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Importance of School Feeding Programme

- **Start them Right make them Bright!**
- **A hungry Child cannot learn!**
- It is difficult to measure or even determine what a country losses when a child is unable to attend school because there is no food.
- We need to fully understand and implement the notion of the right to food in conjunction to the right to an education



CURRENT CHALLENGES

1. Lack of Financial Resources
2. Availability of sufficient supply of food for students
3. Access to nutritious foods
4. Various Socio-economic Challenges.

WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO AS A REGION ?

1. Develop a culture of Healthy Diets:

- Gastronomy
- Legislation to support National School Feeding Programmes
- Value Chain development to account for the School Feeding Programme

2. Use the School Feeding Programme to Create New and Local Industries:

- Food import Bill reduction programmes (CARICOM's 25 by 2025 Regional Food Security Programme))
- Training and develop local stakeholders to provide for the School feeding Programme
- Link Climate change to Nutrition security
- Use the School Feeding programme a tool towards reducing the incidents of NCD's

• 3. We must learn from each other.

• 4. Put Policy into action:

- Our Agri-trade policy must reflect the nutrition needs and realities of the population
- We must develop and encourage a culture that is able to make tough decision's