



**National School
Feeding Program
in Rwanda**

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Background

- In 2019, the gov't of Rwanda had three school feeding programs;
 - Subsidised Secondary school feeding program
 - One Cup of Milk per Child in some selected pre-primary, lower primary schools and all ECD centres
 - Home Grown School Feeding program supported WFP in 104 schools (85,000 Students)
- To guide implementation of school feeding program in Rwanda, School Feeding Policy was revised to incorporate the components scale up of school feeding



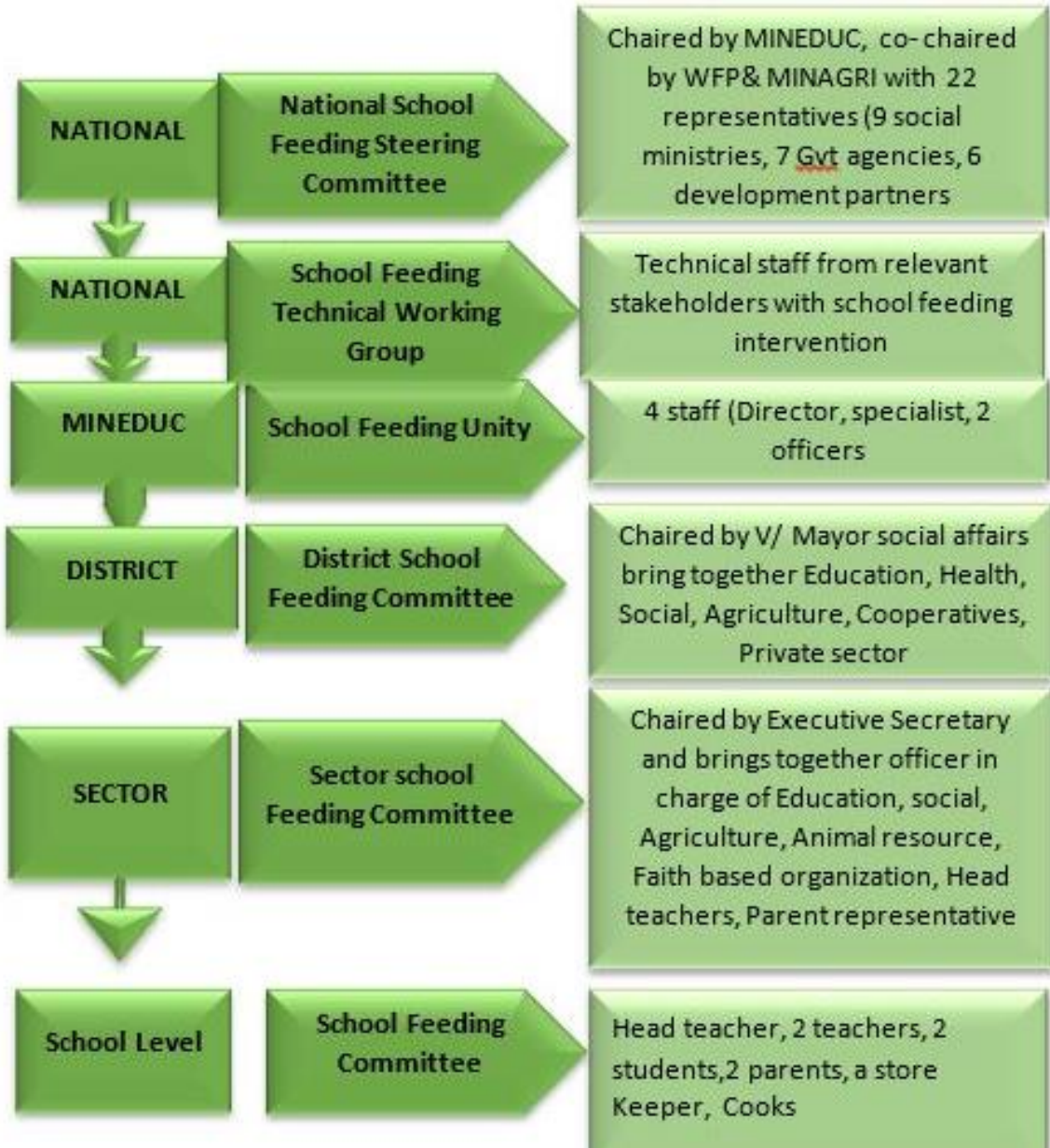
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- Starting from 20/21 Fiscal year school feeding has been scaled up to the entire education system (from pre-primary to Secondary schools in the public and gov't aided schools)
- School feeding in private schools is a mandatory and instruction were issued
- Central government (Ministry of Education) is responsible for overall coordination, policy formulation and strategic guidance
- School feeding program is managed and implemented by local authorities (Districts)





Rwanda's School feeding institutional arrangements for implementation of school feeding program



Status of school feeding in Rwanda

- In 2019 school feeding program was implemented in secondary schools (Public & gov't) with **680,000** students with gov't subsidy on school feeding
- In 2020 school feeding was scaled up to the entire education sector by subsidizing Public and gov't aided schools with **3,372,600** Students and this gives an increment of **396%**
- **With this scale up** school feeding budget was increased by **583%**
- Gov't gives subsidy of **40%** of meal cost the rest is contributed by parents

Recent Developments

- School feeding has been scaled up to 3.3 million pre-primary, primary and secondary students in public and gov't aided schools.
- In scale up parent contributions will be supplemented by government subsidies
- In 2020/21 Fiscal school feeding budget that was approved increased from \$8 to \$ 54.7 million
- School Feeding Unit was created within the Ministry of Education for proper implementation of School feeding scale up



Recent Developments

- Construction of kitchens in 2,648 schools did not have school feeding program
- Provision of energy saving cooking stoves to **all** schools without school feeding program



Recent development in school feeding with Technical support by partners

- Development of School Feeding Operational Guidelines
- Development of menu modelling of nutritious and locally-sourced meals for school feeding
- Support in the design of low-cost permanent handwashing stations and kitchens
- Integration of school feeding indicators into School Data Management System
- Design of capacity strengthening training materials for school feeding implementation



Activities during COVID-19/ School closures

- Global partnership for education has provided support of **5 Million USD** to School feeding in **11** out of **30** total Districts with highest poverty rates to support families with low income affected by COVID-19.
 - The total number of Children in only **11** District is equivalent to **807,694** students of Pre- primary to Primary six only.

Activities during COVID-19/ School closures

- Global Partnership for Education awarded \$1 million for **construction of permanent handwashing stations in 1,348 schools** to enhance hygiene standards and help to prevent **COVID-19 infection**

Activities during COVID-19/ School closures

- Government coordination with schools and partners **to distribute food** in school storerooms **to students** at home to avoid expiration during school closures
- **Development of Health Guidelines** ahead of schools reopening

Simplified model of procurement of school food stuffs

The government of Rwanda has established a simplified mode of procuring food stuffs for students.

- This method of procurement will have various advantages including;
- Creation of Local Market for local small holder farmers

Simplified model of procurement of school food stuffs

- Availability of fresh and nutritious meal to students from locally sourced
- Involvement of parents in the purchase of food for students
- Involvement and ownership of school feeding program by parents



Thank you