



THE DOUBLE BURDEN OF MALNUTRITION AMONG CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS IN LOW- AND MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES

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Discussion Topics



Key to development
and human capital



Exploring the
technical and
scientific case

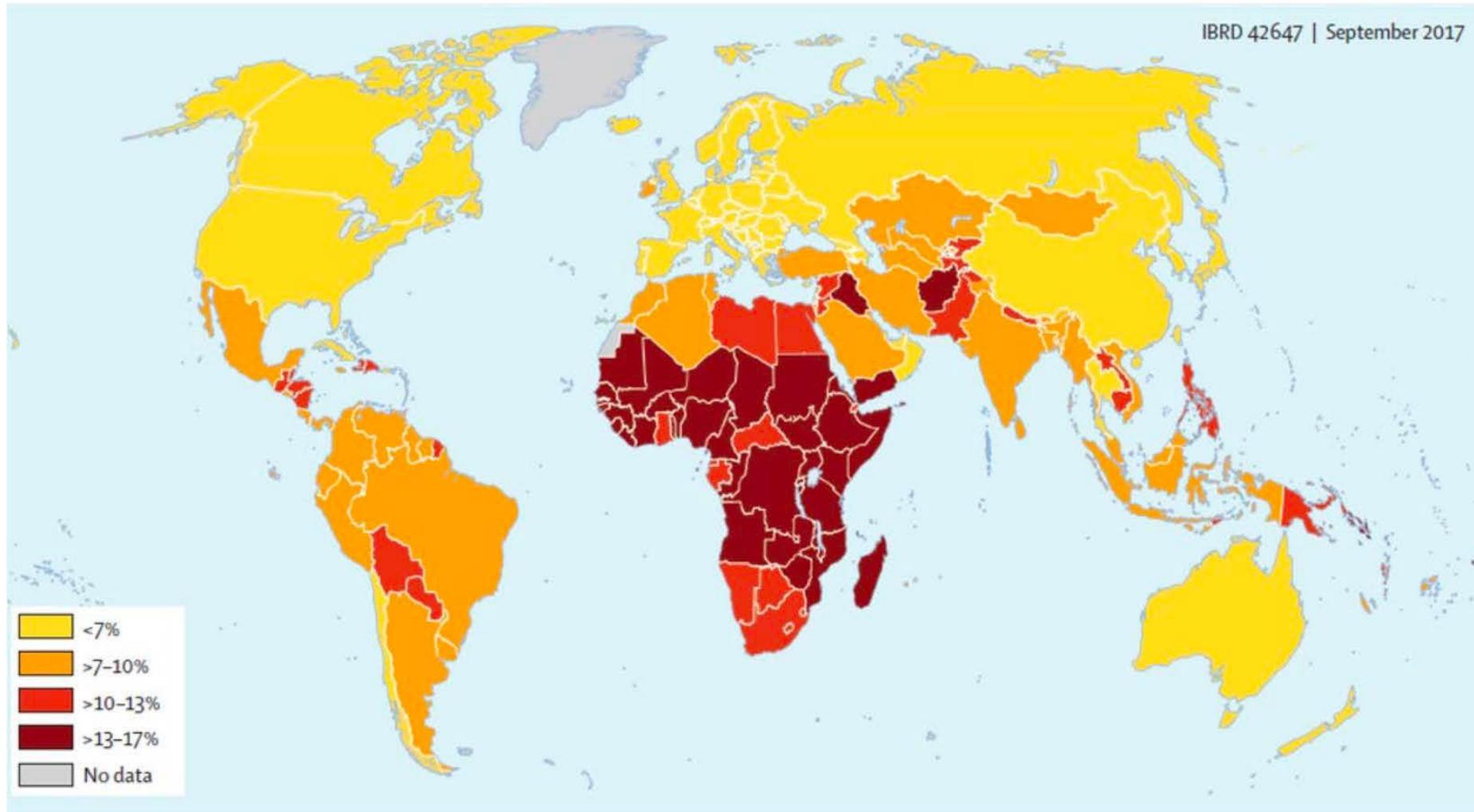


The initiatives dealing
with the double
burden of
malnutrition among
children and
adolescents in LMICs

