

## SCHOOL MEAL/FEEDING PROGRAM(S)

**Most recently completed school year:**  
January–November 2018 (200 school days)

- School Feeding Program
- School Milk Program

**Lead Agency:** School Health and Nutrition Branch,  
Ministry of Education

## NATIONAL LAWS, POLICIES, AND STANDARDS

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

Line item in the national budget... ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NR

### BUDGET

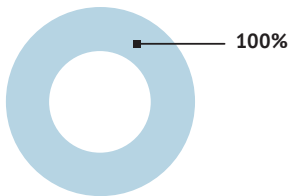
Total:  
USD 48,207,116

■ National government:  
USD 48,207,116

■ International donors\*:  
USD 0

■ Private sector: USD 0

■ Other donors: USD 0



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

## INFRASTRUCTURE

Most schools have electricity, clean water, and latrines. Some schools have piped water, flush toilets, and dedicated eating spaces/cafeterias. Very few schools have kitchens.

## SPECIAL NOTES

The two meal and milk programs were being funded entirely by the Government of Sri Lanka until the school year 2018.

NR = No Response

## MEALS/SNACKS/MODALITY

- ☒ **In-school meals**
- ☐ In-school snacks
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Take-home rations
- ☐ Conditional cash transfer

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

**Prohibited food items:** Items with high salt, oil, and/or sugar content

## FOOD SOURCES

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

## COMPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES

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

## COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

### EDUCATION

- ☐ Nutrition
- ☐ Health
- ☐ Food and agriculture
- ☐ Reproductive health
- ☐ Hygiene
- ☐ HIV prevention

### OTHER

- ☐ School gardens
- ☐ Physical education

☒ = mandatory

*The checked and highlighted items are reported as required, though they may not be uniformly implemented.*



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# Sri Lanka



## SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS

### CHILDREN RECEIVING FOOD, 2018

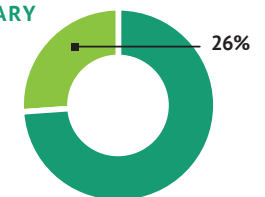
School level	Total #	# Enrolled	# Receiving Food
Primary school	1,863,000	1,806,923	1,467,465
Secondary school	3,800,000	3,685,620	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,663,000</b>	<b>5,492,543</b>	<b>1,467,465</b>



### COVERAGE: PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

Total number primary and secondary school-age children: 5,663,000

Receiving school food:  
■ 1,467,465



Food was also provided to some students in

- ☐ Pre-schools
- ☐ Vocational/trade schools
- ☐ University/higher education
- ☐ Other

## NUTRITION

School feeding program(s) include/involve 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:**

No

**Micronutrients added to fortified foods:**

Iron, Vitamin A and Folic Acid

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Nutritional supplements or micronutrient powders containing Iron, Vitamin A, and Folic Acid are provided. The program also provides Nutrition Education, Health Education, Food Education, and Physical Education for the students. There are nutritional requirements for the food basket as a means to prevent or mitigate obesity/overweight problems.

## AGRICULTURE, EMPLOYMENT, AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

**Jobs created by school feeding programs**

**12,000**

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

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

- ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ NR

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

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NR

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

- ☒ **Women**
- ☐ Youth
- ☒ **Other groups**

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

- ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ NR

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The cooks and caterers were paid by the national government and provided with training on nutrition, portions/measurements, food safety/hygiene, business/management and the home-grown system. Two civil society organizations, School Development Society and Members of Food Committee, were involved in the school feeding program.

## CONTACTS: SRI LANKA

**Agency:** Ministry of Education

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## SUCCESSSES AND CHALLENGES

Positive developments included separation of the budgets, circulars and guidelines, and improved monitoring and evaluation processes. Strengths of the programs included: the promotion of local food, allocations for feeding, and identifying nutritional states. A major slow-onset emergency decreased the number and frequency of school feeding. A lack of funds to provide food for all students also set the program back.

## STUDIES CONDUCTED

2012-Impact Study/Cognitive Assessment, Northern Province; Situational Analysis; SABER study

## RESEARCH NEEDED

Impact of school feeding programs on the academic performance of students; cognitive assessment.

## SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM

**Lead implementer(s):** Provincial Department of Education, Ministry of Education

### OBJECTIVES:

- To meet educational goals
- To meet nutritional and/or health goals
- To prevent and mitigate obesity

### MODALITIES OF PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH FOOD:

- In-school meals

### TARGETING:

Based on their nutritional stats

### HOW MANY STUDENTS RECEIVED SCHOOL FOOD IN 2018 SCHOOL YEAR?

School level	# Students	% Girls	% Boys
Pre-school	N/A		
Primary school	1,067,465	51%	49%
Secondary school	N/A		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,067,465</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>49%</b>

### FOOD ITEMS:

Grains/cereals	Green, leafy vegetables	Salt
Legumes and nuts	Other vegetables	Oil
Fish	Fruits	
Eggs	Roots/tubers	
* fortified		

### FOOD SOURCES:

<b>100% Purchased (domestic)</b>	0% In-kind (domestic)
0% Purchased (foreign)	0% In-kind (foreign)

## SCHOOL MILK PROGRAM

**Lead implementer(s):** Provincial Department of Education, Ministry of Education

### OBJECTIVES:

NR

### MODALITIES OF PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH FOOD:

- In-school meals

### TARGETING:

NR

### HOW MANY STUDENTS RECEIVED SCHOOL FOOD IN 2018 SCHOOL YEAR?

School level	# Students	% Girls	% Boys
Pre-school	N/A		
Primary school	400,000	—	—
Secondary school	N/A		
<b>Total</b>	<b>400,000</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

### FOOD ITEMS:

Dairy products

### FOOD SOURCES:

<b>100% Purchased (domestic)</b>	0% In-kind (domestic)
0% Purchased (foreign)	0% In-kind (foreign)

### NOTES:

Overall: Beneficiaries from Grades 1–5 either received meals under the School Feeding Program or milk under the School Milk Program, depending on their nutritional stats.

