



Republic of Rwanda
Ministry of Education

**Global School Meals Coalition: Nutrition, Health and Education for Every Child
Country Commitment**

The Government of Rwanda affirm its membership in a coalition to ensure every child has the opportunity to receive a healthy meal in school by 2030. The Rwanda government express its strong support for the scale up of school meals programmes to drive recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals related to poverty (SDG1), hunger and all forms of malnutrition (SDG2), health (SDG3), education (SDG4), gender equality (SDG5), consumption and production (SDG12) and partnerships (SDG17).

Evidence demonstrates that these programmes help to combat child hunger, poverty, and multiple forms of malnutrition. They attract children to school and support children's learning, long-term well-being, and health. School meals can promote gender equity by supporting girls to attend and graduate from school, reducing the risk of child marriage, early pregnancies, and gender-based violence.

School meals programs can also serve as springboards for food system transformation. Scaled up and higher quality school meals programmes can support national and local markets and food systems by using locally grown food where possible, improving opportunities for smallholder farmers and local catering businesses, many led by women. School meals programs are opportunities to teach children how to eat better while learning about sustainable lifestyles and healthy diets. They can serve as platforms, enabling a more holistic approach to child well-being through the integration of education, health, and social protection interventions.

To support this critical intervention and in line with Rwanda's Comprehensive National School Feeding Policy and School Feeding Operational Guidelines Rwanda is committed to following:

1. Commit to achieve universal coverage of school feeding for basic education.
2. Commit to sustain the annual budget allocated to the national school feeding Programme.
3. Commit to review and update the National Comprehensive School Feeding Policy and strategy on a regular basis, to ensure it is relevant and inclusive.
4. Commit to establish, build capacity, and sustain school feeding coordination structures and stakeholders at the national and decentralized levels.

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5. Commit to maximize the impact of school feeding programmes on the local market through the development of the local school feeding commodity supply chain and market linkages in close collaboration with stakeholders in the agriculture sector.
6. Commit to participate in peer-to-peer exchange and learning activities with other countries and global school feeding stakeholders for impactful, nutritious, and sustainable school feeding programmes (study visits, conferences, case studies, technical assistance).
7. Commit to support and build connections between national academic institutions and the school feeding research consortium, government and other relevant initiatives related to school feeding research and learning.
8. Commit to actively participate in all Global Coalition for School Feeding activities and requirements for the next ten years.

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