7000 DAYS

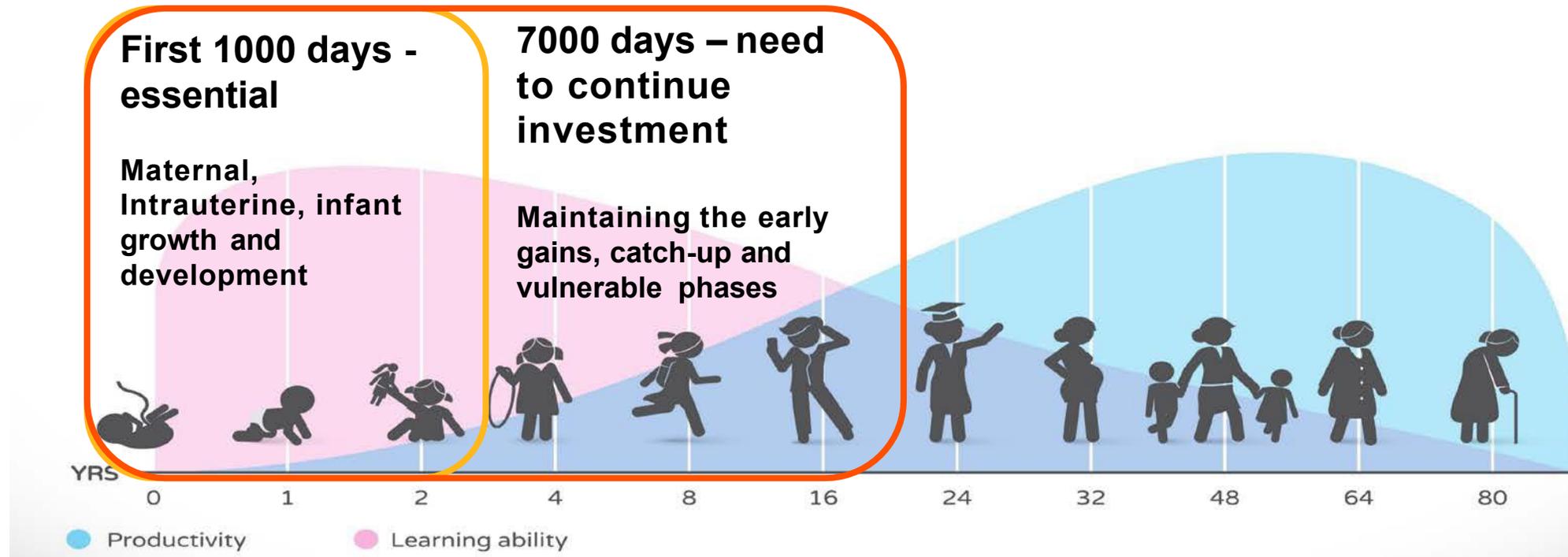
Key to development and human capital

Proportion of population that are of school-age

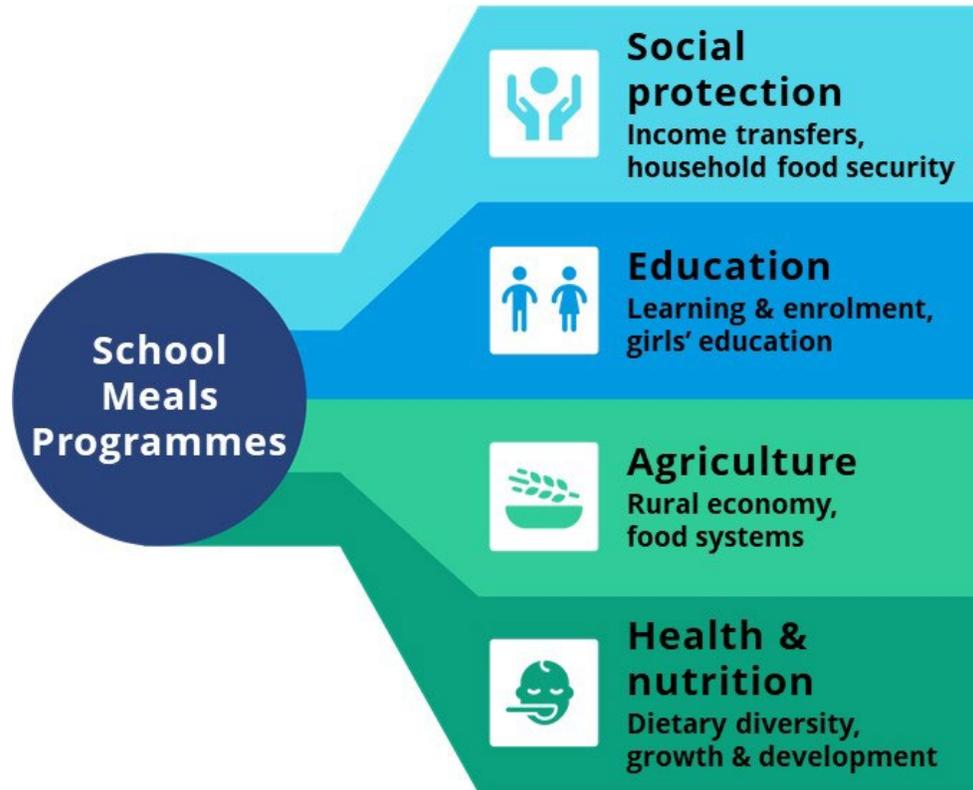


Lifecycle Investment in human capital

The importance of promoting health, well-being and education throughout the first 8,000 days of life



