



Mary's Meals International

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January-December 2026 Project
Ethiopia

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Daughters of Charity

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Address of Registered Office

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Daughters of Charity is the organization that implements the Mary's Meals school feeding program in Ethiopia



2. Introduction

To: Mary's Meals Canada Board of Directors

Date: 20 April 2026

Project: The charitable and educational purpose of this project is to provide one daily meal in a place of education for children in Ethiopia.

Overview: Mary's Meals Canada and Mary's Meals International Organisation (MMI) entered into a contract on 23 January 2026 under which MMI is to support Mary's Meals Canada's school feeding program in Ethiopia. The number of children to be fed is based on the funds received which will be recorded as restricted funds for the work of Mary's Meals Canada in Ethiopia. The grant recipient will be Mary's Meals International Organisation (MMI), who will deliver the project on behalf of Mary's Meals Canada directly through Daughters of Charity.

Total grant: The total value of the grant proposal is CAD 400,000 and will be applied as follows.

Breakdown of restricted funds			
	Cost Per Child	Number of children*	Restricted Funds
School feeding program Ethiopia	CAD 31.70	12,618*	CAD 400,000.00
		TOTAL	CAD 400,000.00

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This is the first report to the Mary's Meals Canada Board of Directors for April 2026 as required under the Project Designation dated 23 January 2026, under which Mary's Meals Canada instructed Mary's Meals International to provide one meal on each school day in schools in Tigray, Ethiopia.

MMI gratefully acknowledges receipt of the first instalments of the grant payments by April 2026 to the value of \$30,618.90. In the period since the project began, we have utilized the grant instalments, successfully providing the services detailed in the Project Designation and providing school meals to children on behalf of Mary's Meals Canada in Ethiopia.

[An update on your project in Ethiopia](#)

In Ethiopia, children and families continue to face severe and ongoing challenges driven by conflict, climate shocks, and widespread food insecurity. Across the country, around 35.5% of children under five are stunted, reflecting chronic undernutrition and its long-term impact on children's health and development. In northern regions such as Tigray, where Mary's Meals operates, many families are still recovering from the combined effects of conflict and drought, with millions requiring urgent food assistance. In this context, school meals provide a vital and reliable source of nourishment, helping children to attend school, concentrate on lessons, and maintain a sense of stability in difficult circumstances.

For communities like Tsaeda Emni in Tigray, the impact of these meals is felt not only by children, but by entire families.

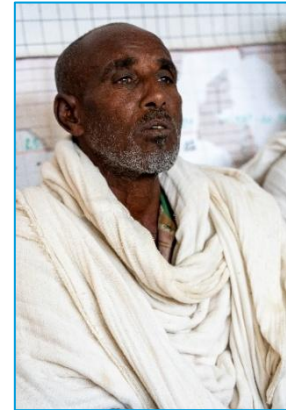
Edil Weldegebril, pictured below, an elder in the village, describes the daily reality faced by many: ***"Hunger is worse than the war... In hunger, you walk with your head hanging low and feeling***



stressed.” He explains that ongoing drought and economic hardship mean that many families struggle to find enough food, with some going to bed hungry.

While Mary’s Meals Canada’s school feeding program cannot solve every challenge, it provides essential relief. Edil shares that children now come running to school because they know they will receive a meal, bringing renewed energy and joy into their daily lives. Parents, too, feel the difference, with fewer worries about feeding their children and greater hope for their future.

As Edil reflects, the program is not only addressing hunger but helping education to continue, offering children the chance to learn, grow, and build a more stable future despite the challenges around them.



Thank you

As a result of your school feeding program, children in Ethiopia are receiving nutritious meals in school. This has had a significant impact on the lives of these children who are experiencing poverty, helping them during a particularly challenging time through the promise of a daily meal. On behalf of the children supported in your program in Ethiopia, thank you.



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Summits Education is one of the organizations that implements Mary's Meals school feeding program in Haiti.



2. Introduction

To: Mary's Meals Canada Board of Directors

Date: 20 April 2026

Project: The charitable and educational purpose of this project is to provide one daily meal in a place of education for children in Haiti.

