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Foreword

The Ghana Cost Benefit Analysis was conducted to bring to the attention of government and other stakeholders in school feeding, the investment returns that school feeding yields, and to see school feeding not just as a cost, but as an investment in the Ghana's human capital and the economy at large.

According to the data collected and analysed, every GHS 1:00 cedi invested in feeding a child yields GHS 3:30 returns. These returns would be even higher if the bottlenecks in the programme are addressed, and the home-grown component of the programme that links school feeding to agriculture is strengthened.

The contribution of school feeding to improving human capital cannot be underestimated; therefore, school feeding should remain a priority for all successive government. This should be supported by legislation. Addressing the challenges that affect the programme should be a priority to help maximize the investment potential of the programme and promote sustainability. These should be addressed within the set of recommended actions in this analysis report, as well as recommendations from other school feeding operational assessment reports.

The Ghana School Feeding Programme and the World Food Programme together with their partners must continue to provide the needed capacity strengthening on policy and programmatic decisions to improve school feeding. Emphasis should be on nationally-tailored technical assistance and capacity strengthening to the Ghana School Feeding Programme secretariat and other school feeding stakeholders in all fields, not forgetting the inclusion of the private sector in this endeavor.

Linkage of the programme to agriculture, improving school feeding nutrition, biometric access that supports effective data capture for efficient use of funds, will be undertaken to shore up the benefits identified by this report, to further expand the programme and promote sustainability.

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СВА	Cost-Benefit Analysis
EMIS	Education Management Information System
GSFP	Ghana School Feeding Programme
НТ	Head Teacher
KG	Kindergarten
MIS	Management Information System
MMDAs	Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies
MoFEP	Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning
MoGCSP	Ministry of Gender Children and Social Protection
NC	National Coordinator
NS	National Secretariat
PCD	Partnership for Child Development
PTA	Parents and Teachers Association
SFP	School Feeding Programme
SHEP	School Health Education Programme
SM	School Meal

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