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Mali joined the Coalition in September 2021 and submitted its [commitment](#) through the Ministry of National Education in April 2024 around the following areas: Policy, Programme design and coverage, Evidence and data generation.

Achievements

In 2025, the number of government-supported school canteens (vs. those supported by WFP) is 1855, an increase of 18% compared to 2024, with the goal of increasing the number by 30% by 2030.

A SABER workshop, held in May 2024 to assess the country's national competencies in school food and nutrition, laid the groundwork for updating the National School Feeding Policy and developing a five-year action plan for implementation of the programme by the end of 2025.

Draft decrees to strengthen the legal and governance frameworks for school feeding are in the process of being adopted, and a school canteen management manual was developed to be distributed to stakeholders in 2025.

The pilot phase of a programme to mainstream nutrition in the basic education curriculum was finalized and will be introduced once validated.

A Home-Grown School Feeding Programme is being developed, assessed and costed, to be shared with potential donors.

An automated monitoring platform for school canteens is being updated with support from the World Bank.

Next steps

The government's goals are to address current financing constraints around the Home-Grown School Feeding Programme, so it can be mainstreamed throughout the country to ensure exclusive supply of local products.

It seeks capacity development support for national managers of school canteens and to equip the National Centre for School Canteens with monitoring capacity.

Highlights

- In 2025, increased number of government-supported school canteens to 1855, an increase of 18% compared to 2024. Goal is to increase by 30% by 2030.
- Update of National School Feeding Policy and development of five-year action plan for implementation of the programme underway – to be completed in 2025.