

# Launch of the State of School Feeding Worldwide 2022 Report

**World Food Programme Headquarters - Via Cesare Giulio Viola 68/70, Rome**

**Tuesday, 21 March 2023, starting at 13:30**

**Auditorium, in-person session with online Zoom webinar**

## Context

The State of School Feeding Worldwide is the flagship publication by the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and is the main reporting mechanism of the School Meals Coalition. It provides an overview on how countries across the world are supporting their children through effective school feeding programmes. This report, published biannually, uses the best available data sources to describe the coverage, implementation, best practices, impact and costs of school-based health and nutrition programmes worldwide.

The 2020 State of School Feeding Worldwide demonstrated the devastating impact of the pandemic since its very beginning: at the height of the crisis, 190 countries had closed their schools and 370 million children were suddenly deprived of what for many was the main meal of the day. In light of the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the evidence strongly reinforced the need to build back better and equitable quality school-based health and nutrition services in every school for every schoolchild.

In 2021, country governments established the School Meals Coalition precisely to respond to this call and to ensure that school feeding programmes were increasingly considered priority investments for governments to create human capital, support national growth and promoting economic development. The 2022 edition is the first of the School Meals Coalition era, providing information on progress made since the Coalition's establishment. It will contribute to the understanding of how we can restore the school feeding coverage levels to the pre-pandemic period, how to best reach the missing children and how to strengthen our approach to improve the quality and efficiency of existing school feeding programmes in all countries.

## Objectives

This event will officially launch the new State of School Feeding 2022 publication.

1. Launch of the State of School Feeding Worldwide 2022 Report, availing a wealth of new data and research insights to empower countries and stakeholders to advance the school feeding agenda.
2. Celebrate progress of the School Meals Coalition and its members and partners.

**Audience:** Expected 200 people (WFP Board Members, WFP staff, partners in Rome (FAO, IFAD, academia, others).

## Agenda

The event will be held at the World Food Programme Headquarters' Auditorium in Rome.

At arrival, speakers and audience will receive a school meal lunch with recipes from the global North and South.

13:30 **Arrival of guests**

13:40 **Welcoming remarks**

- Ms Valerie Guarnieri, Deputy Executive Director, Programme and Policy Development Department, WFP

13:50 **School meals lunch for all participants in the Peace Garden**

15:00 **Opening remarks**

- Ms Valerie Guarnieri, Deputy Executive Director, Programme and Policy Development Department, WFP

15:05 **Presentation: Main findings on State of School Feeding Worldwide 2022 Report**

- Ms Carmen Burbano, Director, School-based Programmes, WFP

15:25 **Round table: Country examples**

Moderator: Ms Valerie Guarnieri, Deputy Executive Director, Programme and Policy Development Department, WFP

- Ms Tanja Grén, Permanent Representative of Finland
- His Excellency Haladou Salha, AU-NEPAD Senior Technical Advisor to the Group of Rome-based African Ambassadors
- Her Excellency Dr. Neena Malhotra, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India
- Her Excellency Carla Barroso Carneiro, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Brazil

15:55 **Partner discussion and reactions**

Moderator: Ms Carmen Burbano, Director, School-based Programmes, WFP

Discussants:

- Her Excellency Céline Jurgensen, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of France
- Mr Donald Bundy, Professor of Epidemiology and Development, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London
- Mr Noam Angrist, University of Oxford
- Mr Arif Husain, Chief Economist and Director, Research, Assessment and Monitoring Division, WFP

16:25 **Closing remarks**

- Ms Valerie Guarnieri, Deputy Executive Director, Programme and Policy Development Department, WFP

16:30 **End event**