Mozambique School Lunch Initiative

January 2018 – Update on Activities

School Lunches

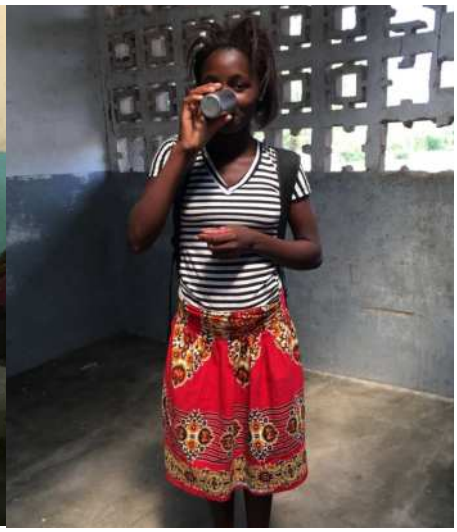
In August 2017, with the generous support of Samaritan's Purse, we were able to expand our school lunch program to another school in need, serving an additional 400+ children daily nutritious meals. This brings our total to five primary schools and just over 1000 children served by the Mozambique School Lunch Initiative. An evaluation by a certified nutritionist found that our school meals provide over 1/3 of a child's weekly energy needs, 50% of their required protein, and many other important micronutrients. The hunger situation in Mozambique is still precarious. The rains are delayed once again and many of these children are relying on the school meals. The teachers have reported huge increases in school attendance and students that focusing better in classes. We are blessed to be able to serve these children in the name of Jesus!

Students enjoying a hearty lunch of rice with bean and vegetable stew!

Some students bring their younger siblings to school just so that they can have lunch too. At the Mozambique School Lunch Initiative, we don't turn any child away.

Partnering with the District Health Services

To complement our school lunch program and increase the nutritional gains for children, in October 2017 we partnered with the Chokwe District Health Services to deliver bi-annual deworming and weekly iron supplementation for the students in the schools served by the Mozambique School Lunch Initiative.



Students receiving deworming pills and a young girl taking her weekly iron supplement.

Community Agriculture Support

Our school meals include local ingredients such as chicken, beans, and vegetables. In order to increase our sustainability and create additional positive impacts for the local community, in March 2017 we started providing small investments to farmer groups to produce the crops used in the school lunches. This saves the school lunch program money, creates income for farmers, and produces fresh, nutritious food for the children to eat in school. In October 2017 we launched our second round of investment and look forward to the fruits of the harvest soon!

With support from the Mozambique School Lunch Initiative, farmers in the community are helping provide fresh crops for the school lunches.