

Côte d'Ivoire

Côte d'Ivoire joined the Coalition in January 2023.

Achievements

Côte d'Ivoire has continuously strengthened national capacity for school meal implementation and developed an evidence base to support informed programming and advocacy.

In 2024, the Government updated its National School Feeding Strategy, reaffirming its vision to reach 60% of public primary school students for 80 out of 120 school days annually by 2030.

This strategy prioritizes the expansion of the home-grown school feeding model, while reinforcing institutional and financial frameworks to ensure sustainability.

To support this agenda, two key studies were completed. A Cost-Benefit Analysis conducted in 2023 with Harvard University demonstrated a return of USD 9 for every USD 1 invested.

In 2024, a Systems Approach for Better Education Results (SABER) assessment was carried out to evaluate national capacities and inform a targeted action plan for system strengthening.

These findings were prominently showcased during the 2025 Africa Day of School Feeding, highlighting the critical role of regional and local authorities in sustaining the programme. They also informed a high-level roundtable in May 2025 between the Government and the private sector, centred on the newly launched National Multisectoral Nutrition Plan. During the discussion, school feeding was emphasized as a key intervention to combat malnutrition and drive progress on nutrition outcomes.

As a result of enhanced institutional capacity and strong national advocacy, the Government increased the school meals budget by 68% between 2022 and 2025 from US\$4.5 million to US\$8.3 million.

This has allowed coverage to expand from 26 to 33 school days annually, now reaching over 1.02 million students across 5,602 schools.

Next steps

To advance toward its 2030 targets, the Government of Côte d'Ivoire seeks support to:

- Update the National School Feeding Policy and Strategy to improve coordination and guide multisectoral efforts;
- Submit its Coalition commitment to the Council of Ministers and continue advocacy for a national school feeding law;
- Develop and pilot the home-grown school feeding model as a basis for sustainable scale-up;
- Identify long-term funding solutions, including through the Sustainable Financing Initiative.

Highlights

- The updated strategy reaffirms a 60% coverage goal by 2030.
- National budget for school meals increased by 68% (from USD 4.5 million in 2022 to USD 8.3 million in 2025).
- 1.02 million students benefit in 36% of public primary schools.