National policies that stimulate school feeding programmes linked to the small holder agriculture

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INTRODUCTION

• School feeding programmes in Africa have enormous benefits because of high poverty levels and food insecurity.
• Lack of food affects the performance of children in schools and their general well-being.
• Most of the food in Africa is produced by small scale farmers mainly under subsistence and any surplus is sold to supplement family livelihoods.
• Most rural set-ups are characterized by high poverty, poor infrastructure, and lack of resources yet this is where the majority of the population lives.
Rural set-ups

- Poor infrastructure
- Lack of resources
- High poverty levels
- School performance affected
Current policies on school feeding/food security

• GLOBAL
  - Un millennium project task force for hunger
    - Millennium development goals.
    - Education for all
    - CAADP pillar 3: Many Gov’ have signed compacts

NATIONAL (Kenya)
• Constitution 2010 Article 43/53 ‘fundamental right to food’
• The vision 2030 : highlights the equitable development initiatives
• Poverty reduction strategies
SECTORIAL POLICIES IN KENYA
• Expand government supported school feeding programme and encourage communities participation
• Increase the scope of school feeding to cover children from needy areas.
• Improve school health and nutrition
MOPH/MOE School health policy (2009)

- Linking health and nutrition.
- Learning institutions shall offer nutritious food of good quality.
- Local communities shall be involved in production of nutritious foods for HGSM.
- Promotions of school gardens.
- Provision of balanced meals in schools.
- Use of locally available foods for HGSM.
MOA/MOPH/MOE National food and nutrition policy 2011

- Enhancing food availability and accessibility for all.
- Protect vulnerable groups with safety nets linked to long term development.
- Chapter 5 school nutrition and nutrition awareness to communities, highlights strategies for enhancing homegrown school meals programes
- Storage and food safety
MOE/MOPH/MOA National School Health nutrition and meals strategy-2012

• To translate the provisions of the school health policy into actionable interventions.
• Vision: well nourished and healthy children accessing quality education.
• Goals- improve health and nutrition status of school children.
• Develop mechanisms for improved food security and effective transition to sustainable HGSMP
• Strengthen governance and management of meals programme.
• Strengthen multi-sectorial institutional capacity to manage the programme.
• Promote intake of nutritious, affordable and locally available foods.
OTHER POLICIES

Agriculture sector development strategy (ASDS) Thrust:
- A food secure and prosperous nation through increasing productivity through development of key factors of production.
- To ensure food and nutritional security for all Kenyans

Kenya education sector support programme (KESSP)
- School health/nutrition/meals investment programme
KEY ELEMENTS OF THE POLICIES

• The need for multi-sectoral coordination and collaboration between the different ministries/stakeholders at all stages

• Importance of enhancing community capacity and ownership.

• Policies to have Implementation strategies with matrixes showing interventions, output, indicators, resources and time frame for implementation.

• Roles and responsibilities are well articulated at the different levels.

• Enhance Public/private partnerships

• Sustainability and Accountability
Benefits

• Enhanced school performance
• Improved health of the children.
• Opened up markets for rural farmers to sell their produce to schools
• Enhanced incomes for rural farmers
• Nutrition awareness enhanced for the communities.
• Improved well being of the population.
• Overall economic development
Technology transfer

• School as entry point for technology transfer
• To serves as learning models for the rural farmers.
• Environment friendly technologies -- energy saving jikos, natural resource management
ECD Children being served lunch in a school in Naivasha
Parklawn school Fairfax county USA
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