Overview: Mary's Meals Canada and Mary's Meals International Organisation (MMI) entered into a contract on 23 January 2026 under which MMI is to support Mary's Meals Canada's school feeding program in Haiti. The number of children to be fed is based on the funds received which will be recorded as restricted funds for the work of Mary's Meals Canada in Haiti. The grant recipient will be Mary's Meals International Organisation (MMI), who will deliver the project on behalf of Mary's Meals Canada directly through Summits Education.

Total grant: The total value of the grant proposal is CAD 250,000 and will be applied as follows.

Breakdown of restricted funds			
	Cost Per Child	Number of children*	Restricted Funds
School feeding program Haiti	CAD 31.70	7.886*	CAD 250,000.00
		TOTAL	CAD 250,000.00

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3. Quarterly Update

This is the first report to the Mary's Meals Canada Board of Directors for April 2026 as required under the Project Designation dated 23 January 2026, under which Mary's Meals Canada instructed Mary's Meals International to provide one meal on each school day in schools in Haiti.

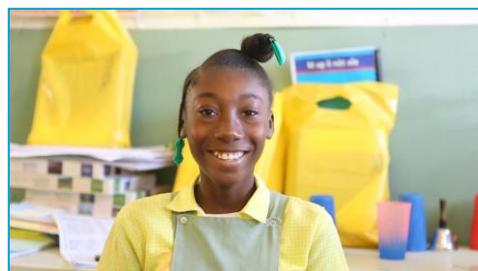
MMI gratefully acknowledges receipt of the first instalments of the grant payments by April 2026 to the value of \$19,136.81. In the period since the project began, we have utilized the grant instalments, successfully providing the services detailed in the Project Designation and providing school meals to children on behalf of Mary's Meals Canada in Haiti.

[An update on your project in Haiti](#)

In Haiti, children and families continue to face one of the most severe and complex food crises in the world, driven by ongoing violence, economic instability, and widespread poverty. Around 48–51% of the population is experiencing high levels of acute food insecurity, with many families struggling to access even the most basic meals. In this challenging context, Mary's Meals Canada continues to provide a vital source of daily nourishment in schools that remain open, supporting children to attend, learn, and find stability amid uncertainty.

For children like Daniela, this daily meal is making a life-changing difference.

Daniela, pictured right, attends school in Haiti's Central region, where learning continues despite the wider challenges facing the country. She now looks forward to going to school each day, but remembers a time when





hunger made it difficult to focus, often leaving her with headaches that forced her to rest her head on her desk.

Since receiving Mary's Meals at school, Daniela says she feels ready to learn and more confident in the classroom: ***"When I have eaten, I feel ready to learn. School is not difficult if you are full and focused – you can learn anything!"*** She now enjoys participating in lessons, especially in her favourite subject - science.

The impact extends beyond the classroom. Daniela's father shares that Mary's Meals Canada's program has eased the pressure on families in the community, with fewer worries about how to provide food for their children each day.

Daniela's story highlights how a simple daily meal can restore energy, improve learning, and bring a sense of hope and stability to children and families living through crisis.

Thank you

As a result of your school feeding program, children in Haiti are receiving nutritious meals in school. This has had a significant impact on the lives of these children who are experiencing poverty, helping them during a particularly challenging time through the promise of a daily meal. On behalf of the children supported in your program in Haiti, thank you.



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Board for Research Education and Development (BREAD) is the organisation that implements the Mary's Meals school feeding program in India.



2. Introduction

To: Mary's Meals Canada Board of Directors

Date: 20 April 2026

Project: The charitable and educational purpose of this project is to provide one daily meal in a place of education for children in India.

Overview: Mary's Meals Canada and Mary's Meals International Organisation (MMI) entered into a contract on 23 January 2026 under which MMI is to support Mary's Meals Canada's school feeding program in India. The number of children to be fed is based on the funds received which will be recorded as restricted funds for the work of Mary's Meals Canada in India. The grant recipient will be Mary's Meals International Organisation (MMI), who will deliver the project on behalf of Mary's Meals Canada directly through Board for Research Education and Development (BREAD).

Total grant: The total value of the grant proposal is CAD 400,000.00 and will be applied as follows.

