

THE GLOBAL FOOD DONATION POLICY ATLAS

The Global Challenge

More than enough food is produced to feed every person, but one-third of all food produced for human consumption is wasted while 820 million people go hungry globally. Food donation simultaneously addresses food waste and food insecurity, but redirecting safe, surplus food can be complicated.

Food is heavily regulated and laws often pose barriers to food donation. Around the world, communities are implementing and advocating for policy reforms to move safe, surplus food into the hands of those who need it most.

The Global Food Donation Policy Atlas is a multi-year project that maps the laws and policies affecting food donations in an ever-growing list of countries. This project aims to: understand national laws relating to food donation, compare laws across countries and regions, learn about food donation barriers, share best practices and recommendations, and offer technical assistance support for policy implementation.

A Crucial Collaboration

The Global Food Donation Policy Atlas is an innovative partnership between the Harvard Law School Food Law and Policy Clinic (FLPC) and The Global FoodBanking Network (GFN), made possible by support from the Walmart Foundation.

FLPC is a national leader in researching, analyzing, and documenting laws and policies related to food donation in the United States. FLPC faculty, attorneys, and students work collaboratively with community organizations and governments to use policy as a lever to support food donation for humanitarian and environmental objectives.

GFN is an international non-profit organization that nourishes the world's hungry through launching and strengthening food banks in more than 50 countries. GFN focuses on alleviating hunger and preventing food waste by providing expertise, directing resources, and sharing knowledge to reach more people facing hunger. In 2021, GFN member food banks rescued and redirected food to more than 39 million people.

Together, FLPC and GFN identify countries where research on food donation policies would be beneficial and collaborate with local non-profits, businesses, government officials, and academics in designing and developing the atlas.

Sharing Findings across Borders and Cultures

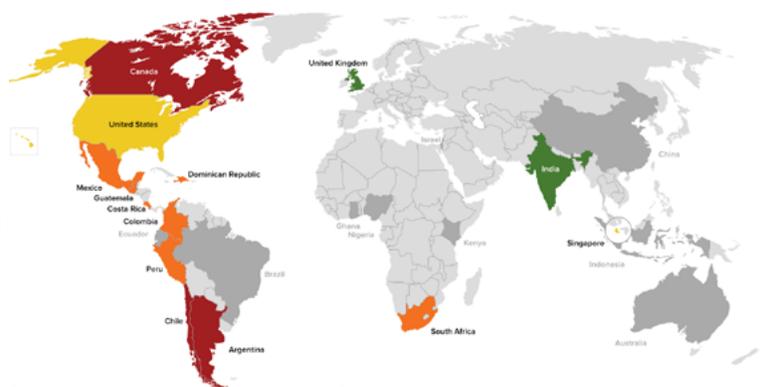
The Global Food Donation Policy Atlas shares its findings through several key avenues:

- A website, www.atlas.foodbanking.org, featuring an **interactive map** that allows users to compare food donation laws and relevant policies across countries.
- Comprehensive **legal guides** analyzing laws and policies relevant to food donation for each country.
- **Policy recommendations** for each country, informed by stakeholder input and comparative research.
- **Executive summaries** synthesizing major findings and action opportunities for policy change.
- A series of topical **issue briefs** addressing global challenges and best practices within different legal areas, from date labels to food safety law.
- Presentation of findings at **events** such as public conferences and webinars.

Examples of Laws Related to Food Donation:

- Liability protection, or “Good Samaritan” laws
- Tax incentives
- Tax policy barriers
- Food date labeling laws
- Food safety regulations
- Food waste penalties

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