SCHOOL MEAL/FEEDING PROGRAM(S)

Most recently completed school year: January 2018 - October 2018 (180 school days)

School Feeding Program (Programa de Alimentación Escolar)

Lead Agency: 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



INFRASTRUCTURE

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

MEALS/SNACKS/MODALITY

☐ Breakfast Snacks Lunch Take-home rations Dinner Conditional cash transfer Fish Grains/cereals Roots, tubers Green, leafy vegetables V Legumes and nuts Other vegetables V **Dairy products** Fruits V Oil Eggs Meat V Salt **☑** Sugar **Poultry** Other (Harinas fortificadas)

Prohibited food items: none

FOOD SOURCES

✓ Purchased (domestic) ☐ In-kind (domestic) Purchased (foreign) ☐ In-kind (foreign)

COMPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES

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

COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

EDUCATION

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

OTHER

- ☐ School gardens
- Physical education

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



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Guatemala





42.48%

SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS

CHILDREN RECEIVING FOOD, 2018

School level	Total #	# Enrolled	# Receiving Food
Primary school	2,400,000	2,000,000	1,983,566
Secondary school	2,269,905	1,220,327	N/A
Total	4,669,905	3,220,327	1,983,566



COVERAGE: PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

Total number primary and secondary school-age children: 4,669,905

Receiving school food: 1.983.566

Food was also provided to some students in ☐ vocational/trade schools ✓ pre-schools

☐ University/higher education ☐ Other

NUTRITION

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

Food items fortified:

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Micronutrients added to fortified foods:

NR

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

At least 12 nutritionists were involved in the school feeding program. To mitigate overweight/obesity, the program includes nutritional requirements for food baskets, food restrictions on or near school grounds, and nutrition, food, and health education, as well as physical education.



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				
Farmeı	rs were	involved with the school feeding program(s)				
☑ Yes	\square N	o 🗆 NR				
Other private sector (for profit) actors were involved						
☐ Yes	☑ N	o 🗆 NR				
There was a focus on creating jobs or leadership or income-generating opportunities for						
WomenYouth✓ Other groups						
There was community engagement (by parents or others) in the school feeding program(s)						
⊻ Yes	□N	o 🗆 NR				

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

At least half (50%) of food must be purchased from family farmers. Parent organizations in the schools are responsible for purchasing decisions, for preparing and distributing food, and for overseeing/monitoring the program. Among other goals, this is intended to improve the nutritional quality of the school meal menu.

CONTACTS: GUATEMALA

Agency: Ministerio de Educación

Website: http://www.mineduc.gob.gt/portal/index.asp

Email: NR

SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES

Strengths of the school feeding program include its fulfillment of the right to school feeding, as recognized in Guatemala, and its focus on cultural relevance. It also incorporates a focus on food and nutrition education. In addition, it emphasizes citizen participation, the distribution of resources and strengthening of local capacities.

Challenges associated with the school feeding program include the need to improve basic infrastructure, and difficulties related to purchasing from family farmers, given their productive capacity. In some cases, resources are mismanaged.

STUDIES CONDUCTED

Technical diagnosis of the school feeding program

RESEARCH NEEDED

Social impact of the school feeding program



SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM (PROGRAMA DE ALIMENTACIÓN ESCOLAR)

Lead implementer(s): Ministry of Education

OBJECTIVES:

- To meet educational goals
- To meet nutritional and/or health goals
- To meet agricultural goals

MODALITIES OF PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH FOOD:

- In-school meals
- Five times per week during the school year

TARGETING:

100% universal school feeding achieved among primary school students

HOW MANY STUDENTS RECEIVED SCHOOL FOOD IN 2018 SCHOOL YEAR?

School level	# Students	% Girls	% Boys
Pre-school	475,487	_	_
Primary school	1,983,566	_	_
Secondary school	N/A		
Total	2,459,053	_	-

FOOD ITEMS:

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

FOOD SOURCES:

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

NOTES:

Parent organizations in the schools decide what food items to purchase. 90% of participating schools have on-site kitchens.

