

2021

led to more economic turmoil and food insecurity for communities already facing the ongoing public health crisis.

Your partnership with The Global FoodBanking Network (GFN) is instrumental in helping food banks scale operations to both meet surging demand now and build capacity and infrastructure for a more resilient future.

Today, food banks are at the center of the frontline response to the conflict in Ukraine, where they're meeting urgent hunger and humanitarian needs. And as the effects of the war add to the burden on food systems, threatening to usher in a worldwide hunger crisis, food banks will continue to play a crucial role. They strengthen food systems before, during, and after disasters — and are preparing to face even sharper increases in demand for food relief in the coming months.

As food banks continue to demonstrate their capacity to source food in times of scarcity, distribute food when supply chains are broken, and meet need when prices spike, we greatly appreciate your support, which helps make this work possible.

Top: Susan Wanjiru and Jane Wambui sort through tomatoes in Food Banking Kenya's warehouse. The food bank recovers surplus food and distributes it to communities experiencing hunger. (Photo: The Global FoodBanking Network/Brian Otieno)

Center: A staff member from No Food Waste serves a freshly prepared meal to people in Pachapalayam, a community in south India. (Photo: The Global FoodBanking Network/Narayana Swamy Subbaraman)

Bottom: A volunteer from Banco de Alimentos de Honduras repackages food for distribution at BAH's warehouse in Tegucigalpa. (Photo: The Global FoodBanking Network/Delmer Membreño)



GFN Global Impact by the Numbers

Food banks everywhere continued to face high service demands as the second year of the pandemic, rising food prices, supply chain disruptions, political instability, and unemployment continued to push people into hunger.

Across 44 countries, food banks in the Network scaled up and efficiently met increasing hunger needs thanks to their infrastructure, distribution capacity, and ability to respond during emergencies. 44 countries 39M people served

128% increase in people served over pre-COVID levels

692M Kg
of food and groceries
distributed

57%

average increase in food distributed per food bank over 2020

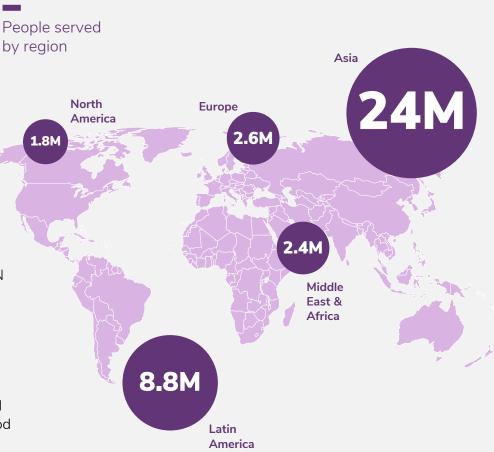
13.4M children aged 0-17 served

77%

of people served live in IMF-designated emerging market and developing economy countries

Focusing Impact on Areas of Greatest Need

Since 2007, **GFN** has expanded from **11 to 44 countries**. The majority of GFN members are located in emerging and developing economy nations where people with lower incomes are most affected by elevated prices and shortages, such as the Asia-Pacific and Latin America regions. We're deeply committed to reaching areas where food insecurity is high and community-led food banks could contribute to better access.



Partnership & Volunteering

During 2021, GFN member food banks served populations in need of emergency food assistance through a sophisticated and far-reaching system of more than 59,000 community service partners. In addition, nearly 317,000 unique individuals volunteered through food banks, a 14 percent increase over 2020. These dedicated volunteers provided more than 8 million hours of labor.

Volunteers prepare hundreds of meals at Scholars of Sustenance's Rescue Kitchen in Bali. (Photo: Scholars of Sustenance Indonesia)



Thank You

As part of our goal to improve food access for 50 million people facing hunger by 2030, GFN is proud to help food banks build stronger, more resilient food systems—before, during, and after crisis situations.

Our continued growth during challenging times is possible due to the engagement of partners like you. Thank you for your investment in food banks that help to build a world where everyone has access to wholesome food.

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Volunteers with Banque Alimentaire de Madagascar prepare to distribute food parcels to the community. Famine in southern Madagascar is exacerbated by significant drought in recent years. (Photo: The Global FoodBanking Network/iAko Randrianariyelo)

