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# Food banks' collective global impact 2019

SDG TARGET 12.3



**12.39**

BILLION KILOGRAMS

Amount of greenhouse gases prevented

SDG TARGET 12.3



**3.75**

MILLION METRIC TONS

Nutritious surplus food saved from landfills and redirected to hungry people

SDG 2



**66.5**

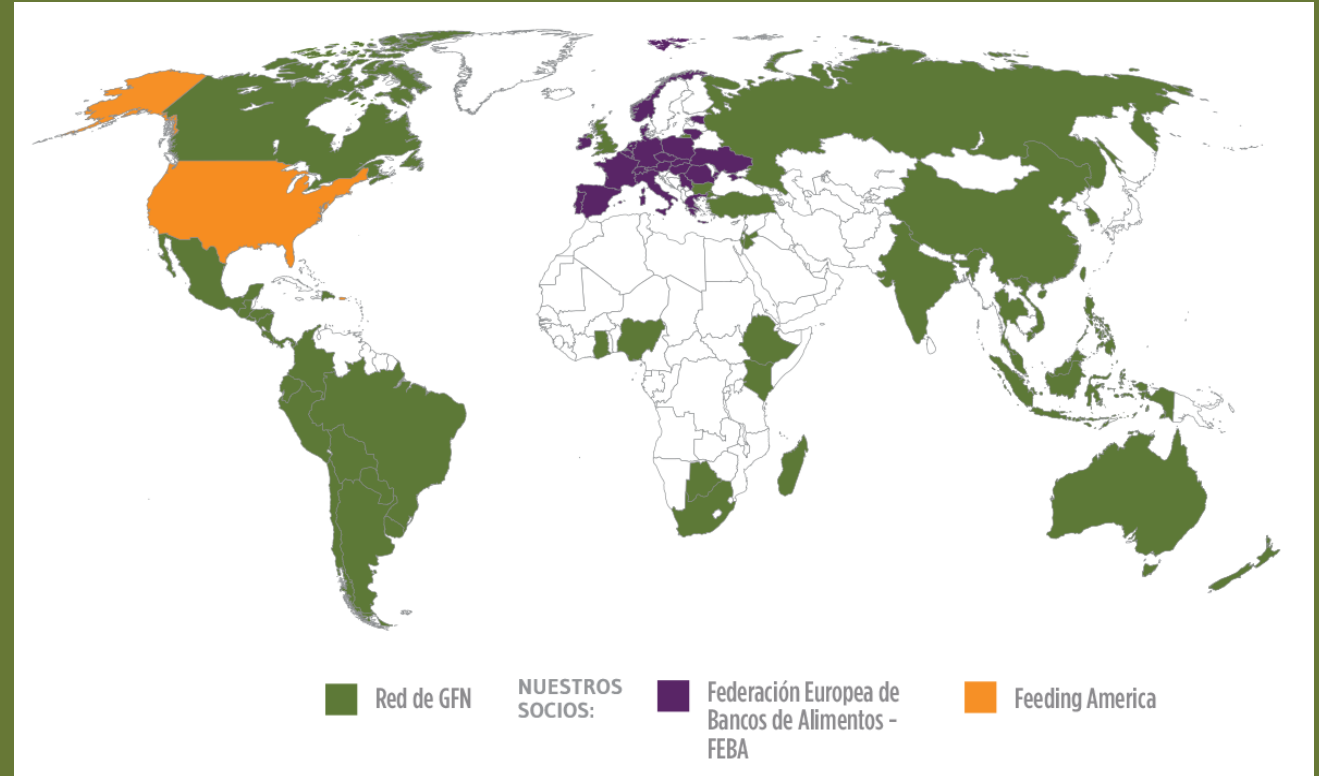
MILLION

People with hunger served by food banks

# STATE OF GLOBAL FOOD BANKING 2020

- Features food bank profiles from 14 new countries
- In the GFN network, food banking in Asia-Pacific has significantly expanded and now represents over half of people served in network
- There has been notable expansion in Sub-Saharan Africa, especially in major urban areas

## Global Scope of GFN and Major Partner Networks



# COMMUNITIES FACING A CRISIS LIKE NO OTHER

COVID-19 is driving an unprecedented increase in demand for food, pushing us toward a global hunger crisis.



1 in 4 faces food insecurity



An estimated 690 million now face chronic hunger



Those living in poverty are disproportionately affected



Women and children are the hardest hit



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# FOOD BANKS ARE STRUGGLING TO MEET DEMAND WITH LIMITED RESOURCES AND CAPACITY

**93%** report an increase in requests for food assistance

**81%** report significant restrictions due to public health

**80%** report serving more beneficiary agencies/ local charities

**89%** report that social protections to address food access and other concerns are insufficient

“COVID-19 has become a perfect storm for the millions of poor in our country. We hear people saying that they will first die of hunger before COVID.”

- Jomar Mariano Fleras,  
Executive Director,  
Rise Against Hunger Philippines

Source: GFN Pulse Survey, October 2020

# Brazil

## Food banking organizations > South America

Argentina Bolivia **Brazil** Chile Colombia Ecuador Paraguay Peru Uruguay

### FOOD BANK PROFILE

Name: Mesa Brasil SESC

Status: National Network

GFN member since: 2013



**40,000,000**

KILOGRAMS DISTRIBUTED



**1,400,000**

PEOPLE SERVED



**91**

FOOD BANKS



**720**

VOLUNTEERS



**840,000**

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED



**6,200**

BENEFICIARY ORGANIZATIONS



POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS -



DEVELOPMENT INDICATORS -



ECONOMIC INDICATORS -



Nearly 10.3 million Brazilians are food insecure. Although the government provides some income assistance, it is not enough to cover all basic needs, especially with rising unemployment. Food banks are still key to maintaining a social safety net. Since the pandemic, Mesa Brasil Sesc has seen a sharp increase in demand for food aid and has grown its food and grocery product distribution by 30 percent, providing emergency food supplies directly to people in need. Prioritizing families with children affected by school closures, the food bank is also providing boxed lunches to feed the whole family and fruit and vegetable kits.

**Explore the study today:**

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