Properly designed school meals and complementary programmes are key to investment in young people



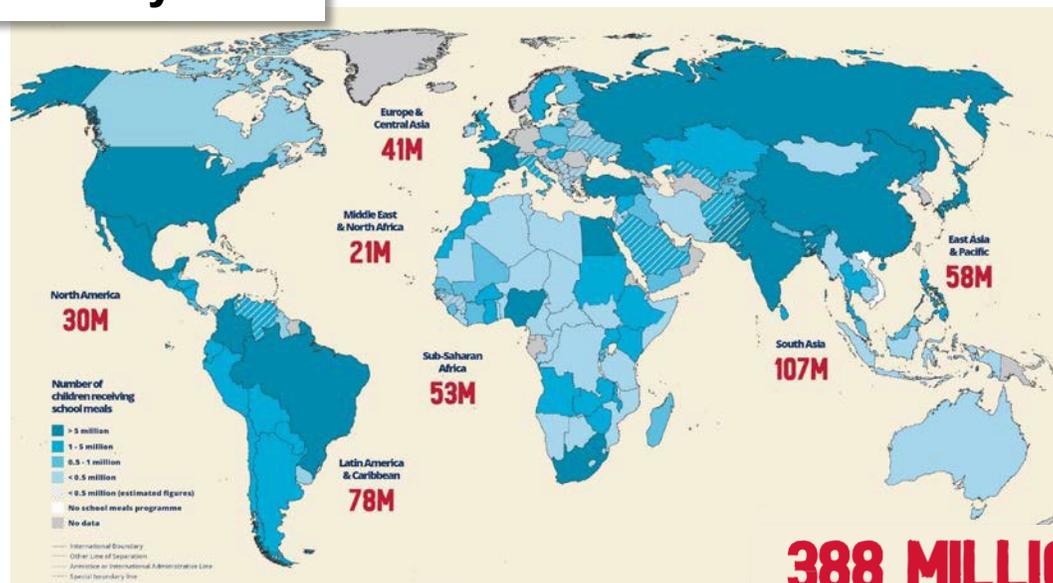
- **Largest safety net in the world**
- **Returns of up to \$9 for every\$1 invested**
- **2,000 new jobs created for every 100K children fed**

