

Tanzania

Tanzania joined the Coalition in September 2022 and submitted its [commitment](#) through the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology in May 2024 around the following areas: Policy, Financing, Institutional framework, Programme design and coverage, Advocacy and Partnerships.

Achievements

Provision of nutritious food through school meals has been included in the 2025 draft National Nutrition Policy and its implementation strategy. The policy also focuses on strengthening the monitoring and evaluation of school meals programmes to enhance quality.

Tanzania's national budget for school meals increased from USD 54 million (TZS 140.4 billion) in 2023-2024 to USD 77.8 million (TZS 202.3 billion) in 2024-2025 due to the increased number of students in boarding secondary and special needs schools who are receiving school meals. The percentage of students in public primary and secondary schools receiving meals through community initiatives and stakeholder support, including parents, increased from 56% to 61% during the same time.

The government is working toward adoption of the Southern African Development Community School Meals Guidelines, though oversight and guidance from its High-Level Steering Committee for Nutrition.

It has established a National School Feeding Technical Working Group comprised of members from key sectors, which met for the first time in October 2024 and has also held national consultation meetings with representatives across sectors.

A National School Meals Conference has been established as a platform for convening school meals stakeholders and raising awareness on an annual basis.

The President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Her Excellency Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, has supported the agenda through additional initiatives such as including school meals in the Nutrition Compact with all regional commissioners.

Next steps

Priorities moving forward include strengthening supply chains to support local production and distribution and improving infrastructure for food storage, preparation, and distribution of meals, as well as meal quality and diversity. Tanzania would benefit from support to address these priorities and to build awareness campaigns about the benefits of nutritious school meals, strengthen monitoring and evaluation systems, and conduct studies to identify region-specific gaps and monitor program effectiveness.

Highlights

- Budget increased from USD 54 million (TZS 140.4 billion) in 2023-2024 to USD 77.8 million (TZS 202.3 billion) in 2024-2025.
- Establishment of National School Meals Conference, a platform for convening school meals stakeholders and raising awareness on an annual basis.
- Support from the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Her Excellency Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, through additional initiatives such as inclusion of school meals in Nutrition Compact with all regional commissioners.