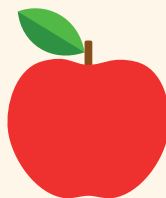




# Meal and snack ideas from a range of cultures



This supplement is to be given with the **Eat, Drink, Live Well booklet**. It is based on the ideas from people who represent various cultures\*. It is intended to provide a wider range of snack and meal ideas for people who have a reduced appetite or who have lost weight without meaning to.



If you need to gain weight it is better to eat 6 smaller meals instead of 3 big meals – choose 6 from a variety of foods.

## Meals

Achaar paratha with egg and butter

Chicken soup with butter and cream

Curry made with butter and cream with rice

Halem (stew with lentils, chicken, spices)

Soya mince curry

Jacket potato, beans and cheese with vegetables

Vegetable pasta bake

Mielie pap (savoury – see recipe)

Porridge with fortified milk and honey

Chicken bhatter

Saag with butter

Flat bread, or naan with creamed vegetable soup

Fish and chips

Eggs, cheese and bread

Rice and meat

Vegetarian cottage pie (lentils or soya mince)

Vegetable casserole

Vegetable curry and chips





## Snacks

Full fat yoghurt

Alsi pinni (flax seeds sweets)

Fresh / tinned fruit

Biscuits

Cake rusks / cream cake

Methai (Indian sweets with desi ghee)

Burfi (milk based sweet)

Handvo (vegetable cake – see recipe)

Vegetarian cocktail sausages

Mini cheese and onion pie

Toast and honey

Baklava (sweet pastry)

Scones

Gol papdi (cake)

Indian sweets

Vedhmi puranpatti (stuffed flatbread)

Samosa

Nuts

Puri (flatbread)

Flap jacks

Cereals / porridge

Bhakhari (flat bread)

## Puddings

Gajer halwa (sweet carrot)

Sweet rice with raisins,  
almonds and butter

Semolina pudding with  
butter, sugar and nuts  
(purriyani)

Mielie pap  
(sweet – see recipe)

Jalebi (sweet batter)  
and milk

Rice pudding

Panjiri with dried fruits

Apple pie or crumble  
and custard



## Drinks

Panha

Piyush

Chaas (see recipes)

Milky tea / milky coffee

Lassi

Fruit smoothie

Ayran (yoghurt drink)

# Refreshing Drinks

## Panha

makes 4–6 glasses

- 2 raw mangoes
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon cardamom powder (elachi)
- Pinch saffron

### Method:

1. Boil the raw mangoes in water until soft.
2. Drain all the water, remove the skins from the mangoes and strain the pulp.
3. Add sugar, cardamom powder and saffron – mix well.
4. Store in a bottle and refrigerate.
5. When you wish to drink, put 2 tablespoons of the mixture into a glass and top up with chilled water.



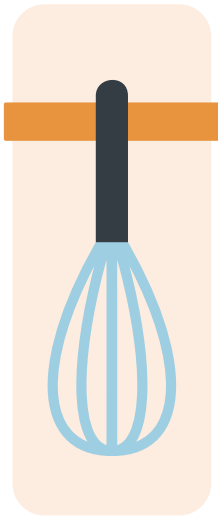
## Piyush

makes 4 glasses

- $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups of shrikhand
- 3 cups of buttermilk
- Sugar to taste
- Garnish with sliced pistachios

### Method:

Whisk ingredients together, chill, pour into glasses and garnish.



## Chaas

makes 4 glasses

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- 2 cups of fresh curds
- 1 teaspoon of roasted cumin seed powder (jeera)
- Half a teaspoon of green chilli-ginger paste
- ½ teaspoon black salt
- 4 cups cold water
- Garnish – chopped coriander

### For the tempering (optional)

- 1 teaspoon oil
- ¼ mustard seeds, pinch asafoetida (hing)

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### Method:

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1. Whisk the curds until smooth and add roasted cumin seed powder green chilli-ginger paste, black salt – mix well.
  2. Add 4 cups cold water.
  3. If you want to temper, heat the oil, add mustard seeds and asafoetida until mustard seeds crackle then pour over the buttermilk.
  4. Garnish with chopped coriander.
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Serve chilled – delicious served with handvo

# Snacks and small meals

## Handvo

Savoury cake made with lentils, rice and vegetables

- 2 cups of rice (chawal)
- ¼ cup wheat (optional)
- 1 cup of toovar dal (arhar)
- ¼ cup urid dal
- ¼ cup bengal gram (chana)
- ¼ cup split green gram (mung)
- 2 ½ cups white pumpkin (lauki) grated
- 1 teaspoon bi-carb soda
- 1 cup sour curds (or yoghurt)
- 4 tablespoons oil
- Juice of ½ lemon
- 2 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon chilli powder
- ½ teaspoon turmeric
- 3 tablespoons green chilli ginger paste
- Pinch salt

### For the tempering

- 2 teaspoons mustard seeds
- 2 teaspoons carom seeds
- 2 teaspoons sesame seeds
- 2 teaspoons asafoetida (hing)
- 4 tablespoons oil



### Method:

1. Rinse rice, then soak rice and dals for 4–5 hours, and drain.
2. Grind to a paste, gradually add sour curds, stir to prevent lumps. Ferment for 8 hours.
3. Mix in the rest of the ingredients. Pour this batter mix into a green tin or thali.

### Tempering

Heat the oil in a pan, add mustard seeds until they crackle, add carom seeds, asafoetida and sesame seeds.

When the sesame seeds are golden, pour mix over the batter.

Bake in a preheated oven at 200C (400F) for 30-35 minutes until golden.

Cut into desired shapes.

Serve hot with peanut and coriander, chutney or tomato ketchup.

Serves 6–8



## Meilie 'Pap' or 'Putu'

- 2 cups (500 ml) water
- 1/2 tsp (2.5ml) salt
- 1 cup (250 ml) maize meal
- 1 tbs (15ml) butter

### Optional extras (savoury)

- 1x tin sweetcorn
- 1x tsp crushed garlic
- 1x 400g tin tomato
- 200g grated cheddar cheese

### Optional extras (sweet)

- Sugar and milk to taste

### Method:

1. Put the water in a saucepan and bring to the boil.

**Optional (savoury):** you can add a tin of sweetcorn at this stage or a teaspoon of garlic.

2. Turn to a low heat once boiling and immediately add in the butter and the maize meal.

3. Adjust with extra water or maize meal to the consistency of your liking.

**Optional (savoury):** smooth off the top of the pap in the pot and smooth over a tin of tomato and onion mix. Cover with grated cheese.

4. Leave to cook covered on a low heat for about 30 minutes. Turn the heat right down so it stays warm.



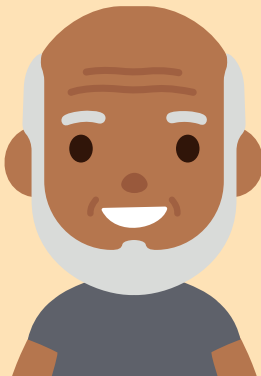
### Optional (sweet):

Add milk / inkomazi (sour milk) and sugar to taste.

Serve hot. Serves 8 as a side dish.

**Preparation:** 5 minutes **Cooking:** 30 minutes

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