships.

Achievements

South Sudan has enacted a modest increase in the national education budget including proposals to increase the budget for school meals ranging from 1.2% to 1.9% at both national and state levels. The government has allocated USD 26,900 (SSP 35 million) to seven national secondary schools to strengthen school meals and has received USD 1.6 million from the Global Partnership for Education to support the programme.

The government has developed and disseminated National School Screening and Referral Guidelines on school health and nutrition and operational guidelines on school feeding with complementary training for schools on their implementation.

Multi-sectoral coordination platforms have been established at the national and sub-national levels to monitor implementation and share progress.

A Home-Grown School Feeding programme has been launched and is currently reaching over 180,000 students with support from development partners. It includes capacity-building initiatives for small-scale producers and female farmers to enhance community ownership and stimulate rural economic development. The government has also introduced the “Take Farm to School” initiative to link school feeding to agricultural productivity, with a pilot in 54 schools.

Next steps

Challenges identified include:

- Inadequate domestic financing due to fiscal constraints.
- Limited logistics capacity to reach remote schools.
- Climate variability and impacts on local food production.

Support and partnerships are needed to address these challenges and technical assistance needs around supply chain development, monitoring and evaluation, and climate-resilient agriculture.

Highlights

- Home Grown School Feeding programme launched and reaching over 180,000 students with support from development partners.
- Capacity-development initiatives for small-scale producers and female farmers to enhance community ownership and stimulate rural economic development.
- Introduction of “Take Farm to School” initiative to link school feeding to agricultural productivity, with a pilot in 54 schools.