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Research Consortium for School Health and Nutrition

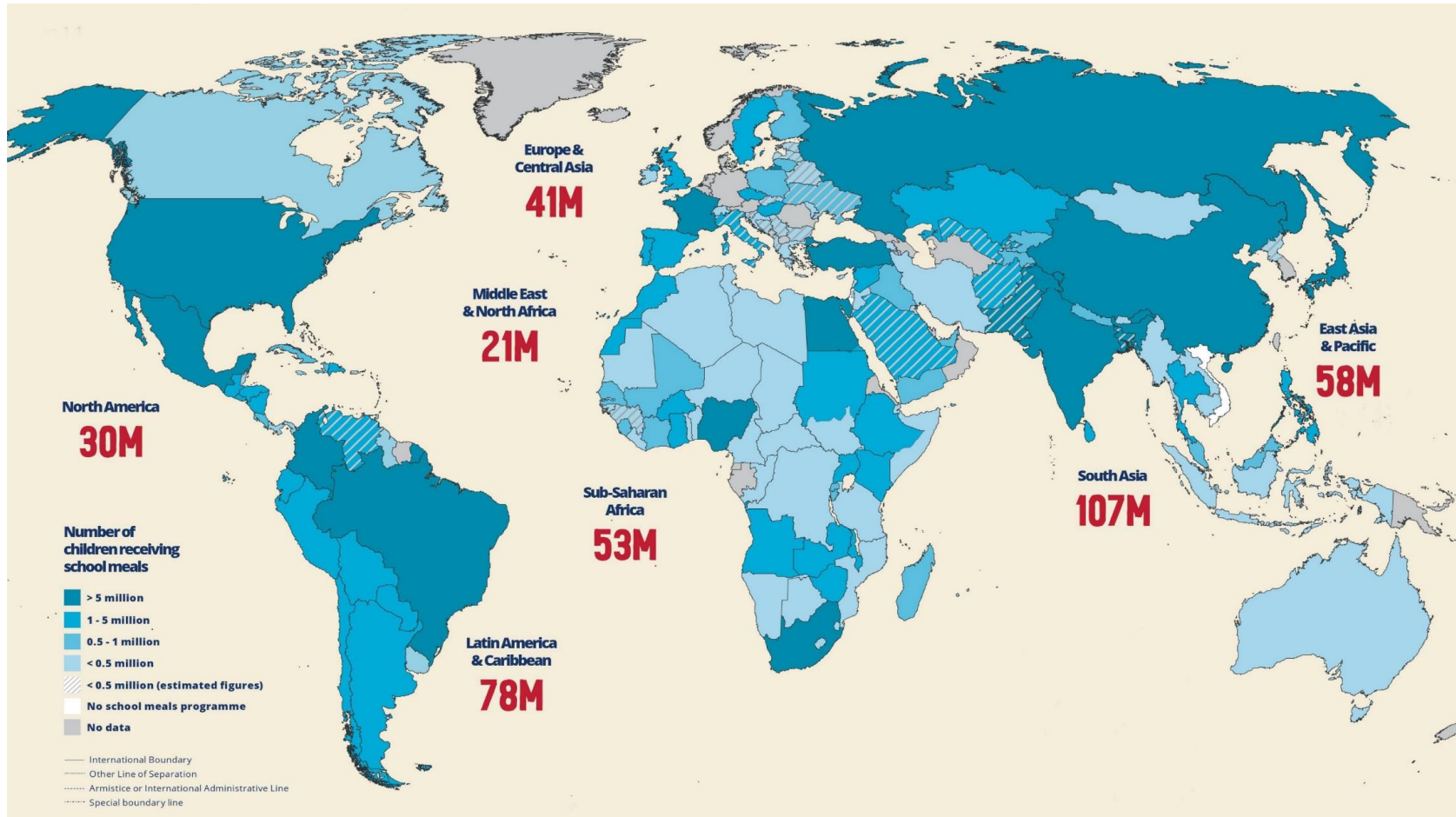
Promoting credible and independent research to inform evidence-based decision-making on school health and nutrition.

