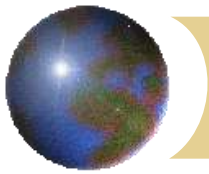


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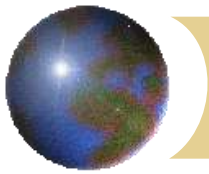
*A Purpose Driven Organization – established in 2006*

## **OUR VISION**

A world in which hunger is not a  
barrier to children learning

## **OUR MISSION**

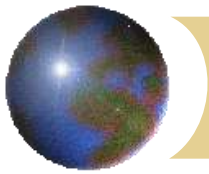
Expand opportunities for the world's children  
to receive adequate nutrition for learning  
and achieving their potential



## *Who We Are (GCNF)*

- ❖ Sister organization to the School Nutrition Association
- ❖ A foundation that offers more than 60 years experience in policy development and the operation and management of school feeding programs
- ❖ A non-profit, non-government organization established to help some of the world's poorest children have access to school meals and an opportunity for education

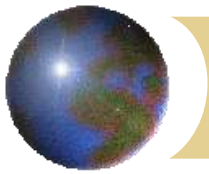




## *GCNF's Unique Approach*

- ✦ We do not offer money, food, clothing or other tangibles, instead
- ✦ We help governments and their country leaders develop policy and build capacity for self directed training, technical assistance, resource development and network building—all targeted to achieve sustainable school feeding programs



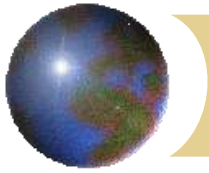


# *Helping Countries Help themselves*

We help countries develop sustainable school feeding programs through:

- ❑ Policy development and capacity building
- ❑ Technical assistance
- ❑ Training
- ❑ Linking school feeding to local farm production
- ❑ Resource development
- ❑ All targeted to achieve sustainable national programs



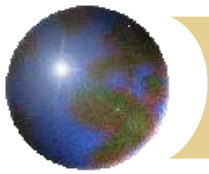


# *Why School Feeding*

## Benefits for the Child:

- ✦ School attendance increases as much as 100% when meals are provided
- ✦ Academic achievement improves
- ✦ More girls attend school
- ✦ Child health improves significantly
- ✦ Increased food security for the child



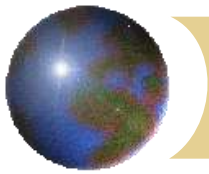


# *Why School Feeding*

## Benefits for the Country:

- ✦ Support for social and economic development
- ✦ Helps develop a healthy and educated future work force
- ✦ Enables self sufficiency and reduces poverty
- ✦ Creates an on-going market for agricultural produce and industry products

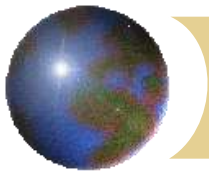




# *The Global Child Nutrition Forum*

## *A Flagship Program*

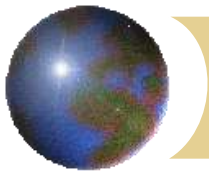
- ⊕ Operating since 1997
- ⊕ Delegates convene each year for information exchange, planning and network building
- ⊕ Attended by 203 delegates from over 80 countries
- ⊕ 2009 in Stellenbosch, South Africa
- ⊕ 2010 in Accra, Ghana
- ⊕ Partnership for Child Development and WFP partnering with GCNF in 2010



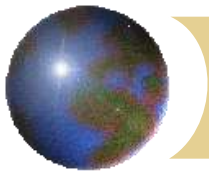
# 2010 GCNF Objectives



- To expand and strengthen its technical assistance and training programs to advance school feeding in selected countries
- To establish national and international school feeding networks
- To highlight links between school feeding, nutrition, learning, local farm production and the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals
- To affirm a country commitment to school feeding through the development and implementation of a country plan



