

## SCHOOL MEAL/FEEDING PROGRAM(S)

School year: 2020–2021

- School Canteen Program  
(Programa de Alimentação Escolar)

Lead Agency: Ministry of Education

## NATIONAL LAWS, POLICIES, AND STANDARDS

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

Line item in the national budget...

- Yes  No  No response

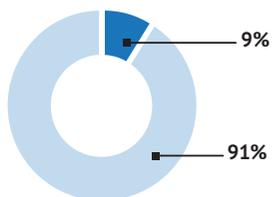
## BUDGET

Total: USD 2,942,533

- Government: USD 260,000
- International donors\*: USD 2,682,533
- Private sector: USD 0
- Other donors: USD 0

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

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



## INFRASTRUCTURE

All schools in Guinea-Bissau have latrines, most have clean water and kitchens, and very few have electricity, piped water, or dedicated eating spaces/cafeterias. School kitchens are generally equipped with storage facilities and charcoal or wood stoves.

## SPECIAL NOTES

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

## MEALS/SNACKS/MODALITY

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast        | <input type="checkbox"/> Snacks                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lunch | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Take-home rations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dinner           | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                        |
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|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grains, cereals       | <input type="checkbox"/> Green, leafy vegetables |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roots, tubers         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other vegetables        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legumes, pulses, nuts | <input type="checkbox"/> Fruits                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dairy products        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oil          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eggs                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salt         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meat                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Sugar                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry                          |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish                             |  |
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|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy milk   | <input type="checkbox"/> Tea              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yogurt drink | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit juice  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other            |

Prohibited food items: None

## FOOD SOURCES

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



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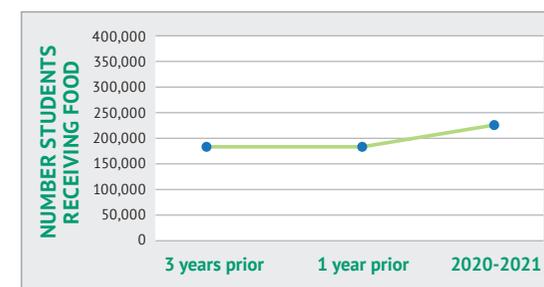
# REPUBLIC OF Guinea-Bissau



## SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS

### CHILDREN RECEIVING FOOD, 2020-2021

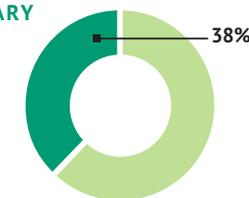
School level	Total	# Enrolled	# Receiving food
Pre-school	154,473	24,096	5,567
Primary school	313,803	—	219,419
Secondary school	261,604	—	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>729,880</b>	<b>24,096</b>	<b>224,986</b>



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

Total number primary and secondary school-age children: 575,407

Receiving school food: 219,419



Food was also provided to some students in...

- Pre-schools  Vocational/trade schools
- Other

## 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:

Grains/cereals

### Micronutrients:

Vitamin A, iodine

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

At least two nutritionists are engaged in school feeding in Guinea-Bissau, and micronutrient supplements are added to the food and also provided directly to the children. Health education and physical education are provided to prevent or mitigate overweight/obesity.

## STUDIES CONDUCTED

Studies have documented the impact of school feeding on hunger, dietary quality, and income generation.

## RESEARCH NEEDED

A SABER (Systems Approach for Better Education Results) study to measure the degree of government commitment to school feeding.

## AGRICULTURE, EMPLOYMENT, AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

### Jobs created by school feeding programs\*

<b>350</b>	Cooks and food preparers
	Transporters
	Off-site processors
	Food packagers and handlers
	Monitoring
<b>57</b>	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**  Other groups  
 **Youth**  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  There are no food banks in this country.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The 2,550 cooks in the School Canteen Program are predominantly women, and less than one quarter receive any remuneration for their work. Food items, including grains and roots/tubers, are purchased from associations of small-scale farmers, and the private sector is engaged in food transportation.

## CONTACTS: GUINEA-BISSAU

**Agency:** Ministry of Education / General Directorate of Social Affairs and School Canteens

**Website:** <http://www.guinebissarepublic.com/education-2/>

## SUCCESSSES AND CHALLENGES

Recent successes related to school feeding in Guinea-Bissau include the publication of the 2019 school canteen law, the creation of a government structure for managing the school feeding program, and the general state budget for school meals. Challenges have included changes in government, as well as strikes in the education sector.

## EMERGENCIES/COVID-19 PANDEMIC

For several months in the 2020–2021 school year, some schools in Guinea-Bissau were open while others were operating remotely. The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in a decrease in the number of students who received food through the School Canteen Program, a temporary shift from targeting students to targeting their families, and a temporary shift in the modality of school feeding. Specifically, when meals were not prepared at school, some ingredients were delivered to students' homes to prepare and eat at home. Guinea-Bissau was also affected by an economic/financial crisis in the 2020–2021 school year.

## SCHOOL CANTEEN PROGRAM PROGRAMA DE ALIMENTAÇÃO ESCOLAR

Lead implementer(s): Ministry of Planning

### OBJECTIVES:

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

### MODALITIES OF PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH FOOD:

- In-school meals
- Take-home rations

### FREQUENCY AND DURATION:

- Five times per week (in-school meals) or monthly (take-home rations) during the school year

### TARGETING:

Geographic targeting based on school conditions; take-home rations are conditional on students maintaining an 80% attendance rate.

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

School level	# Students	% Girls	% Boys
Pre-school	5,567	49%	51%
Primary school	219,419	54%	46%
Secondary school	0	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>224,986</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>46%</b>

### FOOD AND BEVERAGE ITEMS:

Grains, cereals*	Dairy products	Water
Roots, tubers	Oil	
Legumes, pulses, nuts	Salt	

\* fortified

### FOOD SOURCES:

<b>25% Purchased (domestic)</b>	0% In-kind (domestic)
<b>75% Purchased (foreign)</b>	0% In-kind (foreign)

If blank, no response was provided.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The School Canteen Program operates in both public and private schools, including community schools and madrasas. It prioritizes procurement from family farmers with agricultural subsidies, school feeding-specific training, and purchase agreements set prior to harvest (forward contracts).

