

SCHOOL MEAL/FEEDING PROGRAM(S)

Most recently completed school year:
September 2017 - May 2018 (167 school days)

- Organization of Nutrition in Public Schools

Lead Agency: Ministry of Education, Culture and Research

NATIONAL LAWS, POLICIES, AND STANDARDS

National school feeding policy

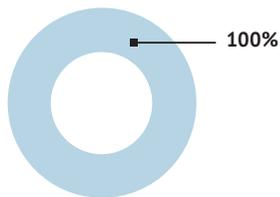
- Nutrition
- Food safety
- Agriculture
- Private sector involvement

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

BUDGET

Total:
USD 11,535,118

- National government: USD 11,535,118
- International donors*: USD 0
- Private sector: USD 0
- Other donors: USD 0



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

INFRASTRUCTURE

All schools in Moldova have electricity, piped water, and dedicated eating areas/cafeterias. Most have clean water, toilets and kitchens.

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
- Fish
- Green, leafy vegetables
- Other vegetables
- Fruits
- Oil
- Salt
- Sugar

Prohibited food items: fast food, unhealthy salty snacks, sugary items, deep fried food, processed and canned food, confectionary, food containing fat, low quality food items and raw milk products.

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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SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS

CHILDREN RECEIVING FOOD, 2017-18

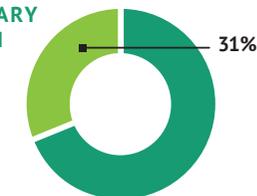
School level	Total #	# Enrolled	# Receiving Food
Primary school	154,649	140,141	137,200
Secondary school	299,499	195,480	2,000
Total	454,148	335,621	139,200



COVERAGE: PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

Total number primary and secondary school-age children: 454,148

Receiving school food: 139,200



- 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:

NR

Micronutrients added to fortified foods:

NR

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The school feeding program includes nutrition requirements for food baskets, food restrictions on or near school grounds, nutrition education, food education, health education and physical education to prevent or mitigate overweight/obesity. Meals do not include packaged, processed foods.

AGRICULTURE, EMPLOYMENT, AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Jobs created by school feeding programs

1,300	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

Of the 1,300 cooks involved in this school feeding program, over three-quarters are women and all receive a salary (paid by both national and local governments). Most cooks have some specialized training.

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SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES

- Resolution No. 722 of 07/18/2018 was adopted by the government on approval of the Instruction on organization of nutrition of children and students in educational institutions.
- In 2016-2017, financial standards for feeding children / students in educational institutions were indexed and made effective September 1, 2018, they were increased by an average of two lei per child per day. In this regard, the state budget for 2018 was allocated 51 million lei.
- With funds provided by the government, canteens of 137 educational institutions were repaired. In Chisinau, 9.5 million lei were allocated for the repair of food blocks. Thus, food blocks of 61 educational institutions were repaired.

STUDIES CONDUCTED

None reported

RESEARCH NEEDED

- Detailed analysis of costs
- Alternative models of school feeding in public schools

ORGANIZATION OF NUTRITION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Lead implementer(s): Ministry of Education, Culture and Research

OBJECTIVES:

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

MODALITIES OF PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH FOOD:

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

TARGETING:

Students in schools in the eastern regions of the Republic of Moldova, along with the Dubesari and Causeni regions and Anenii Noi, receive free meals.

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

School level	# Students	% Girls	% Boys
Pre-school	149,200	48%	52%
Primary school	137,200	50%	50%
Secondary school	2,000	50%	50%
Vocational/trade schools	16,900	27%	73%
Total	305,300		

FOOD ITEMS:

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

* fortified

FOOD SOURCES:

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

NOTES:

In over 90% of participating schools, school meals are prepared on-site (on school grounds) in closed cooking areas that generally have on-site and piped water, storage space, electricity, refrigeration, gas stove or electric stove and serving utensils.

