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AN UPDATE ON SCHOOL HEALTH AND NUTRITION DURING COVID 19

Ensuring children don't miss out on School Health and Nutrition

Global Monitoring of School Meals During COVID-19 School Closures

[Click here to see Governments and WFP alternative solutions](#)

195

Countries with school closures

368M

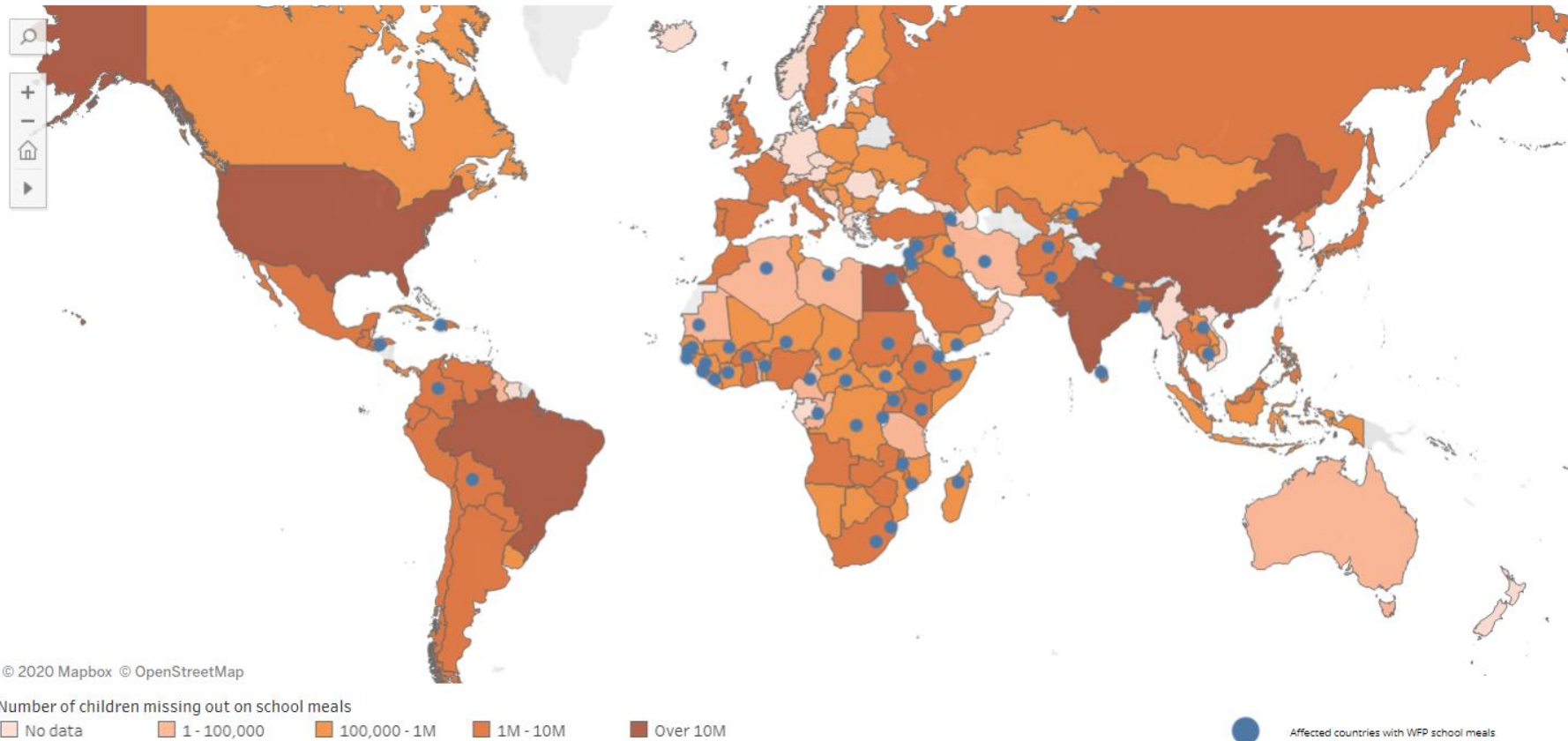
Children missing out on meals at school globally (48% are girls)

52

Countries with WFP school meals where schools are closed

12M

Children no longer receiving WFP meals at school due to closures



- 195 countries with school closures
- Nearly 370 million children missing out on school feeding
- 52 countries where WFP implements school feeding programmes with more than 12 million children impacted