- The theme: *Partnerships for Development: School Feeding, School Health and Agriculture*
- Speakers discuss current issues related to the topic.
- Thirty four delegates introduce us to their country status
- School Feeding Field Trip
- Tier I: School Feeding Toolkit Workshop
- Tier II and III: Country Plan Update – Lessons Learned / Challenges



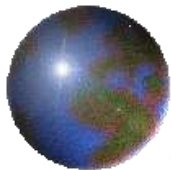
# *2010 Delegates*

## **TIER I**

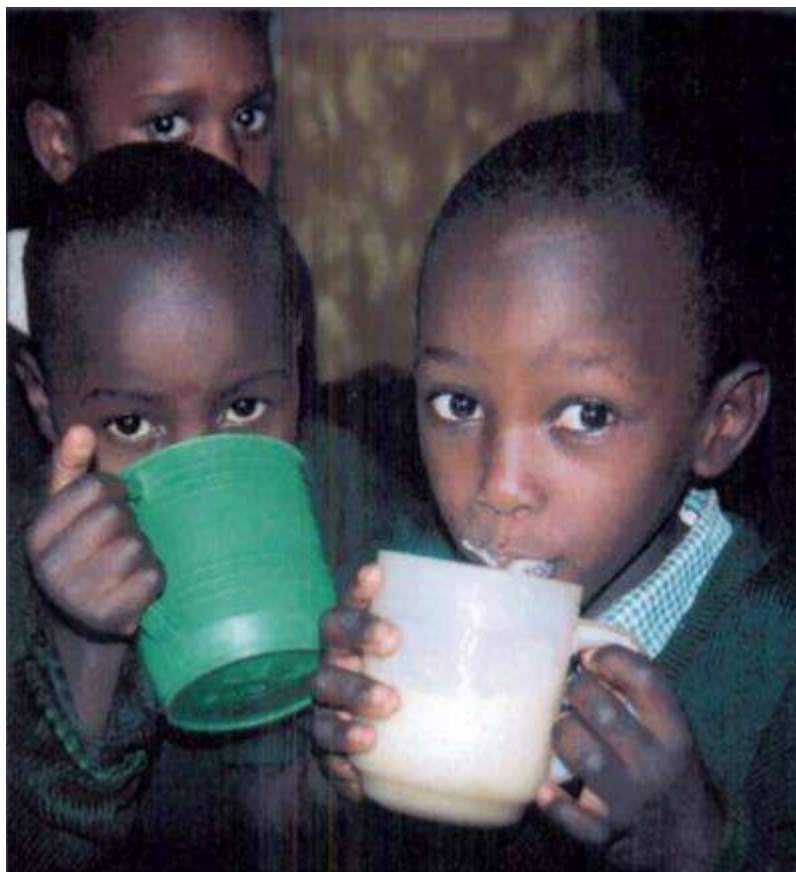
- ⊕ Angola
- ⊕ Cape Verde
- ⊕ Cote d'Ivoire
- ⊕ Mozambique
- ⊕ Senegal

## **TIER II / III**

- ⊕ Ghana
- ⊕ Kenya
- ⊕ Malawi
- ⊕ Mali
- ⊕ Nigeria



# *School Feeding Toolkit*



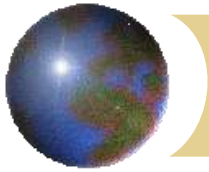
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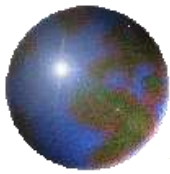


# *School Feeding Toolkit*

**Goal:** The School Feeding Toolkit was designed to assist delegates in developing a sustainable school feeding program.

## **Objectives:**

- ✦ To develop a country plan for a sustainable school feeding program,
- ✦ To prioritize actions needed to achieve a government and community commitment and capacity,
- ✦ To identify resources needed to implement the country plan, and
- ✦ To establish national and international school feeding networks.



