

Mozambique



Mozambique joined the Coalition in November 2021.

Achievements

Mozambique has included school feeding in the following development plans for the country: National Development Strategy (2025-2044); Five-year Government Programme (2025-2029); Economic and Social Plan and State Budget (2025); Strategic Plan for Education (2020-2029); Education Sector Preparedness, Response and Recovery Strategy in Emergencies (2021-2029); Security, Food and Nutrition Policy and Strategy (2024-2030); Strategic Plan for the Development of the Agricultural Sector (2024-2030) and the National Strategy for Basic Social Security (2016-2024).

School meals are included in the Five-year Government Programme (PQG), 2025-2029, with approval of approximately USD 112 million (7.000.000.000 Meticaís) to support sustainability and expansion of the programme in the next five years which could reach more than 1 million students.

Mozambique has also been exploring financing mechanisms, such as debt conversion funds, and has received financing from the World Bank for the Integrated Development Project of Mozambique, estimated to benefit more than 1 million children with school meals in the next five years.

A project led by World Vision Mozambique, budgeted at USD 35 million, has benefited more than 86,000 students. The government works with a total of 10 implementing partners. Engagement of the private sector has been initiated, with a project to be implemented in Cabo Delgado that could benefit more than 40,000 students in the next five years.

A legal and normative framework has been created, with the National School Feeding Strategy, to lay the groundwork for drafting of legislation in the future. Management guidelines have been developed, including manuals for promotion of nutrition education, school gardens and effective warehouse management.

Work has also been done to assess the impact of school meals and to articulate the cost-benefit analysis, with results indicating that the return is four times the investment and that the benefits are multisectoral with emphasis on education, health, agriculture and social protection.

School meals are a priority of the current government, and it continues to pursue opportunities for leadership and high-level engagement, including in international forums such as the Global Partnership on Education and the African Union.

Next steps

The government welcomes opportunities to collaborate around the following areas: sustainable finance, institutional and capacity building, infrastructure, strengthening of local value chains, logistics and distribution, community engagement and monitoring, evaluation and research.

Highlights

- Results from cost-benefit analysis indicate the return on school meals is four times the investment, with multisector benefits across education, health, agriculture and social protection.
- Exploration of financing mechanisms such as debt conversion funds and initiation of the Integrated Development Project of Mozambique, with financing from the World Bank, estimated to benefit more than 1 million children with school meals from 2025-2030.