Professor Donald Bundy,
Director, Research Consortium for School Health and Nutrition,
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine



School meals before the COVID-19 pandemic

Unprecedented global reach

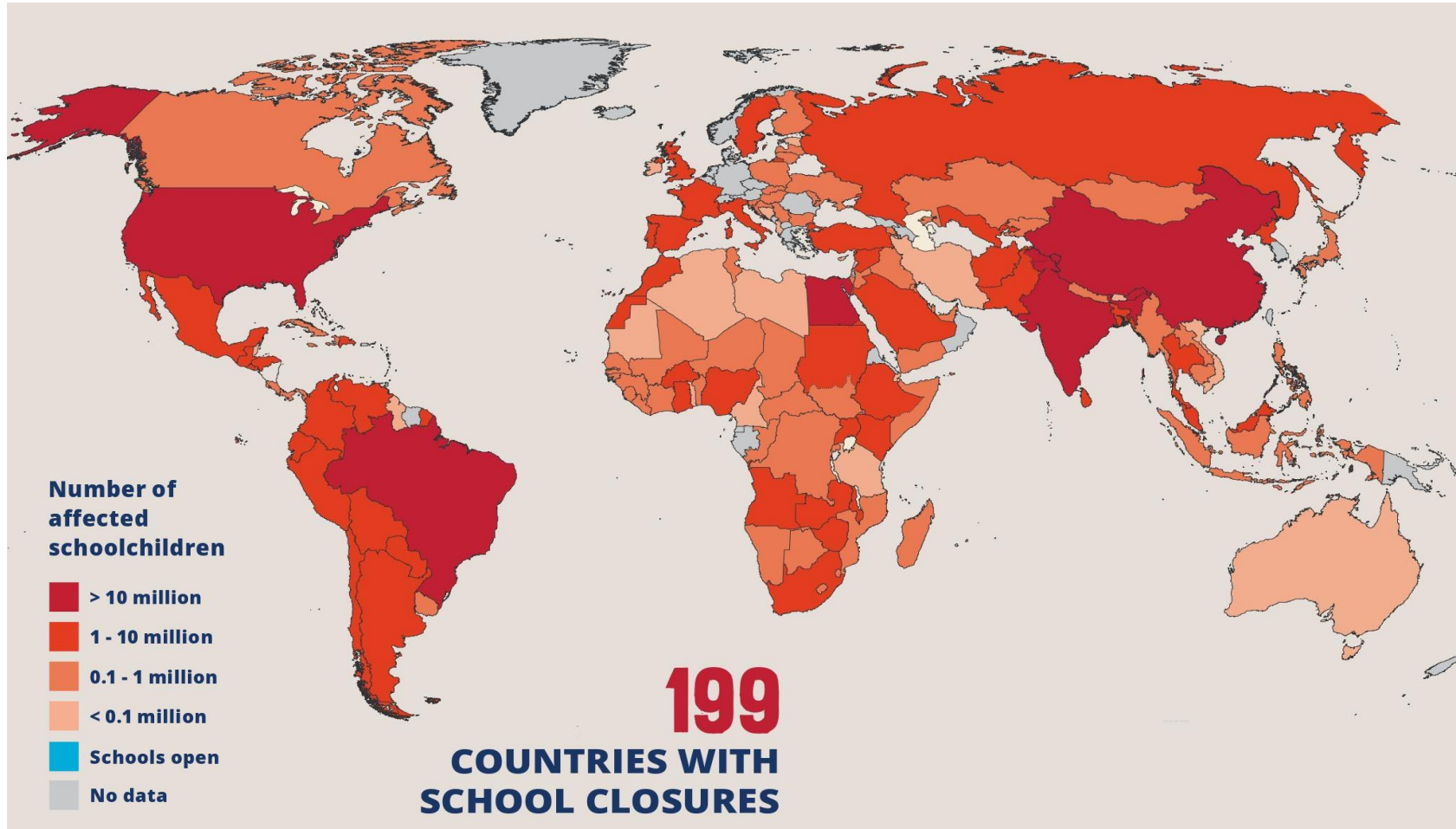


TOTAL
388 MILLION
CHILDREN



Impact of COVID-19 school closures

Children deprived of education and school-based services



370 MILLION CHILDREN
MISSING OUT ON SCHOOL MEALS GLOBALLY



School meals – a policy priority for countries to build back better

 **School Meals Coalition**
@SchoolMeals_

“The benefits of [#schoolmeals](#) go far beyond a plate of food. They are the back-bone of our [#education](#) success story.”