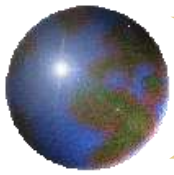
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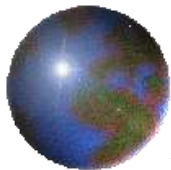
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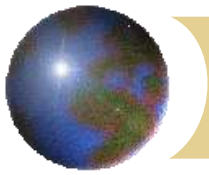
# *Lunch Preparation*





# *Mother Serving Lunch*

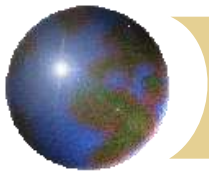




# *Mother Washing Dishes*



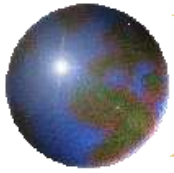




## *Lessons Learned by GCNF*

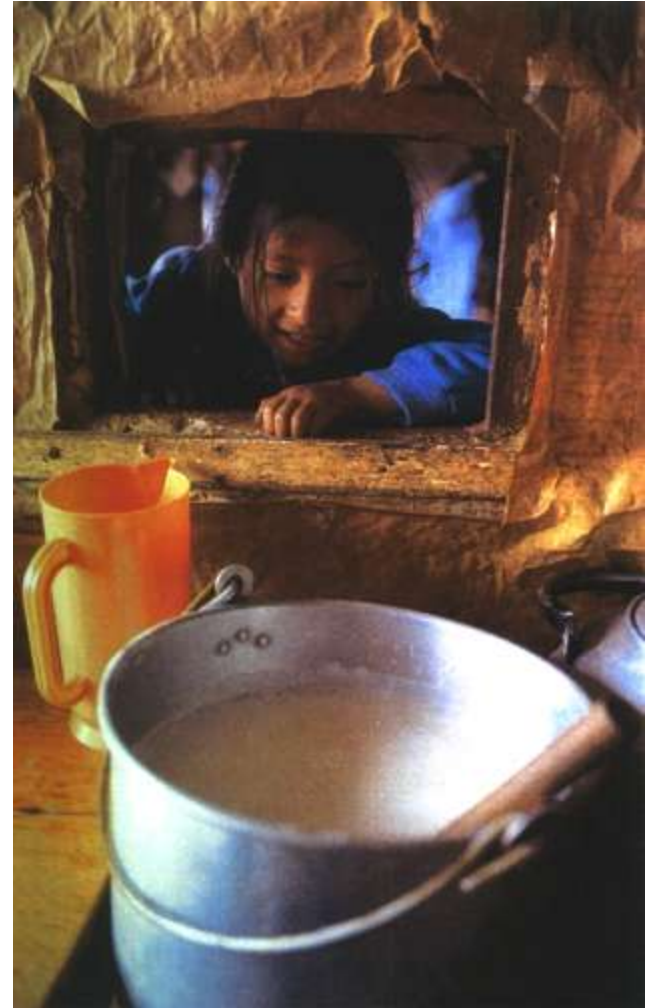
- ✦ Countries want technical assistance for self-operating their programs
- ✦ Case studies are successful teachers
- ✦ Effective programs require government commitment through supportive policy and funding
- ✦ School feeding is not a stand alone program, but instead an integral part of education, health, agricultural development, and community life
- ✦ No one organization can do it all - partnerships work best
- ✦ Always leave the country with a plan to help itself

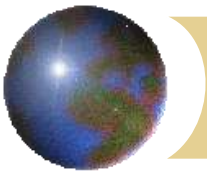




# *One Hungry Child is One too Many*

- ✪ Children cannot attend school and learn unless they are adequately fed
- ✪ Child hunger cannot be resolved by any one individual or organization
- ✪ We must work together, in partnership and collaboration, to pool our resources and share the opportunity to reduce childhood hunger

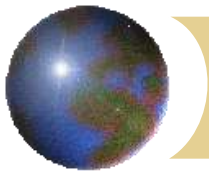




# *April: Global Child Nutrition Month*

Resolution by Representative Jo Ann Emerson





*Together we can do more*

- ✦ Thank you for your interest the Global Child Nutrition Foundation

