



Pamoja Tuwalishe

USDA McGovern–Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program



PAMOJA TUWALISHE BENEFITS 351 SCHOOLS IN THE MARA AND DODOMA REGIONS (HIGHLIGHTED IN BLUE ABOVE)

Overview

In partnership with the Government of Tanzania, Global Communities has implemented school feeding projects in Tanzania with funding from USDA's McGovern–Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition program since 2010. In 2022, USDA awarded Global Communities a five-year project called, *Pamoja Tuwalishe*, meaning "Together Let's Feed Them" in Swahili. Global Communities will provide technical support and accompaniment to key governmental and non-governmental entities to operationalize sustainable, inclusive school feeding in the Mara and Dodoma regions and support the rollout of the Government of Tanzania's new National School Feeding Guidelines. Over the life of the project, *Pamoja Tuwalishe* will provide 3,830 metric tons (MT) of US donated commodities – rice, beans, edible oil – as well as USDA-provided funds to procure 1,565 MT of locally grown and purchased commodities – maize, beans, sunflower oil. Project-provided food commodities, together with food contributed by schools, communities, and the Government of Tanzania, will provide school meals for over 300,000 pre-primary and primary students in 351 schools in 9 districts of the Mara and Dodoma regions.

Pamoja Tuwalishe uses an innovative, community-led approach to improve student attendance, attentiveness, and overall academic performance by strengthening existing capacities and systems and enhancing collaboration between local government, schools, and communities.

Outcomes & Key Activities

- **Improved literacy of school-aged children:** increase access to school supplies and materials; train and support teachers on improved literacy instruction skills; train and support school administrators and school committees on improved mentorship and supervisory skills; build classrooms, Community-Led Libraries, and Reading Corners; and increase access to nutritious school meals to increase student attentiveness and attendance.
- **Increased use of health, nutrition, and dietary practices:** train and support students, Health Teachers, and Community Health Workers to increase knowledge and use of hygiene and nutrition practices; improve school infrastructure, including water sources, handwashing stations, and latrines; conduct student health screenings and referrals; facilitate deworming campaigns; and support community-based nutrition and early learning interventions to improve early childhood parenting practices.
- **Sustained program impact:** strengthen capacities and the school feeding system in Tanzania; develop manuals, tools, and training materials to operationalize the National School Feeding Guidelines and National School Health Program Guide and Manual; enable community groups to increase household and community food security; mobilize contributions for school meals; and advocate for school feeding within the annual planning and budgeting processes.

BY THE NUMBERS*



351

Targeted schools



316,437

Students receiving school meals



355,867

Direct beneficiaries



3,830

MT of USDA-donated food commodities



1,565

MT of locally procured food commodities

*Project targets