SCHOOL MEAL/FEEDING PROGRAM(S)

Most recently completed school year: September 2017 - June 2018 (180 school days)

- School Canteens Program
- School Milk Program

Lead Agency: Ministry of Education / Institute for School Social Services (IASE)

NATIONAL LAWS, POLICIES, AND STANDARDS

- National school feeding policy
- Mutrition
- Food safety
- Agriculture
- Private sector involvement

Line item in the national budget... 🗹 Yes 🗌 No 🗌 NR



INFRASTRUCTURE

All schools have electricity, potable and running water, latrines and flush toilets, specified eating spaces, and kitchens. School meals and snacks are prepared on site.

MEALS/SNACKS/MODALITY



Prohibited food items: Products high in fat, sugar, and/or salt content; energy and sports drinks, soft drinks and ice tea; fast foods; candy; and more

FOOD SOURCES

Purchased (domestic)Purchased (foreign)

In-kind (domestic)In-kind (foreign)

COMPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Handwashing with soap
 → Hearing testing/treatment
 → Height measurement
 ✓ Dental cleaning/testing
- Weight measurement
- Deworming treatment
- Eve testing/eyeglasses

□ School gardens

Physical education

OTHER

COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- EDUCATION
- Nutrition
- 🗹 Health
- **Food and agriculture**
- **Reproductive health**
- **Hygiene**
- HIV prevention

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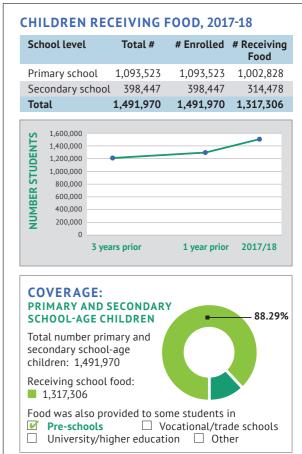
The checked and highlighted items are reported as required, though they may not be uniformly implemented.



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SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS



NUTRITION

School feeding program(s) include/involve the following:

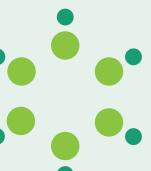
- □ Fortified foods
- □ Bio-fortified foods
- □ Micronutrient supplements
- **Mutritionists involved**
- □ Special training for cooks/caterers in nutrition
- **Objective to meet nutritional goals**
- **Objective to reduce obesity**

Food items fortified: None

Micronutrients added to fortified foods: None

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

While Portugal did not report extensively in the survey regarding the programs' focus on nutrition, it is evident from related literature that there is a strong emphasis on nutrition within Portugal's school meal programs.



AGRICULTURE, EMPLOYMENT, AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Jobs created by school feeding programs

- NR 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

Cooks in the program are paid. Per legislation, parents contribute to the cost of meal according to their economic level. Parents are also called upon to monitor the quality of the meals served.

CONTACTS: PORTUGAL

Agency: Ministry of Education/Institute for School Social Services (IASE) Website: https://www.portugal.gov.pt

SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES

Three positive developments include the: introduction of vegetarian meals; fight against food waste; elaboration of a national strategy for the promotion of healthy eating. Three strengths include the: universal character of the program; healthy and nutritionally balanced meals; association of the program with curricular pedagogical objectives.

There were no setbacks over the past five years. Challenges related to school feeding include: program management, given its universal character, the number of organizations involved (recipients, suppliers, and others) and the amounts involved.

There is program control and monitoring to guard against corruption.

STUDIES CONDUCTED

None

RESEARCH NEEDED

Positive and negative impacts of the school feeding program on the family and future habits of the target children and youth.

SCHOOL CANTEENS

Lead implementer(s): Institute for School Social Services (IASE)

OBJECTIVES:

- To meet educational goals
- 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 meals

TARGETING:

Universal

HOW MANY STUDENTS RECEIVED SCHOOL FOOD IN 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR?

| School level | # Students | % Girls | % Boys |
|------------------|------------|---------|--------|
| Pre-school | 133,930 | _ | _ |
| Primary school | 868,898 | _ | _ |
| Secondary school | 314,478 | _ | _ |
| Total | 1,317,306 | _ | _ |

FOOD ITEMS:

| Grains/cereals | Meat | Fruits |
|----------------|------------------------|--------|
| Legumes & nuts | Poultry | Salt |
| Roots/tubers | Fish | Oil |
| Dairy products | Green leafy vegetables | Sugar |
| Eggs | Other vegetables | |
| * fortified | 2 | |

FOOD SOURCES:

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

NOTES:

The program provides meals five days per week for the ten-month school year.

SCHOOL MILK PROGRAM

Lead implementer(s): Institute for School Social Services (IASE)

OBJECTIVES:

- To meet educational goals
- To provide a social safety net
- To meet nutritional and/or health goals
- To prevent or mitigate obesity

MODALITIES OF PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH FOOD:

 Other: free daily school milk packages (0.2L) for pre-school and primary school students

HOW MANY STUDENTS RECEIVED SCHOOL FOOD IN 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR?

| School level | # Students | % Girls | % Boys |
|------------------|------------|---------|--------|
| Pre-school | 253,959 | _ | _ |
| Primary school | 404,010 | _ | - |
| Secondary school | N/A | | |
| Total | 657,969 | - | - |

FOOD ITEMS:

Dairy products * fortified

FOOD SOURCES:

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

NOTES:

The program provides school milk to the students five times per week for the ten-month school year, at a cost of 10 Euros per student per year.