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STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL MEALS IN THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN FOR 2017-2027

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Fast Facts about Tajikistan

- Territory – 143.1 m²
- Population – 8.74 mln
- 34% of population (2.94 million) – children under 14 yrs.
- Chronic malnutrition rate - 26% of children under 5 yrs.
- Acute malnutrition (hypotrophy) - 10%.
- Economic losses due to malnutrition - US\$ 41 million per annum.
- 40% of school-aged children diseases caused by malnutrition.

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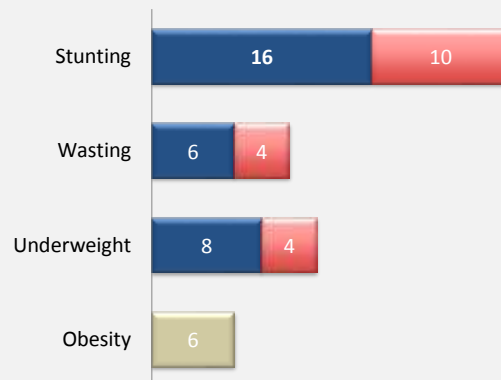


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Status of child nutrition (DHS, 2012)



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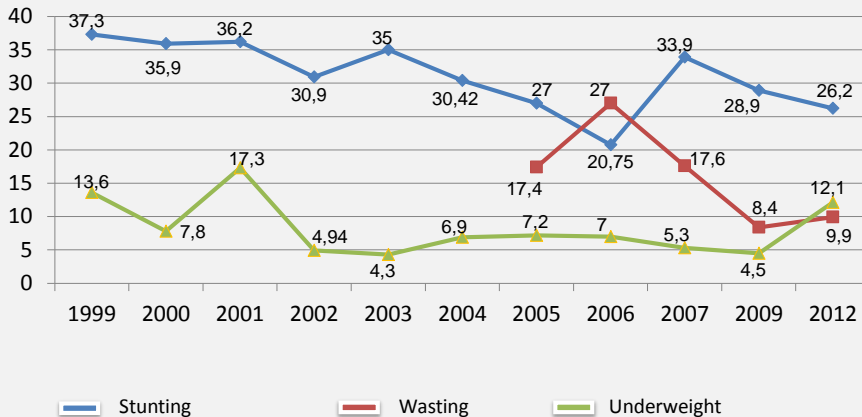


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Dynamics of malnutrition (hypotrophy)



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School Feeding Programme in Tajikistan

- Reaches **395 000** schoolchildren every year;
- Students of **1 – 4 классов** получают get daily warm food (469 kcal);
- Covers **2000** rural schools in **52 districts**;
- Operating since **1999**.
- Annual WFP Budget contribution - **8,5 млн. долл**
- Contribution of stakeholders in 2016-17 acad.year. WFP - 69%, Government - 17%; PTA -14%.

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Policy documents on School Meals

- Strategy on Nutrition and physical activity in Tajikistan for 2014-2024 (2014);
- Concept on Improvement of School Meals (2015).
- Eventually, an Inter-Ministerial Coordination Council was established.
- The Council elaborated the Strategy for Sustainable Development of School Meals for 2017-2027.
- The Strategy has been approved in September 2017.

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Objectives of the School Meals Strategy 2017-2027:

- preservation and improving the health and enhancement of learning performance of schoolchildren through sustainable development of school meals;
- ensuring a stable financing and planning;
- public participation and parents engagement towards development of school meals

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Implementation Stages of Strategy 2017-2027:

- **First stage** covers the period of 2017-2018.
 - Development of legal and regulatory framework for the organization of school meals;
 - Establishment of effective organizational and management infrastructure;
 - Development of pilot projects to implement school meals models, determination of the conditions and cost for their implementation;
 - Human resource development.
- **Second stage** 2019-2020;
 - Implementation of school meals models within the developed pilot projects ;
 - Selection of the most promising school meals models and related solutions.
- **Third stage** 2021-2026.
 - Implementation of the activities of the National School Meals Programme in accordance with the approved work schedules;
 - Extension of the school meals system to all regions of the Republic of Tajikistan;
 - Gradual transition to independent implementation of the school meals programs funded by the state budget and other sources.

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Expected results of the Strategy 2017-2027

- improved nutrition of schoolchildren;
- improved attendance;
- decreasing diseases among children;
- market sourcing for agricultural food products;
- technological advancement and restructuring of the sector;
- enhancement of the production and processing sectors;
- improved resilience to internal and external shocks of food security.

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Policy recommendations and next steps::

- Based on School Meals Strategy 2017-2027, to shift to full financing of school meals for primary grades students through designing a new mechanism of funding schools.
- To design a Regulation for monitoring of security of food commodities and public health.
- To plan financing for expansion of state programmes on nutrition;
- To elaborate an Action Plan on nutrition in the frame of Global movement on nutrition (SUN).

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