

SCHOOL MEAL/FEEDING PROGRAM(S)

School year: 2020–2021

- National School Canteens Program
(Programme National de Cantines Scolaires)

Lead Agency: National School Canteens Program (PNCS)

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*

- Government: USD 8,985,816
- International donors**: Unknown
- Private sector: USD 0
- Other donors: USD 0

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

* External funding for school meals in Haiti comes from France, Canada, Spain, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the World Bank. The precise amount of external funding is not known.

** International donations by United Nations agencies or non-governmental organizations often represent funding from multiple donors.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Some schools in Haiti have electricity, piped and clean water, latrines, dedicated eating spaces/cafeterias, and kitchens; very few have flush toilets. School meals are prepared on-site (on school grounds) in kitchens typically equipped with open and closed cooking areas, on-site water and piped water, storage facilities, serving utensils, and gas, charcoal, or wood stoves.

SPECIAL NOTES

The U.S. Department of Agriculture lists the World Food Program as receiving support from the McGovern-Dole Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program in 2019 for school feeding activities in Haiti. Population numbers from the UNESCO Institute of Statistics (UIS) were used to complete this report.

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: None

FOOD SOURCES

- Purchased (domestic)
- Purchased (foreign)
- In-kind (domestic)
- 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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REPUBLIC OF Haiti

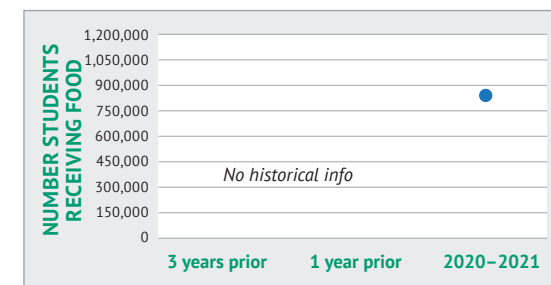


SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS

CHILDREN RECEIVING FOOD, 2020–2021

School level	Total	# Enrolled	# Receiving food
Pre-school	753,614	*	0
Primary school	1,472,337	*	857,350
Secondary school	1,628,148	*	0
Total	3,854,099	*	857,350

* Unknown



COVERAGE: PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

Total number primary and secondary school-age children: 3,100,485

Receiving school food: 857,350



- Food was also provided to some students in...
- Pre-schools
 - Vocational/trade schools
 - Other

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

At least one nutritionist is involved in the program. Produce from school gardens is consumed by students. Obesity is not generally considered to be a problem in Haiti.

STUDIES CONDUCTED

None specified

RESEARCH NEEDED

Research related to the influence of school food on children's school attendance and health, including levels of malnutrition.

AGRICULTURE, EMPLOYMENT, AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Jobs created by school feeding programs*

Cooks and food preparers
Transporters
Off-site processors
Food packagers and handlers
Monitoring
Food service management
Safety and quality inspectors
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

Food is purchased through open-bid (competitive tendering) procedures. Farmers of all sizes provide grains/cereals, roots/tubers, legumes, green, leafy vegetables and other vegetables to the program. The private sector is engaged in food trading, transport, and the provision of supplies (utensils).

CONTACTS: HAITI

Agency: Ministry of National Education and Vocational Training

Website: <https://menfp.gouv.ht/#/home>

SUCCESSSES AND CHALLENGES

Recent successes related to school feeding include the creation of jobs, reduction of malnutrition, and contribution to local development. Challenges include integrating local foods into the school meals, logistical problems around monitoring and evaluation, covering hard-to-reach areas, and a lack of financing which prevents comprehensive coverage of school-children. Some concerns around corruption/mismanagement are mainly related to the diversion of foodstuffs at the school level; strategies are being put in place to curb potential cases of misappropriation.

EMERGENCIES/COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, school feeding operations in Haiti temporarily ceased, and there were decreases in the number of students fed, the frequency of school feeding, and the amount of funding. There was also a temporary change in feeding modality in which meals were no longer provided at school, but some ingredients were provided to students or their parents to pick up at school to prepare and eat at home. In addition to the pandemic, Haiti was also affected by conflict and an economic/financial crisis in the 2020–2021 school year.

NATIONAL SCHOOL CANTEENS PROGRAM PROGRAMME NATIONAL DE CANTINES SCOLAIRES

Lead implementer(s): World Food Program, Bureau of Nutrition and Development, and other NGOs

OBJECTIVES:

- To meet nutritional and/or health goals

MODALITIES OF PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH FOOD:

- In-school meals
- Take-home rations

FREQUENCY AND DURATION:

- 5 times per week for in-school meals; Occasionally for take-home rations
- Throughout the year

TARGETING:

Geographic (criteria based on the level of food insecurity in the area)

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

School level	# Students	% Girls	% Boys
Pre-school	0	–	–
Primary school	857,350	–	–
Secondary school	0	–	–
Total	857,350	–	–

FOOD AND BEVERAGE ITEMS:

Grains, cereals	Green, leafy vegetables	Salt
Legumes, pulses, nuts	Other vegetables	Sugar
Meat	Fruits	Dairy milk
Fish	Oil	Water

* *fortified*

FOOD SOURCES:

10% Purchased (domestic)	0% In-kind (domestic)
70% Purchased (foreign)	20% In-kind (foreign)

If blank, no response was provided.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The National School Canteens Program (PNCS) began operating in 1997 and aims to coordinate the activities of all actors involved in school feeding in Haiti. It works under the supervision of the Ministry of National Education and Vocational Training (MENFP). There are plans to reach 1,400,000 students in the upcoming school year.

