

Senegal

Senegal joined the Coalition in July 2021 and submitted its [commitment](#) through the Ministry of National Education in October 2023 around the following areas: Policy, Financing, Institutional framework, Programme design and coverage, Evidence and data generation, Advocacy and Partnerships.

Achievements

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The government has initiated the following structural reforms to strengthen the programme:

- Preparations, supported by a multisectoral group, for a national policy on Home Grown School Feeding.
- Revision of the national school feeding policy and development of a strategic plan for its implementation, to be validated in the summer of 2025.
- Development of standard national operating procedures for hygiene, safety, and nutrition.

The School Feeding Monitoring System in Senegal (SASSE) is operationalized and accessible to stakeholders, with canteen managers and planners now trained in its use and 2025 data entry underway. This tool will allow for real-time monitoring of program performance, decision-making based on reliable data, and coordination between stakeholders.

The government is working to secure support from the Islamic Development Bank to strengthen sustainable local supply for school canteens. Connecting small-scale producers to canteens, while not yet fully realized, remains a priority to strengthen rural economies and the nutritional quality of school meals.

Next steps

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Efforts are underway to address regional disparities around accessibility of local products and availability of technical skills that present challenges in standardizing quality and meal composition. Additional goals include strengthening the School Feeding Monitoring System database and collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture to ensure a network of small producers that can meet the logistical and qualitative requirements of public procurement.

The government welcomes targeted technical support to finalize the policy framework and guidelines, strengthen local governance, support the agriculture sector, strengthen information and data, and carry out advocacy and resource mobilization to fully fund the programme.

Highlights

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- School Feeding Monitoring System in Senegal operationalized, allowing canteen managers and planners to conduct real-time monitoring of program performance and decision-making based on reliable data.