

## IMPACT THAT LASTS

World Vision uses a graduated model in our international food assistance programs. While food assistance addresses short-term needs, we work with local farmers to build long-term impact and self-sufficient food systems. Introducing drought-resistant farming and irrigation techniques gradually shifts the food supply from food assistance to local produce.

### Sample lunch program timeline

- **School Lunches Start**  
U.S. food assistance used in lunches
- **Agricultural Training**  
Local farmers learn improved farming techniques
- **Buying Local**  
Lunches supplement assistance with local crops
- **Gradual Transition**  
Ratio of local crops gradually increases
- **New Normal**  
Majority of lunches made from local produce

### Long-term sustainability

Food system and school lunch program live on after we leave. Funding responsibility transitions to local government and community leaders.



U.S. FOOD  
PROGRAM  
CASE STUDY

# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

## Food security starts with school lunches in Mozambique

Together with local partners, **World Vision provides daily school meals to over 85,000 students in 157 primary schools across northern Mozambique.**

Funded by the United States Department of Agriculture's McGovern-Dole Food for Education Program, Partnering for Sustainable Education Outcomes (PARES) is helping children thrive in and out of the classroom.

School meals are more than food on a plate. Our 2025 research found that these lunches at school are a scalable intervention that combats child hunger, improves educational outcomes, and strengthens local food systems in places where chronic malnutrition affects 44.6% of children under the age of 5. Programs like PARES generate measurable benefits that meet immediate hunger needs and build long-term food security and literacy.

*Inexpensive and scalable school lunches tackle child hunger and keep kids learning. Introducing improved farming techniques gradually shifts the supply from food assistance to local farmers for long-term impact.*

U.S. food programs like McGovern-Dole have used American-grown crops to **feed billions of people, prevent scores of famines, and keep children from malnutrition**, all while opening new markets to trade American commodities.

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*- Hilário, 5th grade student*



Each year, America's international food programs purchase over a million metric tons of crops from farmers like Paul in Kansas, **alleviating global hunger and supporting rural communities in 25 states.**



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# World Vision operates food programs in **41 countries**

## World Vision's 2024 impact



**13.5 million people** provided lifesaving food assistance across 36 countries



**405,323 metric tons** of food distributed



**9 out of 10 children** World Vision is able to treat for malnutrition make a full recovery.



**112,152 smallholder farmers** trained in agricultural and resource management techniques

*\* Impact numbers from publicly and privately funded programs*



## What one meal means for kids

As schools reopened after the holidays in Mozambique, children returned with renewed excitement. However, attendance wasn't always the priority for students who dropped out of school before the end of year. Hilário, a fifth-grade student, shares how school lunches provided by PARES changed school for students.

"Students used to skip classes or give up during the year. But since the beginning of school meals, everything is different. I am happy because even if I don't eat at home, there is always food at school," said Hilário.

During lean seasons and drought, a lunch at school may be the only meal some children have for the day.

## Secure, accountable delivery

Our food programs are underpinned by robust financial systems and risk management frameworks that ensure ongoing transparency, compliance, and accountability.



- 1 Real-time tracking of inventory, budgeting, and expenditures
- 2 Alignment with standards through regular internal and external audits
- 3 Extensive employee risk management training to prevent fraud and diversion