

SCHOOL MEAL/FEEDING PROGRAM(S)

School year: 2020–2021

- Grenada School Feeding Program

Lead Agency: Ministry of Education

NATIONAL LAWS, POLICIES, AND STANDARDS

- National school feeding policy
- Nutrition**
- Food safety
- Health
- Agriculture
- Private sector involvement

Line item in the national budget...

- Yes No No response

BUDGET

Total: Unknown

Includes funding from the United States Department of Agriculture Yes No No response

INFRASTRUCTURE

All schools in Grenada have electricity, piped and clean water, and gender-private flush toilets; most have kitchens; and some have dedicated eating spaces/cafeterias. School meals are prepared on-site (on school grounds) in kitchens typically equipped with storage facilities, refrigeration, serving utensils, and gas stoves.

SPECIAL NOTES

None

MEALS/SNACKS/MODALITY

- Breakfast
- Lunch**
- Dinner
- Snacks
- Take-home rations
- Other

- Grains, cereals
- Roots, tubers**
- Legumes, pulses, nuts**
- Dairy products**
- Eggs
- Meat**
- Poultry**
- Fish**
- Green, leafy vegetables**
- Other vegetables**
- Fruits**
- Oil**
- Salt
- Sugar**

- Dairy milk**
- Yogurt drink
- Fruit juice**
- Tea
- Water**
- Other

Prohibited food items: Sodas and other carbonated drinks

FOOD SOURCES

- Purchased (domestic)
- In-kind (domestic)**
- Purchased (foreign)
- In-kind (foreign)**

COMPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES

- Handwashing with soap
- Height measurement
- Weight measurement
- Testing for anemia
- Deworming treatment
- Eye testing/eyeglasses
- Hearing testing/treatment
- Dental cleaning/testing
- Menstrual hygiene
- Drinking water
- Water purification

COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- Food and nutrition**
- Agriculture**
- School gardens**
- Hygiene
- Health**
- Reproductive health
- HIV prevention
- Physical education**

The checked items were provided in most or all participating schools.



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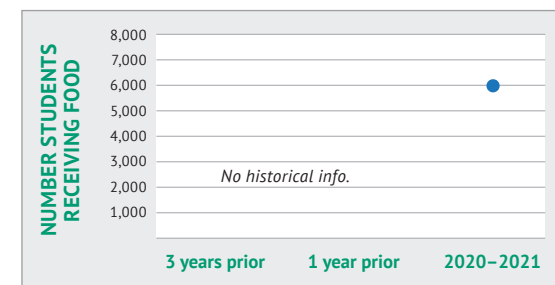
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SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS

CHILDREN RECEIVING FOOD, 2020–2021

School level	Total	# Enrolled	# Receiving food
Pre-school	3,664	3,698	Unknown
Primary school	12,635	13,195	Unknown
Secondary school	7,805	9,135	Unknown
Total	24,104	26,028	6,000



COVERAGE: PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

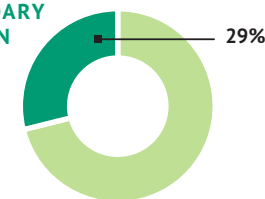
Total number primary and secondary school-age children: 20,440*

Receiving school food: **6,000**

Food was also provided to some students in...

- Pre-schools**
- Vocational/trade schools**
- Other

*This calculation treats all 6,000 beneficiaries as though they were in primary or secondary school, though some unknown number were in pre-school.



NUTRITION

School feeding program(s) included/involved the following:

- Fortified foods
- Bio-fortified foods
- Micronutrient supplements
- Nutritionists involved
- Special training for cooks/caterers in nutrition
- Objective to meet nutritional goals**
- Objective to reduce obesity**

Food items fortified/biofortified:

Not applicable

Micronutrients:

Not applicable

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Cooks/caterers receive special training in portions/measurements and food safety/hygiene. Produce from school gardens is consumed by the students.

STUDIES CONDUCTED

None specified.

RESEARCH NEEDED

Research on the impact of the program on school attendance rates; options to implement an electronic system for data collection and accounting; and strategies to promote stakeholder collaboration around the procurement of local food for schools.

AGRICULTURE, EMPLOYMENT, AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Jobs created by school feeding programs*

- >300** Cooks and food preparers
- Transporters
- Off-site processors
- Food packagers and handlers
- 3** Monitoring
- Food service management
- Safety and quality inspectors
- 3** Other

**If blank, no response was provided.*

Farmers were involved with the school feeding program(s)...

- Yes No No response

Other private sector (for profit) actors were involved...

- Yes No No response

There was a focus on creating jobs or leadership or income-generating opportunities for...

- Women Other groups
 Youth No response

There was community engagement (by parents or others) in the school feeding program(s)...

- Yes No No response

Were there links between food banks and the school feeding program(s)?

- Yes No There are no food banks in this country.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Farmers supply roots/tubers, fruits, green, leafy vegetables, and other vegetables to the Grenada School Feeding program. Students' families support the program by paying a partial price for the food.

CONTACTS: GRENADA

Agency: Ministry of Education, School Feeding Department

Website: <https://gov.gd/moe/>

SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES

Recent successes related to school feeding in Grenada include the continued provision of school meals despite various challenges, the inclusion of new schools in the program, and the strong support for the program found at the school level. Challenges include a lack of personnel to properly monitor the program, an inadequate budget to provide schools with the necessary equipment and utensils, and the absence of a system for data collection and accounting.

EMERGENCIES/COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Throughout the September 2020 to July 2021 school year, schools were open and/or operating remotely except for March, when schools closed and did not operate due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Moreover, the pandemic resulted in the program decreasing the number of students fed, the frequency of school feeding, the size of rations, and the amount of funding. The pandemic has brought attention to the importance of having policies and systems in place to transition the school feeding program's modality from in-school meals to take-home rations, or to change the targeted beneficiaries to reach the more vulnerable families. In the context of the pandemic, it would have been helpful if there was a working policy that allows for major stakeholders—including the program, private sector, and NGOs—to work together, share resources, and provide meals for vulnerable students and families.



GRENADA SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM

Lead implementer(s): The individual schools

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide a social safety net
- To meet nutritional and/or health goals
- To prevent or mitigate obesity

MODALITIES OF PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH FOOD:

- In-school meals

FREQUENCY AND DURATION:

- 5 times per week during the school year

TARGETING:

Geographic (based on school-level vulnerability)

HOW MANY STUDENTS RECEIVED SCHOOL FOOD IN 2020–2021 SCHOOL YEAR?

School level	# Students	% Girls	% Boys
Pre-school	Unknown	–	–
Primary school	Unknown	–	–
Secondary school	Unknown	–	–
Total	6,000	–	–

FOOD AND BEVERAGE ITEMS:

Roots, tubers	Fish	Sugar
Legumes, pulses, nuts	Green, leafy vegetables	Dairy milk
Dairy products	Other vegetables	Fruit juice
Meat	Fruits	Water
Poultry	Oil	
* <i>fortified</i>		

FOOD SOURCES:

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 In-kind (domestic)
- Purchased (foreign)
 In-kind (foreign)

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Grenada School Feeding Program began operating in 1950. The program plans to serve 9,000 students in the upcoming school year. Food waste is limited, as food is prepared as needed according to the number of students.