After six years of implementing home-grown school feeding as a social intervention and poverty reduction strategy, the Ghana School Feeding Programme has given the strongest indication yet towards developing a national school feeding policy.

In a technical workshop last week 5th November, 2011, featuring school health and nutrition experts from the World Bank, World Food Programme and Partnership for Child development, as well as local partners and the Ghana School Feeding Programme managers, the programme outlined tentative steps, starting from 6th October, 2011 and ending with a policy launch in September 2012.

The next major step will be to subject the tentative steps to scrutiny in a National Stakeholder Workshop on the 20th and 21st October 2011. Read more about the next major steps

Ghana operates a unique and one of the largest school feeding programmes on the African continent presently feeding about 1,040,747 school children. The Ghanaian school feeding resides in the ministry for local government and rural development but requires effective collaboration from the Education, Health and Agriculture ministries.
Programme implementers believe that a good national school feeding policy and eventual legislation could elicit the needed collaboration among collaborating ministries, wean the programme from unnecessary political interference and secure its sustainability across governments.