CONTEXT AND CHALLENGES

Exploring the technical and scientific case

School Meals: Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic

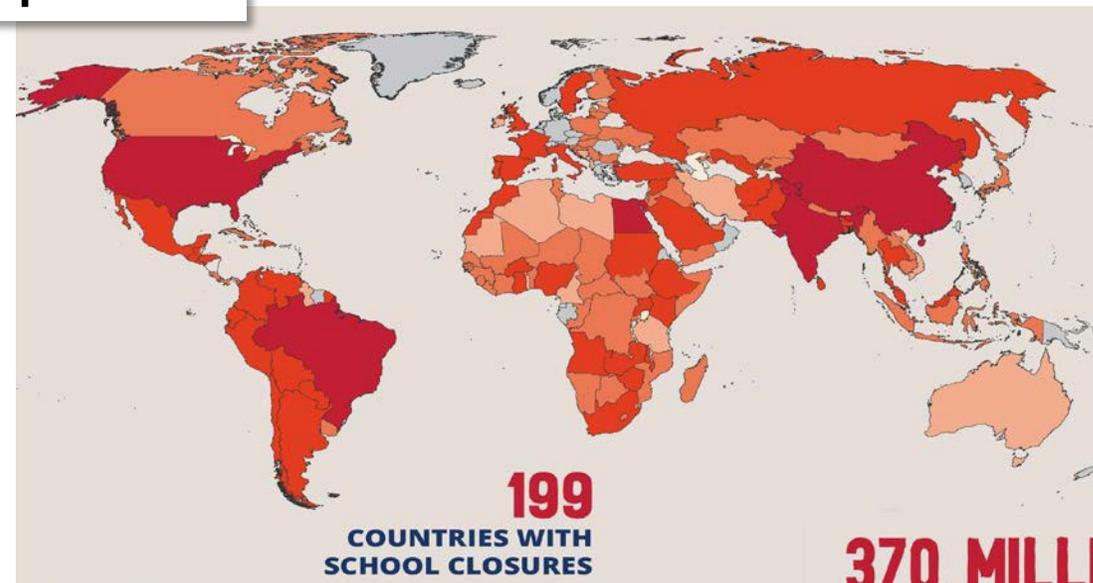
January 2020



388 MILLION CHILDREN
RECEIVING SCHOOL MEALS GLOBALLY

Unprecedented global reach, with school-based support to children becoming the world's largest safety net

April 2020



370 MILLION CHILDREN
MISSING OUT ON SCHOOL MEALS GLOBALLY

School closures deprived children of education and school meals, and increased the awareness of schools as a platform for health service delivery

The longer schools remain closed, the greater the learning loss



↑
from **53%**
to over **70%**

The World Bank estimates that **the share of 10-year-old children living with 'learning poverty', unable to read or write, has increased** from 53 per cent to over 70 per cent.



↓
from **30%**
to less **10%**

UNICEF data suggests that **the share of children gaining foundational literacy skills at the right age has fallen** from an already low 30 per cent to less than 10 per cent. One of the most powerful drivers of these setbacks has been an increase in learning disparities, with the poorest children falling further behind.

School closures affected both the education and wellbeing of the learner

Press release

Impact of COVID-19 on poor mental health in children and young people 'tip of the iceberg'

New analysis indicates lost contribution to economies due to mental disorders among young people estimated at nearly \$390 billion a year

04 October 2021

Child marriage has more than doubled during the COVID-19 pandemic with numbers set to increase, World Vision warns