Link: <https://cdn.wfp.org/2020/school-feeding-map/>

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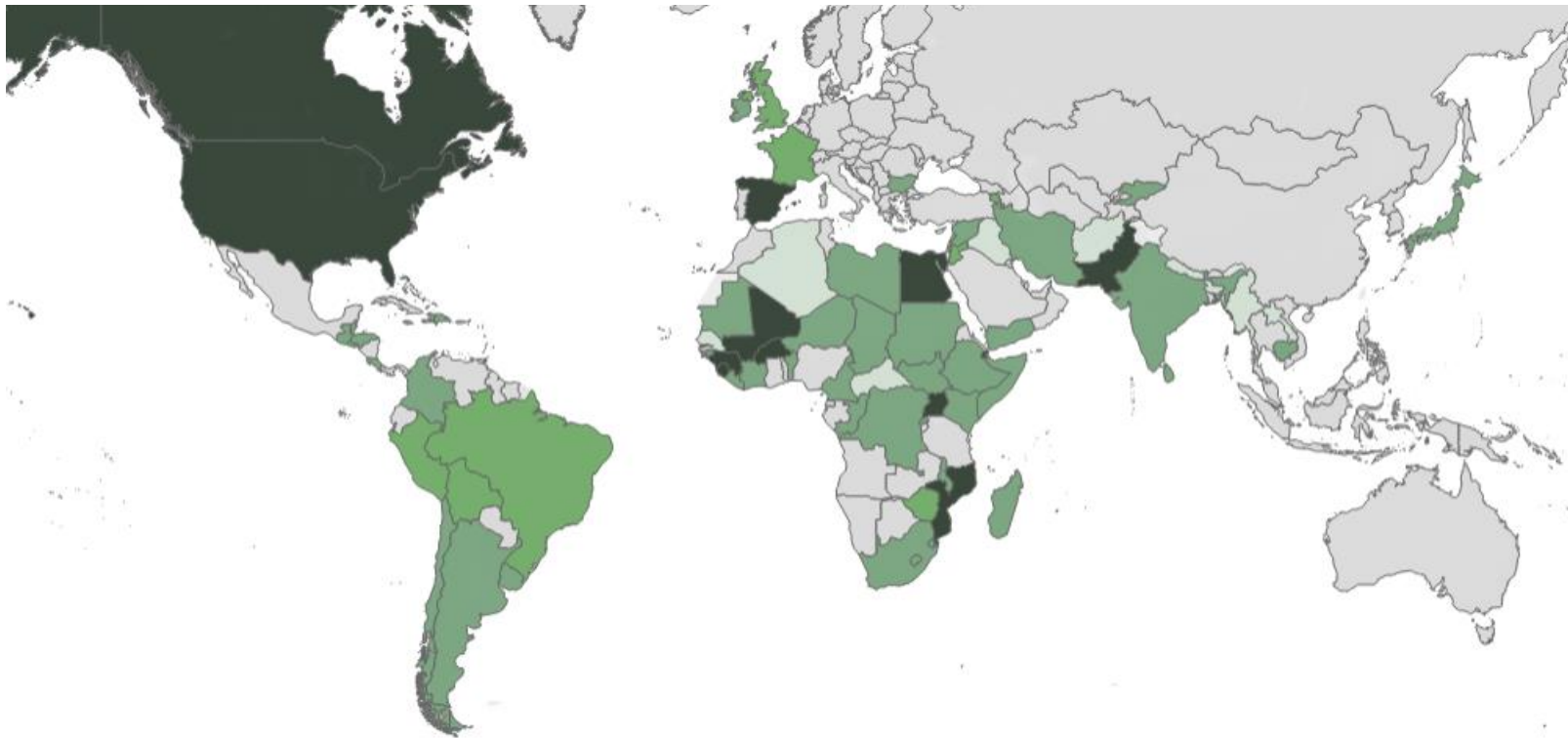
Click here to see the numbers of children missing out on school meals

- All solutions
- Only WFP solutions
- Only Government solutions

70

Countries that have found alternative solutions to reach school children with meals

Select a country on the map to learn more about Governments and WFP response to the crisis



No data available

Programme on hold

Cash-Based Transfers to schoolchildren's families

Various modalities

Take-Home Rations to schoolchildren

137
Countries

9
Countries

10
Countries

15
Countries

45
Countries

- 45 countries are providing school meals in form of take-home rations
- 10 countries are implementing cash based transfers
- 15 countries implement various modalities simultaneously

A photograph of four young children sitting at a table, eating school meals. They are wearing yellow and blue uniforms. The child on the far left is a boy in a blue shirt, looking towards the camera. The child next to him is a girl in a yellow shirt, smiling and eating. The child in the center is a boy in a yellow shirt, also smiling and eating. The child on the far right is a girl in a yellow shirt, smiling. They are eating from bowls and plates on the table. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Measures and alternatives

Ensuring children don't miss out on school meals

1. Provide technical guidance

1. Guidance for WFP operations (hygiene/distribution)
2. [Joint guidance WFP, FAO and UNICEF](#) for national governments to mitigate effects on schoolchildren
3. Support [IASC Interim Guidance](#) for COVID-19 Prevention and Control in Schools
4. [Framework for safe re-opening](#) of schools UNICEF, UNESCO, WB and WFP



2. Implement alternative measures to school meals

- **16 countries** are implementing **take home rations**.
(Cambodia and Liberia 1 month rations, Gambia 2 month rations, Congo and Chad 3 months)
- **24 countries** are identifying right **alternative mechanism**
- **5 countries** are channelling stocks through **social protection systems** targeting the same vulnerable families
(Jordan, Kenya, Syria, guinea, CAR)
- **7 countries** are keeping food stock **until schools re-open**
(Nepal, Bolivia, Iraq, etc)



Honduras: Packages of food are home delivered with support of teachers and local school feeding focal points.

3. Respond in partnership

Aligned with the UNESCO-led Global Education Coalition, [WFP](#) and [UNICEF](#) are joining forces to ensure children are healthy and nourished despite the disruptions caused by COVID-19.

Objectives:

- Globally call governments to action to ensure the 370 million schoolchildren are prioritized during crisis response
- Support governments to find alternative solutions to deliver support to schoolchildren during school closures and develop strategies for a back to school campaign.
- Provide operational support in 30 of the poorest countries to ensure that school health and nutrition packages are put in place to draw children back to school and they are ready to pick up where they left off.





30 Fragile Countries



10 million children

Integrated package (SHN)



Coalition of partners led by UNICEF and WFP



US\$600 million 6 months

Investing in the future of the most vulnerable children

