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Why we need **\$50 million** for Summer EBT

Bread for the World believes that better nutrition for children will lead to a better tomorrow. When children do better, the world does better.

Child nutrition programs are an important safeguard against child hunger, yet too many children are left without the nutrition they need when they are out of school. Of the nearly 22 million children who receive free or reduced-price lunch at school, only 3.7 million receive food assistance during the summer, leaving more than 18 million low-income children behind.

Many of those children live in rural and hard-to-reach communities where families face logistical and financial barriers to participation.

But there is good news! The Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children (Summer EBT) program offers an exciting opportunity to reduce summer hunger by providing additional resources to purchase food during the summer months for families whose children are certified to receive free or reduced-price school meals during the school year.

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When children consistently get the nutrition they need, they are more likely to grow up healthy and strong. Every child, regardless of region, household income, community resources, race, gender, or other factors, should receive the nutrition that he or she needs. Bread for the World is asking Congress to provide \$50 million for Summer EBT in the fiscal year 2021 budget to reduce summer hunger.

FOOD INSECURE CHILDREN ARE MORE LIKELY TO...

Experience learning and academic difficulties



Have poor health outcomes



Experience reduced concentration



Have a greater likelihood of hospitalization

If invested in Summer EBT, **\$50 million** could reach more than **400,000** low-income children resulting in:

- Significant reductions in summer food insecurity and very low food insecurity.
- Increased consumption of fruits and vegetables.
- Reductions in summer learning loss.

