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FoodBanking**  
Network®


# Child Hunger Programs

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# Agenda

1. Overview of GFN's Child Hunger Program
  2. Overview of Food for All Africa's Lunch Box School Feeding Initiative
  3. An in-depth look at Needs Assessments and Program Design
  4. Question & Answer/ Discussion
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# An urgent reality for children

COVID-19 has greatly impacted children and the effects will likely be felt for many years.

**24M**

children are at risk of not returning to school due to COVID-19<sup>1</sup>

**42-66M**

additional children may fall into extreme poverty due to COVID-19<sup>2</sup>

**19%**

of primary and secondary school-age children in Sub-Saharan Africa received school meals in 2019<sup>3</sup>

**14-30%**

of low- and lower-middle-income countries reduced their school feeding budget in 2020-2021<sup>4</sup>

1 UNICEF. "UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore's remarks." September 2020.

2 United Nations. "Policy Brief: The Impact of COVID-19 on children." April 2020.

3 GCNF. "School Meal Programs Around the World." 2019.

4 UNESCO, UNICEF and The World Bank. "What have we learnt?" 2020.



“By April 2020, 370 million schoolchildren were missing out on their daily meals in school in at least 161 countries.”

- World Food Programme



# GFN Child Hunger Program

## Program objective:

Support food banks in providing food access to school-age children that helps improve their nutrition status and serves as an incentive to reduce school dropouts, by strengthening existing programs and creating programs where they do not already exist

## Specific objectives:

- Provide nutritional support to children affected by school closures
- Support food banks in expanding school feeding programs



South Africa: FoodForward South Africa

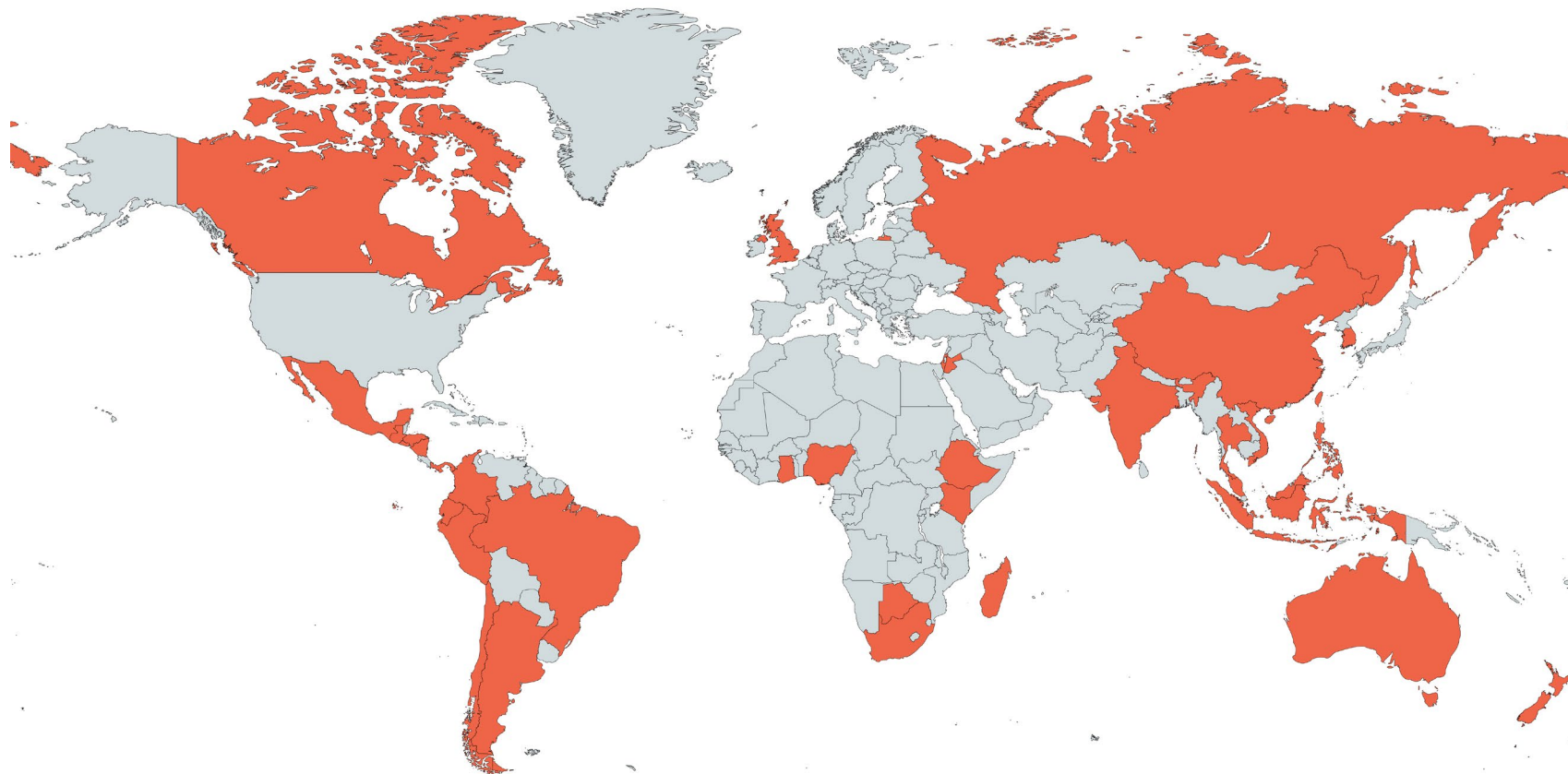
# Program Components

## GFN will support food banks with:

- Financial grants
- Technical assistance
- Library of technical documents
- Strategic partnerships
- Knowledge network



# Child Hunger Programs in the GFN network



**38 food banks in 35 countries  
implement at least one child hunger program**

**Number of food banks implementing child hunger programs:**

- **14** school breakfast
- **17** school lunch
- **10** after school meals
- **7** backpack/  
weekend take-home rations
- **6** summer/ holiday
- **12** food and nutrition education







# We look forward to supporting your programs!

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