

## SCHOOL MEAL/FEEDING PROGRAM(S)

School year: 2020–2021

- School Meals (*Refezione scolastica: Menù Scuola dell'Infanzia - Menù Scuola Elementare*)

**Lead Agency:** Education Department, Pediatric Service of the Social Security Institute

## NATIONAL LAWS, POLICIES, AND STANDARDS

- National school feeding policy
- Nutrition
- Food safety
- Health
- Agriculture
- Private sector involvement

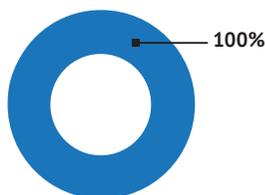
Line item in the national budget...

- Yes  No  No response

## BUDGET

Total: USD 3,518,434

- Government: USD 3,518,434
- International donors\*: USD 0
- Private sector: USD 0
- Other donors: USD 0



Includes funding from the United States Department of Agriculture  Yes  No  No response

*\*International donations by United Nations agencies or non-governmental organizations often represent funding from multiple donors.*

## INFRASTRUCTURE

All schools in San Marino have electricity, clean and piped water, flush toilets, dedicated eating spaces/cafeterias, and kitchens. School meals and snacks are prepared on-site (on school grounds), and the kitchens are equipped with refrigeration and gas or electric stoves.

## SPECIAL NOTES

Some San Marino school age children are enrolled in nearby Italian schools, which partly explains a discrepancy between the number of school age children and the number of enrolled students in the country.

## MEALS/SNACKS/MODALITY

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner
- Snacks
- Take-home rations
- Other

- Grains, cereals
- Roots, tubers
- Legumes, pulses, nuts
- Dairy products
- Eggs
- Meat
- Poultry
- Fish
- Green, leafy vegetables
- Other vegetables
- Fruits
- Oil
- Salt
- Sugar

- Dairy milk
- Yogurt drink
- Fruit juice
- Tea
- Water
- Karkadé (Hibiscus tea)

**Prohibited food items:** "Junk food"

## FOOD SOURCES

- Purchased (domestic)  In-kind (domestic)
- Purchased (foreign)  In-kind (foreign)

## COMPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES

- Handwashing with soap
- Height measurement
- Weight measurement
- Testing for anemia
- Deworming treatment
- Eye testing/eyeglasses
- Hearing testing/treatment
- Dental cleaning/testing
- Menstrual hygiene
- Drinking water
- Water purification

## COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- Food and nutrition
- Agriculture
- School gardens
- Hygiene
- Health
- Reproductive health
- HIV prevention
- Physical education

*The checked items were provided in most or all participating schools.*



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# San Marino



## SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS

### CHILDREN RECEIVING FOOD, 2020–2021

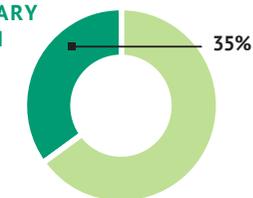
School level	Total	# Enrolled	# Receiving food
Pre-school	913	872	872
Primary school	1,665	1,559	1,559
Secondary school	2,780	2,458	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,358</b>	<b>4,889</b>	<b>2,431</b>



### COVERAGE: PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

Total number primary and secondary school-age children: 4,445

Receiving school food: 1,559



Food was also provided to some students in...

- Pre-schools  Vocational/trade schools
- Other

## NUTRITION

School feeding program(s) included/involved the following:

- Fortified foods
- Bio-fortified foods
- Micronutrient supplements
- Nutritionists involved**
- Special training for cooks/caterers in nutrition**
- Objective to meet nutritional goals
- Objective to reduce obesity**

### Food items fortified/biofortified:

Not applicable

### Micronutrients:

Not applicable

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Two nutritionists are engaged in school feeding in San Marino, and food items that are not nutritious (i.e., considered to be “junk food”) are not allowed in the school feeding program for health-related reasons.

## STUDIES CONDUCTED

None

## RESEARCH NEEDED

Research is needed on school-age nutrition and healthy school menus for disease prevention.

## AGRICULTURE, EMPLOYMENT, AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

### Jobs created by school feeding programs\*

- 99** Cooks and food preparers
- Transporters
- Off-site processors
- Food packagers and handlers
- Monitoring
- Food service management
- 2** Safety and quality inspectors
- Other

*\*If blank, no response was provided.*

### Farmers were involved with the school feeding program(s)...

- Yes  No  No response

### Other private sector (for profit) actors were involved...

- Yes  No  No response

### There was a focus on creating jobs or leadership or income-generating opportunities for...

- Women  **Other groups**  
 Youth  No response

### There was community engagement (by parents or others) in the school feeding program(s)...

- Yes  No  No response

### Were there links between food banks and the school feeding program(s)?

- Yes  No  There are no food banks in this country.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Small-scale farmers provide grains/cereals, eggs, fruits, and vegetables for the school meal program, and they receive preferential treatment when accessing contracts. Attention is given to providing employment for those with disabilities. Parents serve on a “canteen committee” that oversees the meal quality, and students pay a partial price for the food.

## CONTACTS: SAN MARINO

**Agency:** Directorate of Preschool Education and Directorate of Elementary Education

**Website:** [www.educazione.sm](http://www.educazione.sm)

## SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES

Recent successes related to school feeding in San Marino include the introduction of organic products to the school menu, the preference given to short supply chains, and an improvement over time in the food quality. Overall, the program receives approval and support from children and their families.

## EMERGENCIES/COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Schools in San Marino were open throughout the 2020–2021 school year. The COVID-19 crisis had a very limited impact on school feeding in San Marino, with the exception that meals and snacks have been served at school in a very different way than before (e.g., with fewer children eating together at the same time).

## SCHOOL MEALS (REFEZIONE SCOLASTICA: MENÙ SCUOLA DELL'INFANZIA - MENÙ SCUOLA ELEMENTARE)

**Lead implementer(s):**  
Social Security Institute – School Management Division

### OBJECTIVES:

- To provide a social safety net
- To prevent or mitigate obesity

### MODALITIES OF PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH FOOD:

- In-school meals
- In-school snacks
- Take-home rations

### FREQUENCY AND DURATION:

- 5 days per week during the school year

### TARGETING:

Universal

### HOW MANY STUDENTS RECEIVED SCHOOL FOOD IN 2020–2021 SCHOOL YEAR?

School level	# Students	% Girls	% Boys
Pre-school	872	49%	51%
Primary school	1,559	49%	51%
Secondary school	0	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,431</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>51%</b>

### FOOD AND BEVERAGE ITEMS:

Grains, cereals	Poultry	Salt
Roots, tubers	Fish	Sugar
Legumes, pulses, nuts	Green, leafy vegetables	Dairy milk
Dairy products	Other vegetables	Tea
Eggs	Fruits	Water
Meat	Oil	Karkadé (Hibiscus tea)

\* *fortified*

### FOOD SOURCES:

**70% Purchased (domestic)**    0% In-kind (domestic)  
**30% Purchased (foreign)**    0% In-kind (foreign)

*If blank, no response was provided.*

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The school meals program in San Marino began at the kindergarten level in 1974. Take-home rations consist of grains/cereals and fruit, and excess foods that are not consumed in schools are distributed to others through food banks.