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021

Press release

Child labour rises to 160 million – first increase in two decades

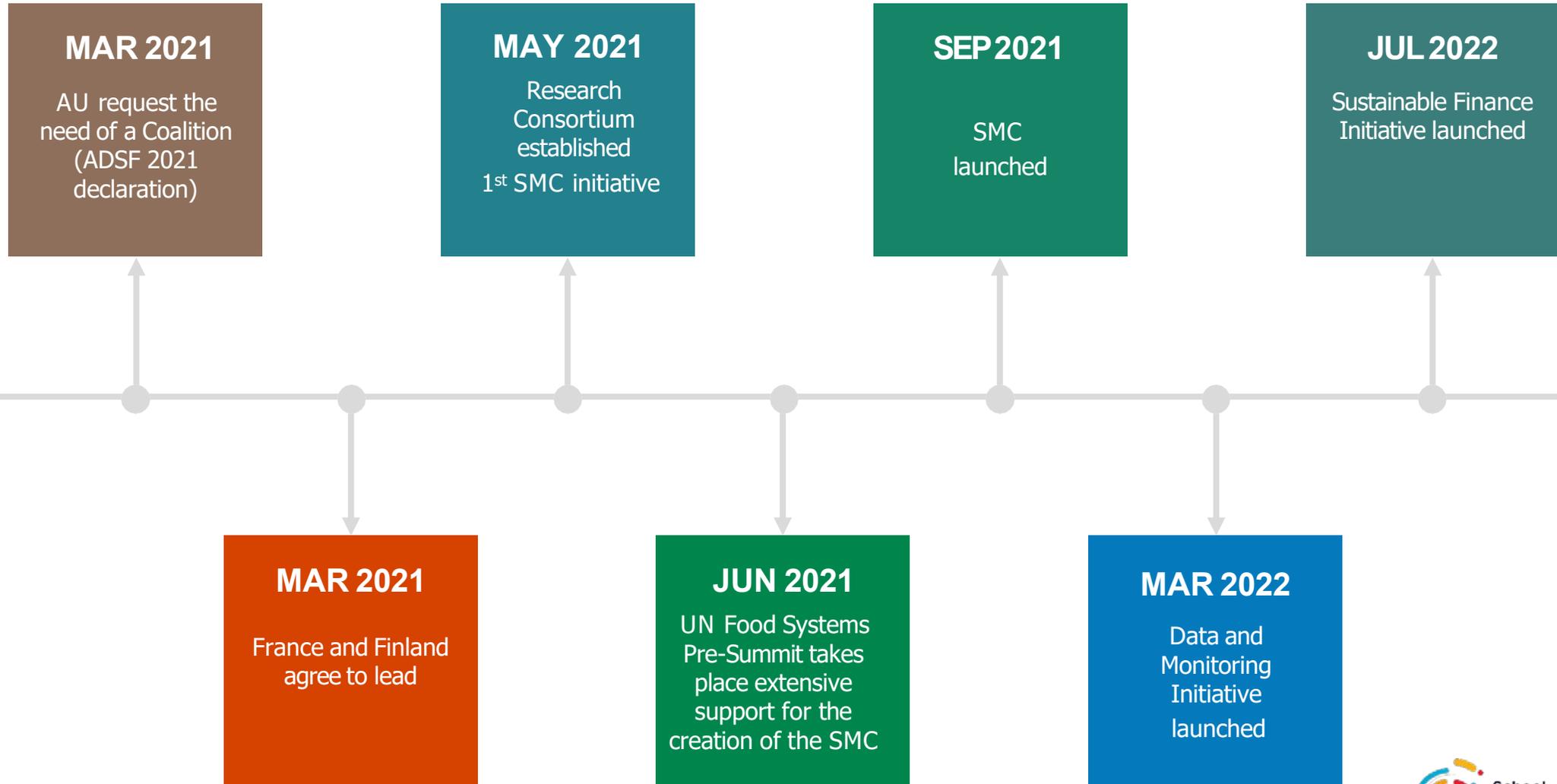
The International Labour Organization and UNICEF warn 9 million additional children at risk as a result of COVID-19 pandemic

09 June 2021

SCHOOL MEALS COALITION (SMC)

The initiatives dealing with the double burden of malnutrition among children and adolescents in LMICs

Establishing the School Meals Coalition: Timeline



Countries expand their investment in their young people



President Macky Sall of Senegal—the newly appointed chairperson of the African Union—was the first president to personally sign the declaration of commitment of the coalition and has increased his country’s budget for school feeding in 2022.