H.E. [@Villeskinnari](#), Minister for Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade of [#Finland](#).
[@UN](#) [@FoodSystems](#) 2021

 [youtube.com/watch?v=sy8EgF...](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sy8EgF...)
[#foodsystems](#) [#SDGs](#)



H.E. Ville Skinnari
Minister for Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade of Finland - School Meals Coalition Champion

12:00 PM · Nov 5, 2021 · Twitter Web App

 **Carmen Burbano**
@BurbanoCarmen

President [@PaulKagame](#) mentions the African common position 4 better [#FoodSystems](#), which includes priorities like adopting food policies and expanding school feeding programmes.

Rwanda  has been a leader in the creation of the [@SchoolMeals_Coalition](#) 👍

 **Paul Newnham**  @paulnewnham · Jul 26, 2021

 H.E. Paul Kagame outlines a common African position to transform [#FoodSystems](#), balancing people & planet 🌱

-  Adopt food policies & expand school feeding
-  Work to increase ag financing, focused on research
-  Invest in climate data systems

[#GoodFood4All](#)  Plenary Hall
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H.E. PAUL KAGAME - PRESIDENT, RWANDA AND CHAIR, AFRICAN UNION DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
UNITED NATIONS, FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT 2021

2:37 PM · Jul 26, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

 **Emmanuel Macron** ✓
@EmmanuelMacron

Officiel du gouvernement - France

Avec le Programme Alimentaire Mondial, nous allons amplifier notre action. J'appelle la communauté internationale à se mobiliser avec nous, à soutenir la coalition mondiale de l'alimentation scolaire proposée par le [@WFP](#). Nous pouvons changer les choses !

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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: Building the member-state led coalition

69 countries have signed the Declaration of Commitment to the School Meals Coalition



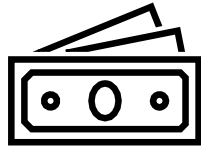
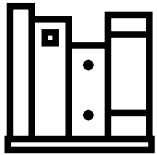
School Meals Coalition: Gathering support from organisations around the world



60 partners, including 5 UN agencies, have signed the Declaration of Support for the School Meals Coalition or expressed intent to do so



School Meals Coalition: Engagement through global multi-sectoral initiatives



Research Consortium
(lead: London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine)

Financing Taskforce
(lead: Global Education Commission)

Peer-to-peer Community of Best Practice
(lead: Germany and TBC)

Data & Monitoring
(lead: WFP)

Advocacy & Outreach Taskforce
(lead: WFP and TBC)

- Communities of Practice

- Scoping
- Action
- Innovation

- Data Collection
- Data Base

Research Consortium for School Health and Nutrition: An initiative of the Coalition, launched in May 2021



Gordon Brown launches the Research Consortium for School Health and Nutrition



Research Consortium for School Health and Nutrition: Supporting Ecosystem



ACADEMIC HOME

The Secretariat for the Consortium is hosted by the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.



INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

The Consortium is supported by WFP, Dubai Cares & a wide range of partners addressing school health globally.



INDEPENDENT EVIDENCE

The Secretariat engages with researchers & institutions worldwide to build evidence on school health.



POLICY DIALOGUE

The research will help strengthen national policies targeting school-based programming for health and nutrition.

Research Consortium for School Health and Nutrition: Mandate and Objectives

Mandate

Promote credible and independent research to inform evidence-based decision-making on school health and nutrition

