

Uganda



Uganda joined the Coalition in November 2023 and submitted its [commitment](#) through the Ministry of Education and Sports in April 2024 around the following areas: Policy, Financing, Institutional framework, Evidence and data generation, Advocacy and Partnerships.

Achievements

- The government is developing a National School Feeding Policy.
- Preliminary discussions have begun on a budget allocation for school meals, with USD 131,600 (UGX 500 million) budgeted for coordination and monitoring purposes.
- Initial draft National School Feeding Guidelines have been developed in consultation with key stakeholders, including to align them with international standards.
- A National School Feeding Working Group was approved in May 2024 and inaugurated in August 2024.
- To develop a National School Feeding Data Collection and Management System, a School Feeding Baseline Survey is being developed and pilot programs for digital data collection have been initiated in select schools in Karamoja.
- The government has developed a 2025 joint work plan involving all school meals stakeholders, including from government, non-government organizations and the private sector, initiating an annual exercise.

Next steps

Challenges include: uncertainty around securing public funding due to competing priorities; lack of infrastructure in rural schools; inadequate infrastructure including kitchens and storage facilities; weak tracking of food quality and quantity; and limited data for planning, budgeting and evaluation.

The government would benefit from technical support for programme design, development of a digitized school feeding platform, and a school meals financing strategy.

Highlights

- Developing a National School Feeding Policy and preliminary discussions on a budget allocation for school meals, with USD 131,600 (UGX 500 million) budgeted for coordination and monitoring purposes.
- 2025 joint work plan involving all school meals stakeholders, including from government, non-government organizations and the private sector, initiating an annual exercise.