President Paul Kagame of Rwanda commits to scaling up their national school meals program from 640,000 children today to 3.3 million children in two years.



President Patrice Talon of Benin announces a national budget commitment of \$270 million dollars over the next five years to scale up Benin’s national program.



President Biden of the United States plans to work with Congress “to expand access to healthy, free school meals for 9 million more children by 2032”.

Gathering support from organizations around the world

76 partners have signed the Declaration of Support for the School Meals Coalition



School Meals Coalition: Goal and Objectives

Goal

Ensure that every child has the opportunity to receive a healthy, nutritious meal in school by 2030

Objectives

1

Restore or improve national school meal programmes to 400m children by 2023

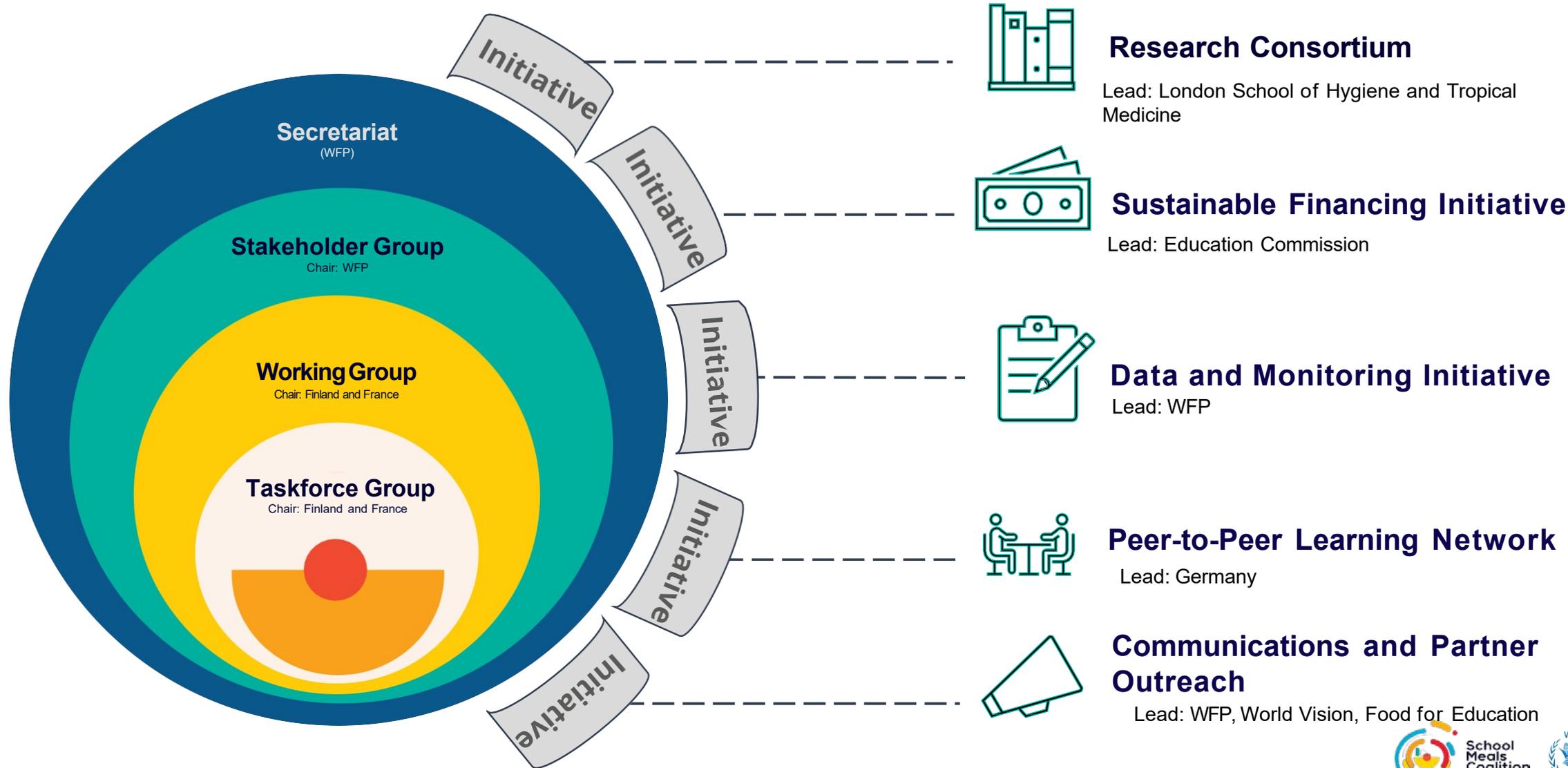
2

Reach the 73 million most vulnerable children who were not reached previously by 2030

3

Raise the quality of school health and nutrition programmes globally by 2030

School Meals Coalition: Structure



Research Consortium - Global Communities of Practice: Research themes supported by research network world-wide



Analytics & Metrics

- Value for money
- LAYS
- SABER
- Social protection



Nutrition Measurement

- Next 7,000 days
- Nutrition indicators for school-age children and adolescents