Objectives

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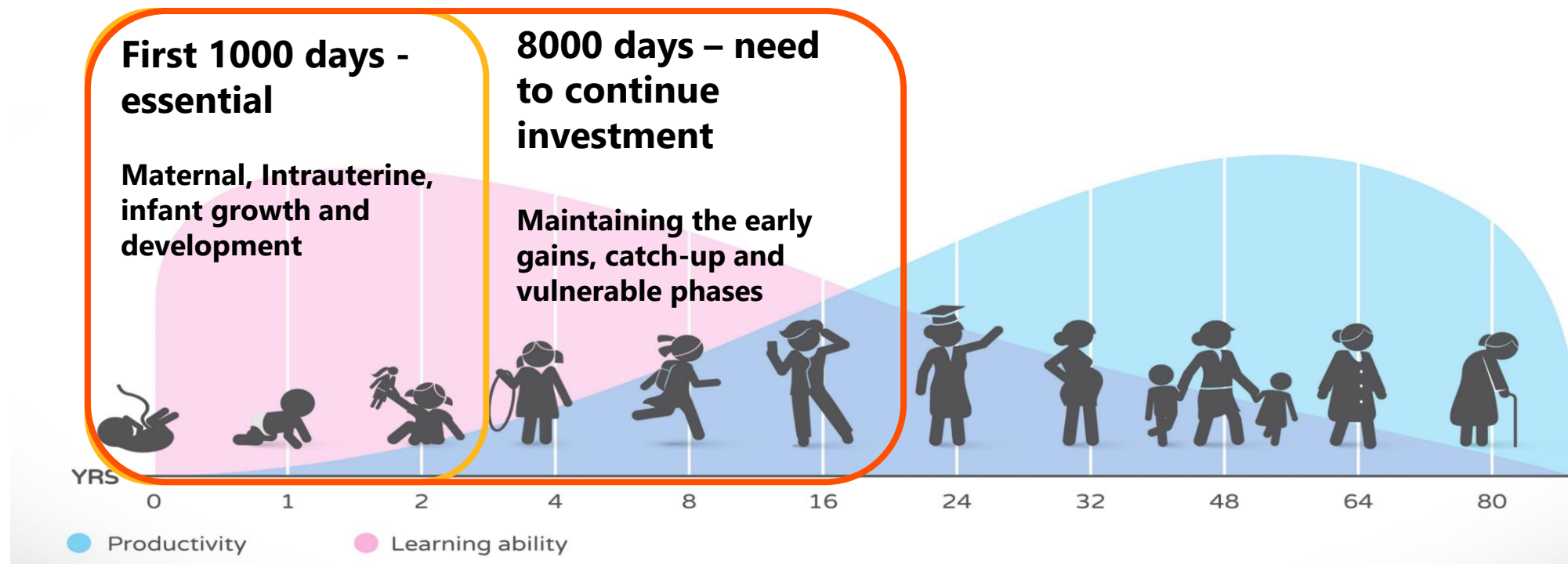
Generate evidence on the effectiveness of school health and nutrition programmes and make the case for investment

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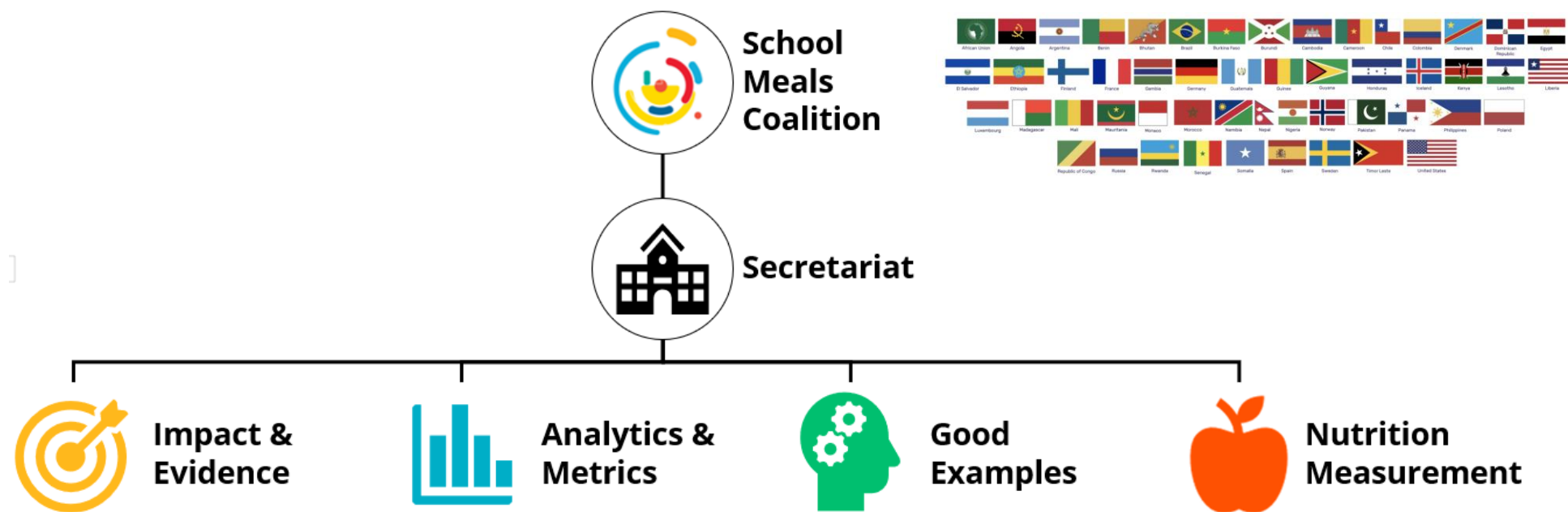
Provide policymakers of Coalition countries with programmatic guidance on school health and nutrition

