

SCHOOL MEAL/FEEDING PROGRAM(S)

School year: 2020–2021

- The National Project for Feeding Primary School Students – Project for the Development of School Canteens (المشروع الوطني لتغذية طلبة مدارس الابتدائية – مشروع تطوير المقاصف المدرسية)

Lead Agency: The Ministry of Education, the General Authority for Food and Nutrition, and the Ministry of Health

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

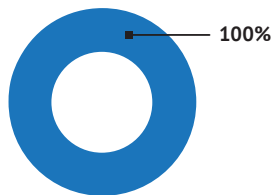
BUDGET

Total: Unknown

- Government: Unknown
- International donors*: USD 0
- Private sector: USD 0
- Other donors: USD 0

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

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



INFRASTRUCTURE

All schools in Kuwait have electricity, piped and clean water, and latrines. Some schools have dedicated eating spaces/cafeterias, while no schools have kitchens. Foods made available in the National Project for Feeding Primary School Students / Project for the Development of School Canteens are purchased in processed form, thus are not prepared in a kitchen.

SPECIAL NOTES

Population and enrollment 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
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- Grains, cereals
 - Roots, tubers
 - Legumes, pulses, nuts
 - Dairy products
 - Eggs
 - Meat
 - Poultry
 - Fish
 - Green, leafy vegetables
 - Other vegetables
 - Fruits
 - Oil
 - Salt
 - Sugar
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- Dairy milk
 - Yogurt drink
 - Fruit juice
 - Tea
 - Water
 - Other

Prohibited food items: Sugary drinks, candy, fried foods, ultra-processed foods, foods or beverages containing additives

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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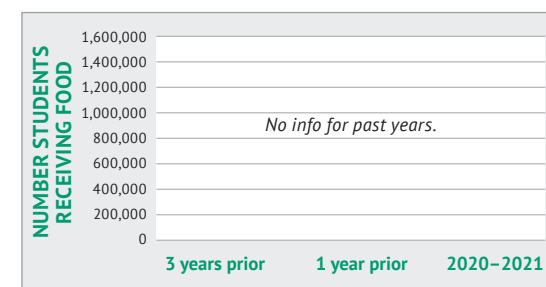
STATE OF Kuwait



SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS

CHILDREN RECEIVING FOOD, 2020–2021

School level	Total	# Enrolled	# Receiving food
Pre-school	124,911	75,256	Unknown
Primary school	319,602	278,958	Unknown
Secondary school	361,688	302,047	Unknown
Total	806,201	656,261	Unknown

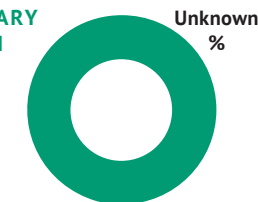


COVERAGE: PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

Total number primary and secondary school-age children: 681,290

Receiving school food: Unknown

- 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:

Grains/cereals, salt, sugar

Micronutrients:

Iron, calcium, vitamin B12, vitamin C, vitamin D

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

At least 10–15 nutritionists are engaged in school canteens programs in Kuwait. Fruit juices or nectars made available in canteens are natural juice, with limited amounts of added sugar.

STUDIES CONDUCTED

The Nutritional Surveillance Program Questionnaire for School Canteens is implemented by the Food and Nutrition General Authority.

RESEARCH NEEDED

The Nutritional Surveillance Program of the Ministry of Health will be conducting research on canteens.

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

The National Project for Feeding Primary School Students and the Project for the Development of School Canteens are managed by the national government in a centralized manner. Canteens adhere to a specified policy for contracting with food producers and suppliers.

CONTACTS: KUWAIT

Agency: Public Authority for Food and Nutrition

Website: <https://www.pafn.gov.kw>

SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES

Recent successes related to school feeding in Kuwait include the continued development of the school canteen program for the primary stage, and the development of school canteens for the primary, intermediate, and secondary stages in 2021. In addition, a regulation for school canteens was issued in 2021 and approved by the Minister of Health.

EMERGENCIES/COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Schools in Kuwait were closed but operating remotely for several months in the 2020–2021 school year. The COVID-19 pandemic prompted a temporary disruption in school feeding operations, and also resulted in a decrease in funding for school feeding, the number of students fed, and the frequency of school feeding. The pandemic also prompted a change in the venue (location) of school meals (e.g., fewer children eating together at the same time).

THE NATIONAL PROJECT FOR FEEDING PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS – PROJECT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL CANTEENS

(المشروع الوطني لتغذية طلبة مدارس الابتدائية – مشروع تطوير المقاصف المدرسية)

Lead implementer(s): The Ministry of Education and the General Authority for Food and Nutrition and School Health / Ministry of Health

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 snacks

FREQUENCY AND DURATION:

- 5 days per week during the school year

TARGETING:

Targeting criteria not specified.

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	Unknown	–	–

FOOD AND BEVERAGE ITEMS:

Grains, cereals*	Salt*	Fruit juice
Dairy products	Sugar*	Water
Other vegetables	Dairy milk	
Fruits	Yogurt drink	

* fortified

FOOD SOURCES:

100% Purchased (domestic) 0% In-kind (domestic)
0% Purchased (foreign) 0% In-kind (foreign)

If blank, no response was provided.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The national canteen program began in 2019.

