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**BUDGET**

Total: USD 11,000,000

- **Government:** USD 0
- **International donors**: USD 11,000,000
- **Private sector:** USD 0
- **Other donors:** USD 0

Includes funding from the United States Department of Agriculture  
- Yes
- No
- No response

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**INFRASTRUCTURE**

Some schools in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) have electricity, piped and clean water, flush toilets, dedicated eating spaces/cafeterias, and kitchens. The school kitchens are usually equipped with storage facilities, charcoal or wood stoves, and utensils.

**SPECIAL NOTES**

Population numbers from the UNESCO Institute of Statistics (UIS) were used to complete this report.

**MEALS/SNACKS/MODALITY**

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner
- Snacks
- Take-home rations
- Other

- Grains, cereals
- Roots, tubers
- Legumes, pulses, nuts
- Dairy products
- Eggs
- Meat
- Poultry
- Fish
- Green, leafy vegetables
- Other vegetables
- Fruits
- Oil
- Salt
- Sugar

- Dairy milk
- Yogurt drink
- Fruit juice
- Tea
- Water
- Other

**Prohibited food items:** No response

**FOOD SOURCES**

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

**COMPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES**

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

**COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

- Food and nutrition
- Agriculture
- School gardens
- Hygiene
- Health
- Reproductive health
- HIV prevention
- Physical education

*The checked items were provided in most or all participating schools.*

**SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS**

**CHILDREN RECEIVING FOOD, 2020–2021**

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**COVERAGE:**

**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN**

Total number primary and secondary school-age children: 27,270,985

Receiving school food: 165,000

Food was also provided to some students in...  
- Pre-schools
- Vocational/trade schools
- Other

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NUTRITION
School feeding program(s) included/involved 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/biofortified:
- Oil, salt

Micronutrients:
- Iodine, vitamin A

AGRICULTURE, EMPLOYMENT, AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Jobs created by school feeding programs*
- Cooks and food preparers
- Transporters
- Off-site processors
- Food packagers and handlers
- Monitoring
- Food service management
- Safety and quality inspectors
- Other

*If blank, no response was provided.

Farmers were involved with the school feeding program(s)?
- Yes
- No
- No response

Other private sector (for profit) actors were involved?
- Yes
- No
- No response

There was a focus on creating jobs or leadership or income-generating opportunities for...
- Women
- Youth
- Other groups
- No response

There was community engagement (by parents or others) in the school feeding program(s)?
- Yes
- No
- No response

Were there links between food banks and the school feeding program(s)?
- Yes
- No
- No response

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Students' families and other community members contribute to the school feeding program. Open-bid (competitive tendering) procedures are used to secure food and services for the program.

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Agency: Directorate of Life Skills (Direction de la Vie Courante)
Website: www.eduquepsp.education/v1/

SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES

Recent successes related to school feeding in the DRC include a national capacity assessment and growing political commitment for school feeding in the country. Challenges related to school feeding include the need for more financing and difficulties around internal procurement and logistics.

EMERGENCIES/COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The COVID-19 pandemic caused schools to temporarily close in the DRC. In response, take-out meals were provided during school closures to replace the meals typically served during the school day.
SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM
PROGRAMME D’ALIMENTATION SCOLAIRE

Lead implementer(s): World Food Program

OBJECTIVES:
• To meet educational goals
• To provide a social safety net

MODALITIES OF PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH FOOD:
• In-school meals
• Take-home rations

FREQUENCY AND DURATION:
• 5 times per week for in-school meals and biweekly for take-home rations
• During the school year

TARGETING:
Targeting based on level of vulnerability and food insecurity

HOW MANY STUDENTS RECEIVED SCHOOL FOOD IN 2020–2021 SCHOOL YEAR?

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FOOD AND BEVERAGE ITEMS:

- Grains, cereals
- Legumes, pulses, nuts
- Green, leafy vegetables
- Other vegetables
- Oil*
- Salt*
- Water

* fortified

FOOD SOURCES:

- Purchased (domestic)
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
The School Feeding Program has grown from reaching 41,000 students in 2017–2018 to 165,000 students three years later. The program aims to play a role in the fight against hunger in the DRC. In the 2020–2021 school year, a total of 120,000 school children received take-home rations comprised of grains/cereals, legumes, oil, and salt.