

Chaffinch Feeding Programme: 3 Years On

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Image: sacks of food and boxes of eggs at Future Stars

We've provided a lot of food in 3 years!

We continue to celebrate our 3rd birthday by looking back at the Chaffinch Feeding Programme, which has been an integral part of our work since the very beginning.

Over the past 3 years we have been able to provide almost **200,000 hot meals** for the children who use the centre. We are now able to guarantee every child 3 meals a day, every day. This means no more children going to bed hungry and no child attending school without the nutrition required for them to concentrate on their lessons.

The staple foods that are provided include:

- rice;
- beans;
- sugar;
- maize flour (used to make ugali);
- chapati flour.

We also purchase eggs, fish, chicken, milk, chai, assorted vegetables, bread, margarine, cooking oil, and biscuits. This is supplemented by the produce grown in the shamba – fruits, vegetables, and herbs.

The total amount of the 5 identified staple foods is quite impressive! The graphics below should give you some idea of the quantities we have purchased over the past three years:



Rice, the weight of 2 adult polar bears!



Beans, the weight of an adult giraffe!



Sugar, the weight of 6 dolphins!



Chapati flour, the weight of 8 giant pandas!



Maize flour (makes ugali), the weight of a walrus PLUS an orangutan!