Breakdown of restricted funds			
	Cost Per Child	Number of children*	Restricted Funds
School feeding program India	CAD 31.70	12,618*	CAD 400,000.00
		TOTAL	CAD 400,000.00

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3. Quarterly Update

This is the first quarterly report to the Mary's Meals Canada Board of Directors for April 2026 as required under the Project Designation dated 23 January 2026, under which Mary's Meals Canada instructed Mary's Meals International to provide one meal on each school day in informal education centres in India.

MMI gratefully acknowledges receipt of the first quarter instalments of the grant payments by April 2026 to the value of \$30,618.90 CAD. In the period since the project began, we have utilized the grant instalments, successfully providing the services detailed in the Project Designation and providing school meals to children on behalf of Mary's Meals Canada in India.

[An update on your project in India](#)

In India, children continue to face a significant and deeply unequal nutrition crisis, with poverty, rising costs, and limited access to diverse diets affecting millions of families. Around 35.5% of children under five are stunted, reflecting chronic undernutrition and its long-term impact on children's growth and development. For many children in low-income and marginalized communities, hunger remains a daily barrier to education. In this context, Mary's Meals Canada provides a vital incentive for children to attend school, supporting improved nutrition, concentration, and long-term opportunities through education.

For Fatima and her sister Soni, this daily meal became the first step towards transforming their futures.

Growing up in a slum community in Uttar Pradesh, the sisters, pictured right, faced significant barriers to education, particularly as girls in a community where schooling is often not prioritised. When a local school supported by Mary's Meals Canada's partner,





BREAD, opened, their family initially sent them for one simple reason - the promise of food.

As Fatima recalls: ***“At first, we only attended because of the food – it was more important than the classes... [The school meals] meant less pressure on my parents.”***

Over time, that initial motivation grew into something much greater. With the assurance of a daily meal, the sisters were able to focus on learning and began to understand the value of education in shaping their future. Despite social pressure and financial hardship, they continued their studies.

Today, Fatima has become the first woman in her family and community to graduate from university, while Soni is pursuing further education and preparing to join the police. Their journey reflects not only personal determination but the wider impact of school meals in reducing barriers to education and creating opportunities for girls.

Their story highlights how a simple daily meal can ease pressure on families, encourage school attendance, and unlock life-changing opportunities through education.

Thank you

In the face of the many challenges children encounter in India, Mary’s Meals Canada’s school feeding program serves as a vital lifeline. By providing daily meals, the program is making a transformative impact, offering children a powerful incentive to attend school while also addressing their immediate hunger, helping to create the conditions they need to learn and thrive. On behalf of the children your program in India is supporting, **thank you.**



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Mary's Meals Kenya is the organization that implements the Mary's Meals school feeding program in Kenya.



2. Introduction

To: Mary's Meals Canada Board of Directors

Date: 20 April 2026

Project: The charitable and educational purpose of this project is to provide one daily meal in a place of education for children in Kenya.

Overview: Mary's Meals Canada and Mary's Meals International Organisation (MMI) entered into a contract on 23 January 2026 under which MMI is to support Mary's Meals Canada's school feeding program in Kenya. The number of children to be fed is based on the funds received, which is recorded as restricted funds for the work of Mary's Meals Canada in Kenya. MMI is delivering the project directly through Mary's Meals Kenya (MMK).

Total grant: The total value of the grant proposal is CAD 10,000.00 and has been applied as follows.

Breakdown of restricted funds			
	Cost Per Child	Number of children*	Restricted Funds
School feeding program Turkana, Kenya	CAD 31.70	315*	CAD 10,000.00
		TOTAL	CAD 10,000.00

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3. Quarterly Update

This is the first quarterly report to the Mary's Meals Canada Board of Directors for April 2026 as required under the Project Designation dated 23 January 2026, under which Mary's Meals Canada instructed MMI to provide one meal on each school day for children in pre-schools in Turkana County, Kenya.

MMI gratefully acknowledge receipt of the first quarter instalments of the grant payment by April 2026 to the value of \$10,000.00 CAD. In the period since the project began, we have utilized the grant instalments, successfully providing the services detailed in the Project Designation and providing school meals to children on behalf of Mary's Meals Canada in Turkana County, Kenya.

