



World Food Programme

Middle East and North Africa Initiative for School Meals and Social Protection

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What is the Regional Initiative on School Meals and Social Protection ?

The Regional Initiative was developed to enhance the **sustainability of school meals and social protection** in MENA region and to **strengthen national capacity** to implement sound national programmes.

The Initiative was conceived in 2016 and coordinated by WFP and its respective partners.

Who are the partners?

Education

Social Protection

Food and Nutrition

Child Labour



- FAO
- UNESCO
- ILO
- The World Bank
- Plan International
- UNWOMEN
- The League of Arab States
- Partnership for Child Development
- ...



Why a Regional Initiative ?

- To support **leadership and capacity** of national governments and institutions;
- To promote **in-country policy** and **operational development**;
- To boost a **coordinated partnership** effort for the same goals allowing stakeholders to **work as "ONE"**;
- To offer unique **platform** for national governments and stakeholders to **share knowledge, best practices & lessons learned**;
- To builds **evidence** and boosts **innovations**;



Upcoming events for 2018

- Regional MENA Consultations for School Feeding and Social Protection - Q2 Egypt
- Regional Consultation on School Feeding for Social inclusion and Development – Q3 Tunisia
- Global Child Nutrition Forum – Q4 Tunisia
- Committee on World Food Security – Q4 Italy



Thank you!