

<b>Country</b>	Kenya						
<b>Population</b>	4,397,073						
<b>Title of practice</b>	Nairobi City County School Feeding Program						
<b>Subtitle</b>	Enhancing Nutrition, growth and development for improved learning outcomes through a Sustainable School Feeding Program						
<b>MUFPP Recommended Action</b>	15. Reorient school feeding programmes and other institutional food service to provide food that is healthy, local and regionally sourced, seasonal and sustainably produced. – SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUITY						
<b>Starting year</b>	2023	<b>Ending year (if any)</b>				<input type="checkbox"/> already submitted in the past	
<b>Actors and stakeholders' involvement</b>	<b>Municipal departments</b>	<b>Other public institutions</b>	<b>NGOs CSOs</b>	<b>Research centres</b>	<b>Private sectors</b>	<b>International organizations</b>	<b>Other</b>
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<b>Budget</b>	Main budgetary sources: Government Budget for 316,000 learners (approximately € 10,000,000) Parental cost share (approximately € 2,000,000) Partner support (approximately € 6,000,000)						
<b>Brief description</b>	<p>Nairobi City County, despite its position as an economic hub, struggles with urban poverty, food insecurity, and child malnutrition, especially in the informal settlements. Over 60% of the population lives in slums, with 11% of children under five experiencing stunting and 25% not attending school due to lack of a meal at home.</p> <p>To address this, the County launched a government led School Feeding Program in August 2023. Using a hub-and-spoke model, centralized kitchens deliver nutritious meals to schools, supported by an inbuilt Technology known at "Tap2Eat" system for real-time tracking and planning for individual learners. The program sources food from local smallholder farmers and entrepreneurs, boosting food system sustainability, resilience and local economies.</p> <p>The initiative targets to end classroom hunger and improve school performance without leaving out vulnerable learners. It aims to promote equitable meal access, food safety and quality, improved WASH interventions, supply chain systems and sustainable financing through partnerships and collaborations.</p> <p>Key lessons include the value of technology integration, partnerships, and local sourcing. Outcomes so far include a 34% rise in school enrolment, 20% reduction in absenteeism and the creation of 2000+ jobs.</p>						
<b>Innovation</b>	<p>The Nairobi City County School Feeding Program introduces the following innovative approaches to address food policy challenges. These innovations make the program a first-of-its-kind in Kenya, offering a scalable and sustainable model for school feeding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hub-and-spoke kitchen model centralizes meal preparation, ensuring standardized and nutritious meals.</li> <li>• "Tap2Eat" technology integrates real-time meal tracking and data analytics, enhancing accountability and efficiency.</li> </ul>						

<p><b>Impact</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Social <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The program has reached up to 318,751 learners with hot nutritious meals every school day thus improving educational outcomes through increased enrolment by 34% and reducing absenteeism by 20% in the first year.</li> <li>• The parental contribution of 0.03 Euros promotes ownership and gives dignity to the caregivers who provide a supplemental budget.</li> <li>• Waivers for vulnerable learners from extremely poor households supported by partners.</li> <li>• The program also promotes local food sourcing, supporting smallholder farmers and local economies.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable agricultural practices through a plant-based diet.</li> <li>• Food is cooked by measuring portions for individual learners with standardised serving scoops to ensure adequate quantities of food for each hence a reduction in food loss and waste.</li> <li>• Adoption of clean energy by use of solar energy for lighting, steam energy for cooking in the largest kitchens and use of energy saving “jikos” (cooking stoves) and fuelled by briquettes made from compressed saw dust hence reducing deforestation and air pollution.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Economic Empowerment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports local farmers and Small and Medium Enterprises and has created numerous jobs and is boosting local economies.</li> <li>• Job creation along the school feeding value chain promotes economic empowerment for the staff who are mainly women and youth sustaining the food and nutrition security of households.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<p><b>Inclusion</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nairobi City County School Feeding program adopts a holistic approach, integrating multiple dimensions of food and nutrition policies.</li> <li>• It covers various food system fields of action, including governance, nutrition and food supply. - Sustainable diets and nutrition, food production and food waste.</li> <li>• The program involves various stakeholders, from County departments and private sector partners, ensuring diverse perspectives and expertise.</li> <li>• The program prioritizes inclusivity, targeting vulnerable populations mainly from informal settlements.</li> <li>• Daily monitoring of 'Failed Taps' is done to identify the most vulnerable learners for social support using the Tap to Eat technology Innovation.</li> <li>• The program also promotes multilevel governance, engaging national and county-level authorities. This inclusive approach ensures systemic impact and long-term sustainability.</li> </ul>