

## SCHOOL MEAL/FEEDING PROGRAM(S)

Most recently completed school year:  
September 2017 – May 2018 (190 total days)

- WFP School Meal Distribution; Food Coupons

Lead Agency: Ministry of Education

## NATIONAL LAWS, POLICIES, AND STANDARDS

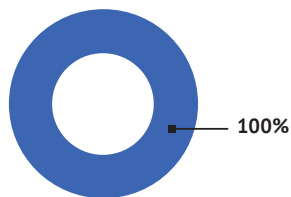
- National school feeding policy
- Nutrition
- Food safety
- Agriculture
- Private sector involvement

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

### BUDGET

Total:  
USD 90,125,157

- National government: None
- International donors\*: USD 90,125,157
- Private sector: N/A
- Other donors: N/A



\*Contributions by United Nations agencies or non-governmental organizations often represent funding from multiple donors.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

All schools have electricity, clean water, latrines, piped water, and flush toilets. Very few schools have dedicated eating spaces/cafeterias. None of the schools have kitchens.

## SPECIAL NOTES

100% of the reported school feeding activities in Syria are funded through the UN World Food Program (WFP). WFP provided data for this report.

NR = No Response

## MEALS/SNACKS/MODALITY

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner
- Snacks
- Take-home rations
- Conditional cash transfer

- Grains/cereals
- Roots, tubers
- Legumes and nuts
- Dairy products
- Eggs
- Meat
- Poultry
- Other: Ma'amool dates pastry
- Fish
- Green, leafy vegetables
- Other vegetables
- Fruits
- Oil
- Salt
- Sugar

Prohibited food items: Prohibited food items: candy, soft drinks

## FOOD SOURCES

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

## COMPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES

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

## COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

### EDUCATION

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

### OTHER

- School gardens
- Physical education

= mandatory

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



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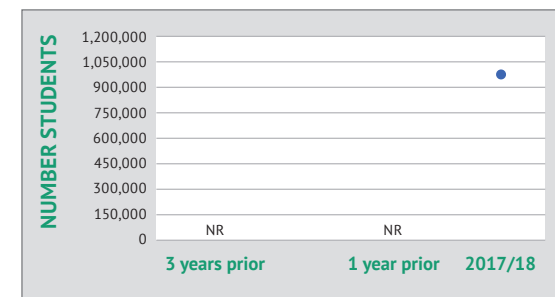
# The Syrian Arab Republic



## SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS

### CHILDREN RECEIVING FOOD, 2017-18

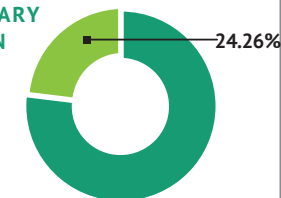
School level	Total #	# Enrolled	# Receiving Food
Primary school	2,045,212	2,045,212	967,841
Secondary school	1,943,827	1,234,977	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,989,039</b>	<b>3,280,189</b>	<b>967,841</b>



### COVERAGE: PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

Total number primary and secondary school-age children: 3,989,039

Receiving school food:  
967,841



Food was also provided to some students in  Pre-schools  Vocational/trade schools  University/higher education  Other

## NUTRITION

School feeding program(s) include/involve 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:

Other

### Micronutrients added to fortified foods:

Iron, Vitamin A, Iodine, Zinc, and Folic Acid

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To prevent or mitigate overweight/obesity the school feeding program offered nutritional education, food education, health education, and physical education. The program also had nutritional requirements for the food basket, and had food restrictions on or near school grounds. Additionally, special training or certification programs in nutrition and food safety/hygiene was required for cooks/caterers.

## AGRICULTURE, EMPLOYMENT, AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

### Jobs created by school feeding programs

<b>80</b>	Cooks and food preparers
<b>4</b>	Transporters
NR	Off-site processors
NR	Food packagers and handlers
<b>4</b>	Monitoring
<b>3</b>	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 (National-scale companies in food processing and transport)  
 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

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

75–100% of cooks are women. All of them were paid in cash. The program has a purposeful focus on creating jobs or income-generating opportunities for women.

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## CONTACTS: SYRIA

**Agency:** Ministry of Education

**Website:** <http://moed.gov.sy/site>

## SUCCESSSES AND CHALLENGES

Syria has been affected by prolonged conflict and an economic/financial crisis. Many schools were destroyed and large segments of the population displaced.

Three positive developments related to school feeding in the country in the past five years are the high levels of school enrollment, the national economy support, and a low dropout rate. Strengths of the program in Syria include its wide geographical coverage, support for needy areas, and local production.

Storage and transportation were cited as key challenges to the program, but no corruption or mismanagement was reported.

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## STUDIES CONDUCTED

None

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## RESEARCH NEEDED

The educational, social, and economic impact of school feeding programs on students

# Program report: Syria

All data from the 2017-18 school year

## WFP SCHOOL MEAL DISTRIBUTION

**Lead implementer(s):** Ministry of Education

### OBJECTIVES:

- To meet educational goals

### MODALITIES OF PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH FOOD:

- In-School Snacks

### TARGETING:

Geographic, Individual student characteristics

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

School level	# Students	% Girls	% Boys
Pre-school	0	–	–
Primary school	967,841	49%	51%
Secondary school	0	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>967,841</b>	–	–

### FOOD ITEMS:

Grains/cereals

\* fortified

### FOOD SOURCES:

0 - Purchased (domestic)

**Yes - In-kind (domestic)**

0 - Purchased (foreign)

**Yes - In-kind (foreign) (WFP)**

### NOTES:

None of the participating schools have kitchens. Over several years, WFP built the capacity of local food manufacturers to produce fortified date pastries for the program. Prepared meals and food vouchers were introduced in 2017; the school meals are prepared in off-site centralized kitchens, managed by WFP and their implementing partners.

