

## SCHOOL MEAL/FEEDING PROGRAM(S)

School year: 2020–2021

- EU school fruit, vegetables, and milk scheme in primary schools

Lead Agency: Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality

## 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

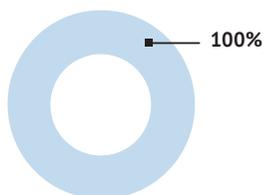
Total: USD 7,954,974\*

- Government: USD 0
- International donors\*\*: USD 7,954,974
- Private sector: USD 0
- Other donors: USD 0

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

\* Support for the school fruit, vegetables, and milk scheme comes from the European Union.

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



## INFRASTRUCTURE

All schools in the Netherlands have electricity, piped and clean water, and flush toilets, while some schools also have dedicated eating spaces/cafeterias and kitchens.

## SPECIAL NOTES

While the Netherlands distributes milk through the EU school scheme, information on the milk scheme is not included in the budget or numbers of students receiving food. Some population and enrollment numbers from the UNESCO Institute of Statistics (UIS) were used to complete this report. This may result in some misalignment between the population and enrollment numbers.

## 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:** Processed products or foods with added sugar, artificial sweeteners, fat, or salt

## 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.



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## SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS

### CHILDREN RECEIVING FOOD, 2020–2021

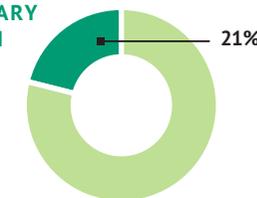
School level	Total	# Enrolled	# Receiving food
Pre-school	527,965	477,805	0
Primary school	1,473,952	1,421,835	476,143
Secondary school	813,895	1,371,852	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,815,812</b>	<b>3,271,492</b>	<b>476,143</b>



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

Total number primary and secondary school-age children: 2,287,847

Receiving school food: ■ 476,143



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:

Not applicable

### Micronutrients:

Not applicable

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The school fruit, vegetables, and milk scheme is used to educate children regarding healthy eating habits.

## STUDIES CONDUCTED

*Healthier in primary school with school lunches and more exercise: An exploration of support, feasibility, affordability and impact*, authored in 2020 by the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM)

## RESEARCH NEEDED

None specified

## 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  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  No response

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Schools that participate in the school fruit, vegetables, and milk scheme are provided with fruits and vegetables for free, and the fruit and vegetable suppliers receive compensation for these products.

## CONTACTS: NETHERLANDS

**Agency:** Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport and Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality

**Website:** [www.gezondeschool.nl](http://www.gezondeschool.nl); [www.euschoolfruit.nl](http://www.euschoolfruit.nl)

## SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES

In addition to participating in the EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme, the Netherlands has a program called Healthy School (*Gezonde School*) that supports schools in encouraging good nutrition and a healthy lifestyle for school children. More information can be found at [www.gezondeschool.nl](http://www.gezondeschool.nl).

## EMERGENCIES/COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Schools in the Netherlands were closed and operating remotely for several months in the middle of the 2020–2021 school year. Though COVID-19 caused school closures, there was no shortage of food supplies to the schools.

## EU SCHOOL FRUIT, VEGETABLES, AND MILK SCHEME IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

**Lead implementer(s):** Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality

### OBJECTIVES:

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

### MODALITIES OF PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH FOOD:

- In-school snacks

### FREQUENCY AND DURATION:

- 3 times per week for 20 weeks
- During the school year

### TARGETING:

Participating primary schools that offer mainstream and/or special needs education

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

School level	# Students	% Girls	% Boys
Pre-school	0	–	–
Primary school	476,143	–	–
Secondary school	0	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>476,143</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>

### FOOD AND BEVERAGE ITEMS:

Green, leafy vegetables      Fruits  
Other vegetables              Dairy milk

\* *fortified*

### FOOD SOURCES:

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

*If blank, no response was provided.*

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The school fruit, vegetables, and milk scheme operates in 3,100 primary schools.

