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World Food Program International School Feeding Operations

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Nutrition for All: Vulnerable Populations –
Specific Needs, Targeted Solutions
World Initiative for Soy in Human Health

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United Nations World Food Program (WFP)

- WFP has been feeding millions of people who suffer from chronic hunger
- In addition to conducting emergency operations, WFP also provides food assistance through development programs such as school meals



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Child Hunger Facts

- WFP estimates that undernutrition affects at least 350 million children under the age of 18
- Developing countries bear the financial brunt of child undernutrition
- WFP provided school meals and/or take home rations to 20.2 million children in 71 countries in 2006

School Feeding Benefits

- Fights child hunger, poverty, undernutrition
 - Teachers reported that school meals relieved short-term hunger, which increased students' capacity to concentrate and learn
 - School feeding programs help ensure that undernourished children eat *at least one nutritious* meal per day



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– These meals contain key micronutrients needed to sustain a child’s physical growth and brain development



– Education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty and hunger, which millions of children endure daily

- Promotes education, especially for girls
 - Girls are often kept out of school
 - Many school feeding operations offer take-home rations for girls to bring home to hungry families



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– The impact is life-changing for millions of girls who otherwise wouldn't have the opportunity to attend school



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- **Contributes to HIV/AIDS prevention**
 - School feeding programs in sixteen countries actively promote HIV/AIDS prevention education as a part of their school feeding programs

- Benefits American farmers and soy industry
 - In 2007, McGovern-Dole distributed approximately 103,000 metric tons of U.S. commodities
 - McGovern-Dole also benefits a range of related industries, such as processors, millers, packagers, freight forwarders and shippers, as well as U.S. port facilities



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- Results

- Enrollment and attendance rates among female students increase significantly and dropout rates decrease
- Numerous benefits for female students
- Promotes self-sustainability



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