Impact & Evidence

- Assembling evidence
- Cochrane systematic review of randomized trials



Early Career and Youth Network

- Drawing emerging researchers into this area of work
- Elevating youth voices: “Nothing about us without us”



Good Examples

- Case studies of real-world SHN programmes
- Examples of good practice



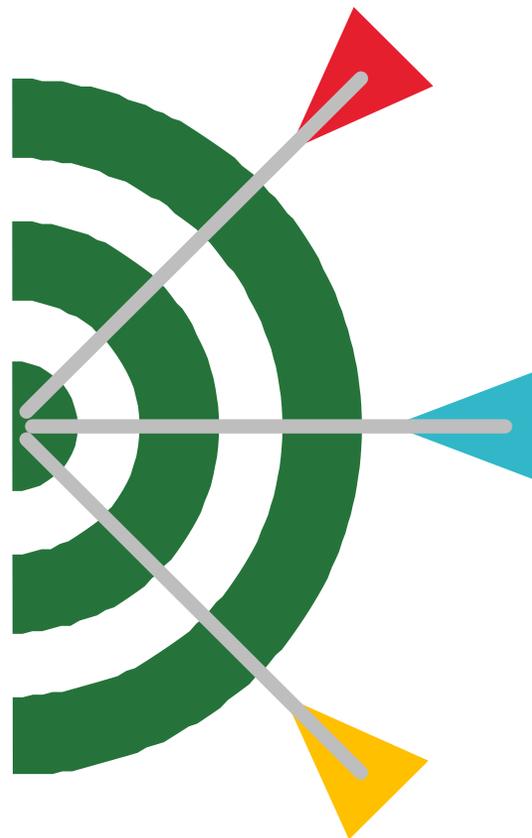
Diet & Food Systems *

- Agriculture
- Diet and food
- Agrobiodiversity and climate change

*COP currently under consideration

Data and Monitoring Initiative: Vision and Goals

Improve and institutionalize the availability of quality data on national school meal programmes worldwide for evidence-based decision-making and tracking of progress over time.



AGREED INDICATORS & METHODOLOGIES

AGREED PROCESSES & SYSTEMS TO CAPTURE HIGH-QUALITY DATA

OFFICIAL, RELIABLE AND TRUSTED U.N. DATABASE ON SCHOOL MEALS

Reporting on State of School Feeding – Every 2 Years

Available at wfp.org in 7 languages:

- **English** - State of School Feeding Worldwide
- **French** - La situation de l'alimentation scolaire dans le monde
- **Spanish** - El Estado de la Alimentación Escolar a Nivel Mundial
- **Portuguese** - Estado da Alimentação Escolar no Mundo
- **Arabic** - حالة التغذية لمدرسية في جميع أنحاء العالم لعام
- **Chinese** - 年全球学校供餐状况
- **Russian** - Состояние школьного питания в мире году