Supporting mission-critical research along the lifecycle

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



Research Consortium for School Health and Nutrition: Governance Architecture



- Cross-Cutting Themes**
1. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
 2. Sustainable Financing
 3. Cultivating Talent

Communities of Practice: Impact & Evidence

Area of Focus: Measuring the impact of School Meals and School Health programmes on the health, nutrition, well-being and education of children and adolescents

Actions:

- New Cochrane Systematic Review
- Realist review
- Randomised Controlled Trials: WFP and World Bank Evaluation Window

Deliverable Date: Global Systematic Review (Cochrane Review), end of 2022



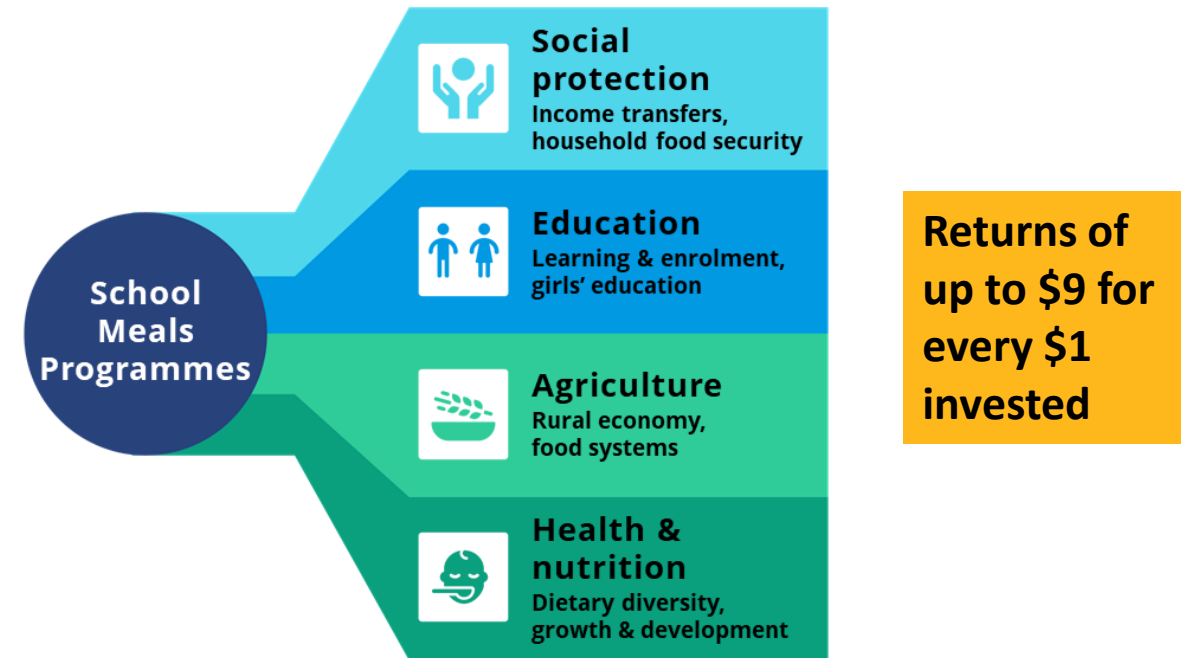
Communities of Practice: Analytics & Metrics

