

LUNCH PROGRAM REPORT

According to the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Food Security has become a major crisis in Kenya. The reason for this is the failed consecutive rainy seasons which has resulted to an increase from 3.5M to 4.1M of people facing food insecurity.

Bilal Muslim Mission of Kenya with the generous support provided by Zahra Trust introduced the Lunch Program for Preprimary and Madrassah students in the 15 BilalKenya Centres. A total of 2,519 students from Madrassah & 683 students from Pre-Primary level were provided with hot meals. The lunch program for madrassa was for 6 days, Saturdays & Sundays only and Pre-Primary 10 days.

Types of Meals Provided: Rice or Corn meal Porridge (Ugali) was served either with Kidney beans curry or Green Gram Curry.

Individuals residing in the rural centres strive hard to provide for their family. Majority don't have a steady income and depend on casual jobs to support their family. The amount an average person earns (Kshs.200/-) is not even enough to provide a meal for the children. Families are also no longer able to depend on domestic farming due to the scarce rainfall.



Benefits of Lunch Program:

1. **Decrease in absenteeism:** students don't remain hungry till evening during class. Once they have completed their Preprimary lessons they are provided with their hot meals and wait study for an additional hour before they carry on with the Madrassa class at 2.00pm
2. **Improvement in overall health:** children were very weak and underweight. An undernourished child is prone to falling sick frequently. The ill health of a child would affect all activities in class. Students now look forward to having their meals. This basic need is a privilege for most children as they don't have to remain hungry for the rest of the day.
3. **Improvement in academic performance:** the concentration level and attentiveness of a well fed child in class is high. This has drastically improved their academic and religious education performance.

NO. OF BENEFICIARIES:

MADRASSAH

2519

PRE-PRIMARY

683

TOTAL

3202

Comments about the program:



Parent's name: *Masika Baje*

Child's Name: *Katana Mkala*

Age: *6 yrs old PP:2*

Centre: *Jaffery Area: Mackinnon*

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