[An update on your project in Kenya](#)

In Kenya, children and families continue to face ongoing food insecurity driven by repeated droughts, rising food prices, and economic pressures. Around 26.2% of children under five are stunted, reflecting chronic undernutrition and its long-term impact on children's growth and development. In arid and semi-arid regions such as Turkana, these challenges are particularly severe, with families facing difficult choices as livelihoods are repeatedly disrupted. In this context, Mary's Meals Canada provides a vital source of daily nourishment, helping children attend school, concentrate on lessons, and access a more stable future.

For communities like Turkana, the impact of school meals extends beyond the classroom and into the wider community.



Alice, pictured right, a female elder in her community, is using her voice to encourage families to prioritise education, particularly during times of hardship. As one of the few women in this leadership role, she is helping to shift attitudes and support children to attend school.

She explains: *“Here in Turkana, education is the only thing that will help because, even if some families still have livestock after this drought, it’s only a question of time before another drought kills them...”*



With drought forcing families to move in search of water and pasture, daily life is often unstable and dangerous. However, the presence of a school - and the provision of both meals and water - offers a vital point of stability. The availability of school meals, alongside community leadership from people like Alice, is helping to encourage parents to send their children to school.

This story highlights how school meals can support not only children’s education and wellbeing, but also strengthen communities, offering hope and resilience in the face of ongoing challenges.

Thank you

Mary’s Meals Canada’s school feeding program in Turkana, Kenya has continued to make a meaningful and lasting difference in the lives of the children. The daily nutritious meals you are providing are drawing children into the classroom and enabling them to stay in school and pursue their education. This work has been especially critical over the past year, as communities in Turkana remain heavily affected by the ongoing challenges of climate change and deep-rooted social, gender, and economic inequalities. On behalf of all the children supported in your program in Turkana, Kenya, **thank you.**



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Feedback Madagascar is one of the organizations that implements the Mary's Meals school feeding program in Madagascar.



2. Introduction

To: Mary's Meals Canada Board of Directors

Date: 20 April 2026

Project: The charitable and educational purpose of this project is to provide one daily meal in a place of education for children in Madagascar.

Overview: Mary's Meals Canada and Mary's Meals International Organisation (MMI) entered into a contract on 23 January 2026 under which MMI is to support Mary's Meals Canada's school feeding program in Madagascar. The number of children to be fed is based on the funds received which will be recorded as restricted funds for the work of Mary's Meals Canada in India. The grant recipient will be Mary's Meals International Organisation (MMI), who will deliver the project on behalf of Mary's Meals Canada directly through Feedback Madagascar.

Total grant: The total value of the grant proposal is CAD 200,000.00 and has been applied as follows.

Breakdown of restricted funds			
	Cost Per Child	Number of children*	Restricted Funds
School feeding program Madagascar	CAD 31.70	6,309*	CAD 200,000.00
		TOTAL	CAD 200,000.00

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MMI gratefully acknowledges receipt of the first quarter instalments of grant payments by April 2026 to the total value of \$15,309.45 CAD. In the period since the project began, we have utilized the grant instalments, successfully providing the services detailed in the Project Designation and providing school meals to children on behalf of Mary's Meals Canada in Madagascar.

[Updates from Madagascar](#)

In Madagascar, children and families continue to face deep and persistent hunger driven by climate shocks, poverty, and limited access to nutritious food. Across the country, around 38.4% of children under five are stunted, reflecting chronic undernutrition and its long-term impact on children's growth and development. In many rural communities, recurrent drought and food shortages make it difficult for families to meet even their most basic needs. Mary's Meals provides children with a reliable daily meal they can depend on. This consistent support not only eases hunger but helps children concentrate in class and lays the foundation for a more stable, hopeful future.



For children like Valicia, this daily meal plays a crucial role in making education possible.

Valicia, pictured right, is a 15-year-old pupil living in a rural farming community, where daily life is shaped by both hardship and resilience. As the eldest of four children, she balances her education with household responsibilities such as fetching water and helping at home. Reaching school is not always easy - her journey involves crossing a river and walking along narrow paths, with flooding during the rainy season sometimes forcing school closures for weeks.



