



Nairobi Serves 50 millionth Meal: “Dishi na County” Transforms School Attendance and Nutrition



Figure 1 H.E. Governor Johnson Sakaja, EGH joins learners during the “Dishi na County” feeding program, reaffirming Nairobi’s commitment to ensuring no child studies on an empty stomach.

In just two years, Nairobi City County’s flagship “Dishi na County” school feeding program has served an incredible 50 million meals, marking a significant milestone in the County’s commitment to child nutrition and education.

Launched to combat hunger among school children, the program now feeds over 316,000 learners daily across more than 230 public primary schools.

Governor Johnson Sakaja noted that before its inception, one in four children in Nairobi attended school hungry. “Today that number has dropped dramatically. We have doubled enrolment in many schools and kept learners in class,” he said.

With 17 central kitchens, one in each constituency, meals are prepared and delivered fresh to schools daily. The program’s impact is felt beyond full stomachs: it has boosted school attendance, improved academic performance, and provided equal opportunities for learners from all backgrounds.

Nairobi County now plans to expand “Dishi na County” to informal schools, further cementing its role as a model for social investment in education.

What initiative has your County taken to boost academic performance by addressing hunger in schools?

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