

How Nairobi's Dishi na County Became a Global Model for Child Nutrition

In August 2023, Nairobi County rolled out the Dishi na County programme, featured in Maarifa's story *"Feeding the Future: Dishi na County Initiative in Nairobi's Public Primary Schools."* What started as a hopeful initiative quickly reshaped the city's approach to child nutrition and education.



Figure 1 Special Mention Award in the Social and Economic Equity Category at the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (MUFPP) Forum 2025

What began as a promise that no child in Nairobi's schools would learn hungry now feeds **316,000 learners daily** across all **17 Sub-Counties**. The programme has served over **50 million meals**, increased school enrolment and attendance by **40%**, and restored hope to thousands of families.

In October 2025, this homegrown initiative stepped onto the global stage. At the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (MUFPP) Forum, *Dishi na* County received a special mention in the **Social and Economic Equity** category, an honour highlighting Nairobi's leadership in building inclusive and resilient urban food systems.

From Nairobi to Milan, *Dishi na* County is proving that when a County chooses to invest in its children, the world takes notice.

What initiative has your County taken to address child nutrition and improve school attendance? We would love to hear your story.

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