Despite these challenges, Valicia remains committed to her education and dreams of becoming a doctor. She explains: *“Going to school is very important to me because it allows me to gain knowledge and avoid being misled when I grow up.”*

Like many children in her community, she has experienced the effects of hunger in the classroom, where it can be difficult to concentrate and some pupils even fall asleep. The school meals provided by Mary’s Meals Canada have made a significant difference, helping her feel happier, more motivated, and better able to focus on her studies.

Valicia’s story highlights how a simple daily meal can help overcome barriers to education, improve concentration, and support families facing ongoing hardship.

Thank you

Mary’s Meals Canada’s work is fundamental in providing a lifeline to the children you serve and your project in Madagascar has enabled Feedback Madagascar to keep the promise of a daily school meal to the children you serve in the country. On behalf of all the children Mary’s Meals Canada’s school feeding program is supporting, **thank you.**



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Scottish International Relief Malawi (Mary's Meals Malawi) is the organisation that implements the Mary's Meals school feeding program in Malawi.



2. Introduction

To: Mary's Meals Canada Board of Directors

Date: 20 April 2026

Project: The charitable and educational purpose of this project is to provide one daily meal in a place of education for children in Malawi.

Overview: Mary's Meals Canada and Mary's Meals International Organisation (MMI) entered into a contract on 23 January 2026 under which MMI is to support Mary's Meals Canada's school feeding program in Malawi. The number of children to be fed is based on the funds received, which is recorded as restricted funds for the work of Mary's Meals Canada in Malawi. Mary's Meals International Organisation (MMI) is delivering the project directly through Scottish International Relief Malawi (known as Mary's Meals Malawi).

Total grant: The total value of the grant proposal is CAD \$1,279,261.75 and will be applied as follows.

Breakdown of restricted funds			
	Cost Per Child	Number of children*	Restricted Funds
School feeding program Malawi	CAD 31.70	40,355*	CAD 1,279,261.75
		TOTAL	CAD 1,279,261.75

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MMI gratefully acknowledges receipt of the first quarter instalments of grant payments by April 2026 to the total value of \$97,923.96 CAD. In the period since the project began, we have utilized the grant instalments, successfully providing the services detailed in the Project Designation and providing school meals to children on behalf of Mary's Meals Canada in Malawi.

[An update from Malawi](#)

In Malawi, children and families continue to face widespread hunger driven by climate shocks, economic instability, and persistent poverty. Around 33.2% of children under five are stunted, reflecting chronic undernutrition and its long-term impact on children's growth and development. Recurrent droughts and rising food prices have made it increasingly difficult for families to access sufficient, nutritious food. In this context, Mary's Meals Canada provides a vital daily meal in schools, helping children attend class, concentrate on their learning, and supporting families facing ongoing hardship.



For children like Bridget, this daily meal is helping to make education possible.

Bridget, pictured right, is a 15-year-old girl from a rural village, where life is shaped by both resilience and challenge. Living with her mother and siblings, she helps with household chores each day before and after school, balancing these responsibilities with her commitment to learning. Like many families in her community, Bridget's household relies on small-scale farming, with unpredictable harvests making it difficult to secure enough food.



Despite these challenges, Bridget remains focused on her education and dreams of becoming a doctor. She values school not only for learning, but also for the opportunity to build a better future.

A key source of support is the meal she receives at school. As Bridget explains: ***“When I eat porridge, it brightens my day because I am full and energetic, and I feel happy.”*** The daily meal helps her to stay focused in class and relieves pressure on her family, knowing she will receive food at school.

Bridget's story highlights how a simple daily meal can improve concentration, support school attendance, and ease the burden on families, helping children to pursue their ambitions and build a brighter future.

Thank you

At a time of increased climate-related vulnerability and growing food insecurity, Mary's Meals Canada's dedication and commitment to the children you serve have continued to make a difference to the lives of children across Malawi. The daily meals Mary's Meals Canada has provided have not only provided children with nutrition and stability but have also encouraged class attendance and promoted the importance of education as a lifeline out of poverty and hunger. On behalf of all the children you serve, **thank you.**



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1. Company information

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Mary's Meals International Organisation is the central organisation that co-ordinates, supports and leads the global Mary's Meals movement, under the direction of the Chief Executive Officer and through the work of our global directorates.

