

NGUNGUGU PRIMARY SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM



The Family Meal of Today Can Take Priority Over Children's Potential for Tomorrow.

- Studies show that it is more difficult for children to learn without adequate food and nutrition. There are over 23 million primary school age children in Africa who attend school hungry.
- Poor households are often forced to choose between sending their children to school or to work.
- School food programs provide a strong incentive to send children to school and keep them there.
- Adequate school meals boost learning by allowing children to focus on their studies and not their stomachs.
- With \$50 a child can be fed for an entire school year.



The African Millennium Foundation is implementing a free-lunch program at Ngungugu Primary School in Thika, Kenya. Focusing on one of the poorest areas of Kenya, the program provides vital nourishment and helps keep children in school.

To implement the free-lunch program, AMF works together with a group of 25 women in the Thika community. Through a micro-lending initiative, the women developed a farming co-op to sustain the project.

The women work together on a shared piece of land to rear chickens, pigs, cows, and farm vegetables. These products provide food to the free-lunch program at Ngungugu Primary School, where many of their children and grandchildren attend. The project is also a source of income for the women, collectively selling products in the local market for an additional profit. This income improves the lives of families currently surviving on less than \$1 a day.