Area of Focus: Value-for-money of school meals programmes

Actions: Develop guidance for policy makers on the costs and economic returns from national school health programmes

Deliverables:

- Global analysis, delivered 2021
- 6 country-level analyses, end 2022
- Economics of micro-LAYS, end 2022



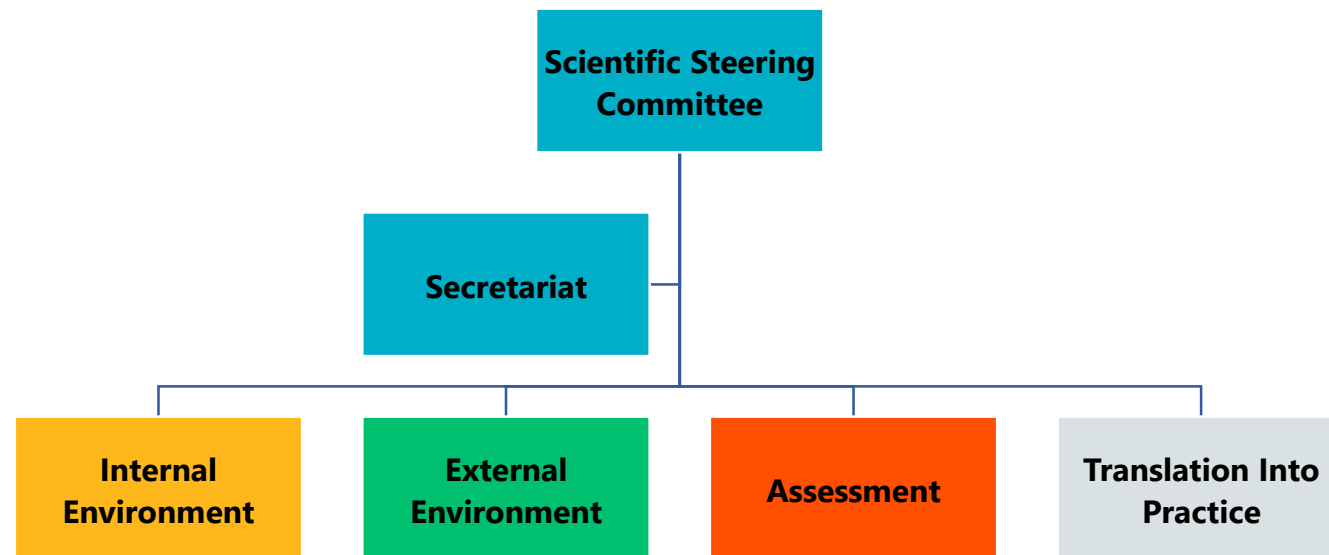
Communities of Practice: Nutrition Measurement

Area of Focus: Measuring and tracking nutrition in school-age children and adolescents.

Actions: Use the US NIH Biomarkers of Nutritional Development (BOND) platform to identify cost-efficient nutrition indicators for middle childhood and adolescence

Deliverables: Output of the working groups shared through on-line workshops in March 2022

BOND-KIDS organisational structure



**Register for the workshops here:*

<https://web.cvent.com/event/a31fa8fb-ebc4-4997-9c5d-e5b8aa5dd12e/summary>

Communities of Practice: Good Examples

Area of Focus: Identify good programming practice from country experiences

Actions: Gather and showcase case studies of existing national school meals programmes, starting with the following countries:

OECD countries/High Income

- Canada
- Finland
- France
- United Kingdom
- And others

BRICS/Large Scale

- Brazil
- China
- India
- Russia
- And others

Expanding Programmes

- Nepal
- Malawi
- Rwanda
- Senegal
- And others

Communities of Practice: Good Examples

Our Call to Action: Partner with the Research Consortium to contribute a case study on your country's national school meal programme

How to Join?

- Identify two interlocutors to liaise with the Research Consortium

Who to Involve?

- Policy makers
- Food providers
- School caterers
- Children and the community
- Other key stakeholders in school health and nutrition

What's the Timeframe?

- First case studies delivered by end of 2022



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