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Mary's Meals Zambia Limited is the organization that implements the Mary's Meals school feeding program in Zambia.



2. Introduction

To: Mary's Meals Canada Board of Directors

Date: 20 April 2026

Project: The charitable and educational purpose of this project is to provide one daily meal in a place of education for children in Zambia.

Overview: Mary's Meals Canada and Mary's Meals International Organisation (MMI) entered into a contract on 23 January 2026 under which MMI is to support Mary's Meals Canada's school feeding program in Zambia. The number of children to be fed is based on the funds received, which is recorded as restricted funds for the work of Mary's Meals Canada in Zambia. MMI is delivering the project directly through Mary's Meals Zambia (MMZ).

Total grant: The total value of the grant proposal is CAD 1,037,163.25 and has been applied as follows.

Breakdown of restricted funds			
	Cost Per Child	Number of children*	Restricted Funds
School feeding program Zambia	CAD 31.70	32,718*	CAD 1,037,163.25
		TOTAL	CAD 1,037,163.25

**Please note number of children is based on global cost per child and is indicative only.*

3. Quarterly Update

This is the first quarterly report to the Mary's Meals Canada Board of Directors for April 2026 as required under the Project Designation dated 23 January 2026, under which Mary's Meals Canada instructed MMI to provide one meal on each school day in schools in Zambia.

MMI gratefully acknowledges receipt of the first quarter instalments of grant payments by April 2026 to the total value of \$79,391.99 CAD. In the period since the project began, we have utilized the grant instalments, successfully providing the services detailed in the Project Designation and providing school meals to children on behalf of Mary's Meals Canada in Zambia.

Updates from Zambia

In Zambia, children and families continue to face significant challenges driven by ongoing food insecurity, rising food prices, and the lasting impacts of climate shocks, including severe drought. Around 32% of children under five are stunted, reflecting chronic undernutrition and its long-term impact on children's growth and development. In this context, Mary's Meals Canada continues to provide a vital source of daily nourishment for children in school, supporting improved concentration, attendance, and stability for families living on the edge of hunger.

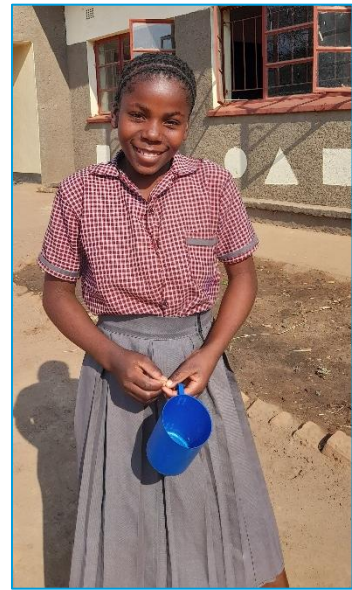
For children like Grace, this daily meal is more than nourishment - it is a reason to attend school, the energy to learn, and a source of hope for the future.



Grace, pictured right, is a bright and ambitious 12-year-old who dreams of becoming a teacher. She has received Mary's Meals at school since Grade 1 and says the daily porridge gives her the energy to stay focused and engaged in class. As she shares: *"I eat this porridge, and I find it very nice... it gives me great energy that makes me celebrate the rest of the day."*

Like many children in her community, Grace balances her education with household responsibilities, including cooking and fetching water, yet remains committed to her studies. She explains that the promise of a daily meal motivates her and her classmates to attend school, especially those who walk long distances each day.

Grace lives with her mother, who is raising six children alone through small-scale farming. Providing regular meals at home is difficult, and the school feeding program plays a vital role in supporting the family. Her mother shares that without it, many children - including her own - might be unable to continue their education.



Grace's story highlights how a simple daily meal can improve concentration, encourage school attendance, and ease the burden on families, helping children to learn and build a brighter future.

Thank you

Mary's Meals Canada's program is vital in providing a lifeline to the children. Your project in Zambia has enabled Mary's Meals Zambia to keep the promise of a daily school meal to children we serve in the country, incentivizing children to come to school and maintain their attendance. On behalf of all the children Mary's Meals Canada's school feeding program is supporting, **thank you.**