

What Is the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program?

The McGovern-Dole Program supports education, child development and food security in low-income countries that rely heavily on food imports to feed their communities. Through McGovern-Dole, the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) implements many of its school meals programs overseas, using U.S. crops and leveraging financial and technical assistance from the U.S. government.

Since its inception in 2002, the McGovern-Dole program has provided over 5.5 billion school meals to school-age children and their communities around the world.

How Does the McGovern-Dole Program Support WFP's Work?

World Food Program USA has a long history with the McGovern-Dole Program. The original legislation for the program was put forward by two former World Food Program USA Board Members, Senator George McGovern of South Dakota and Senator Bob Dole of Kansas. Fellow Board Member and Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman then helped execute the program's pilot phase during the Clinton administration. This important work has helped ensure that children throughout the world receive a meal in school — often the only meal they get that day — not only providing the necessary nutrition, but also encourages school attendance, turning hunger into hope and opportunity.

World Food Program USA has worked tirelessly to ensure the bipartisan and bicameral legacy of support for the McGovern-Dole Program continues. What began as a powerful idea has since grown into a global school meals program that has supported tens of millions of children in need.

School Meals:

- Improve children's, especially young girls', access to education.
- Boost children's health and nutrition, which allows them to focus on their studies.
- Increase school enrollment and retention rates.



How Can WFP USA Advocates Help?

Right now, Congress is making decisions about vital funding for food aid programs like McGovern-Dole. With the support of McGovern-Dole, the U.N. World Food Programme can continue to reach over 20 million children around the world with school meals. Families are counting on our meals to feed their children. That is why we need your support to help ERASE HUNGER™ and ensure kids and their communities continue to receive school meals.

It is crucial for Congress to continue to support our efforts to feed the world's hungriest children through programs like McGovern-Dole. WRITE TO YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS NOW!

