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

- **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/](https://cdn.wfp.org/2020/school-feeding-map/)
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

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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


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)

Health (WASH)

School feeding

Nutrition

Coalition of partners led by UNICEF and WFP

US$600 million 6 months

Investing in the future of the most vulnerable children