

Exploring Global Policy Solutions to Increase Food Donation and Support Food Recovery during the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond



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About the Food Law and Policy Clinic

- Provide **legal and policy advice** to nonprofits, government agencies, entrepreneurs, and other organizations on a range of food policy questions
- **Educate students** about the role of law and policy in the food system
- **Build** the field of Food Law and Policy



Webinar Goals



Today's web conference is the first in a series focused on topics in law and policy related to food recovery and donation.

The goals for today's session are to:

- Introduce the **Global Food Donation Policy Atlas**
- Provide space for **policymakers and government officials** to discuss policies impacting food loss and waste;
- Learn about the best practices and barriers to improving food donation and reducing food waste **during the COVID-19 crisis**;
- **Discuss reforms** that may help to bolster food donation during the pandemic, and beyond the pandemic;
- **Inform** the development of an issue brief on COVID-19 and food donations.



THE GLOBAL FOOD DONATION POLICY ATLAS



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We Teamed Up with the Global FoodBanking Network (GFN)



TO IDENTIFY AND ANALYZE

national laws related to food donation and the most common legal barriers in 15 countries.

TO RECOMMEND POLICY CHANGE

for stronger, more sustainable food donation operations.

TO CREATE A PLATFORM FOR GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

through an online, interactive atlas tool that allows for comparison between countries, and through events like these web conferences.

Methodology



Select country with
input from GFN



Connect with
in-country food
bank organizations
and ask them to
partner



Conduct extensive
legal & policy
research

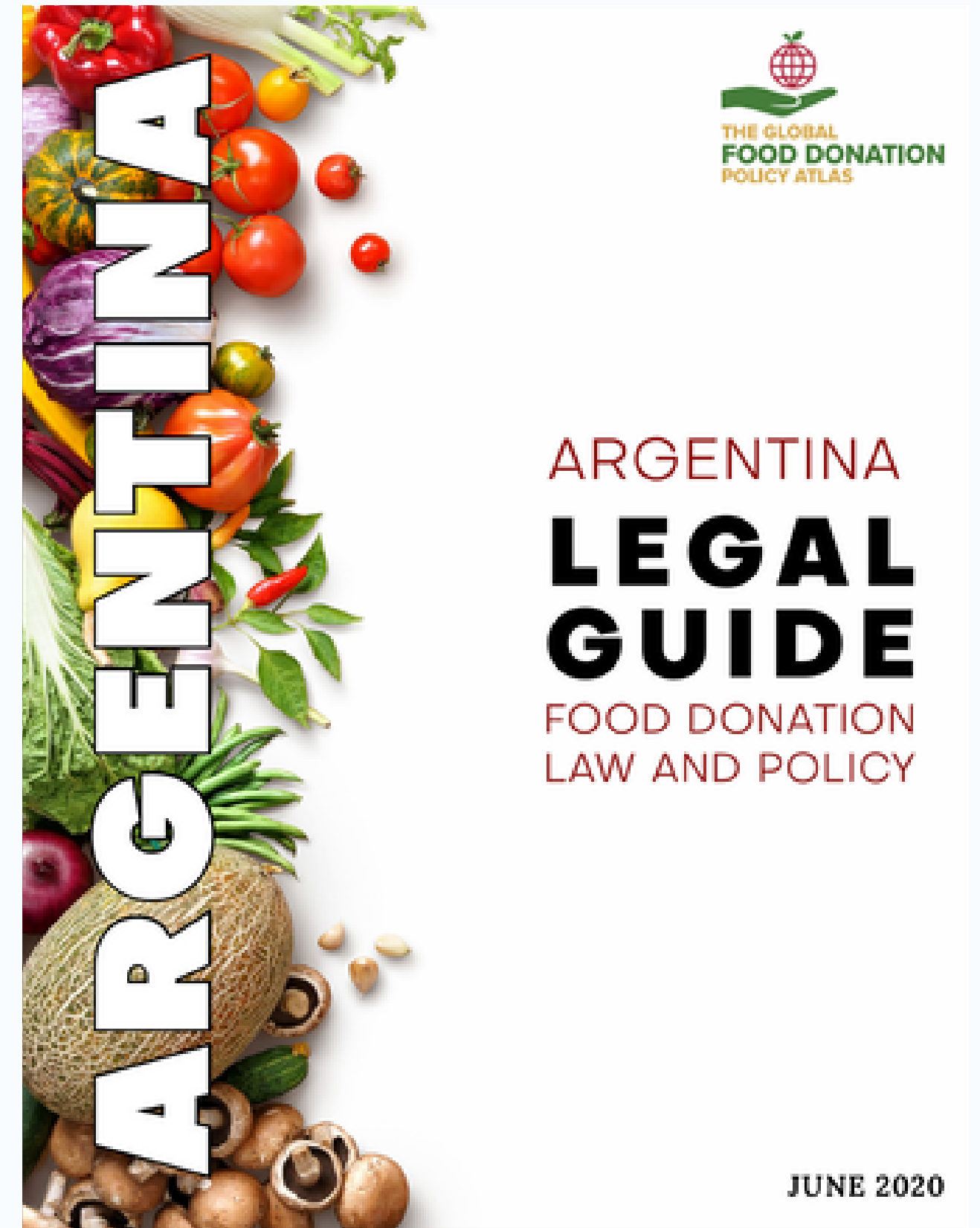
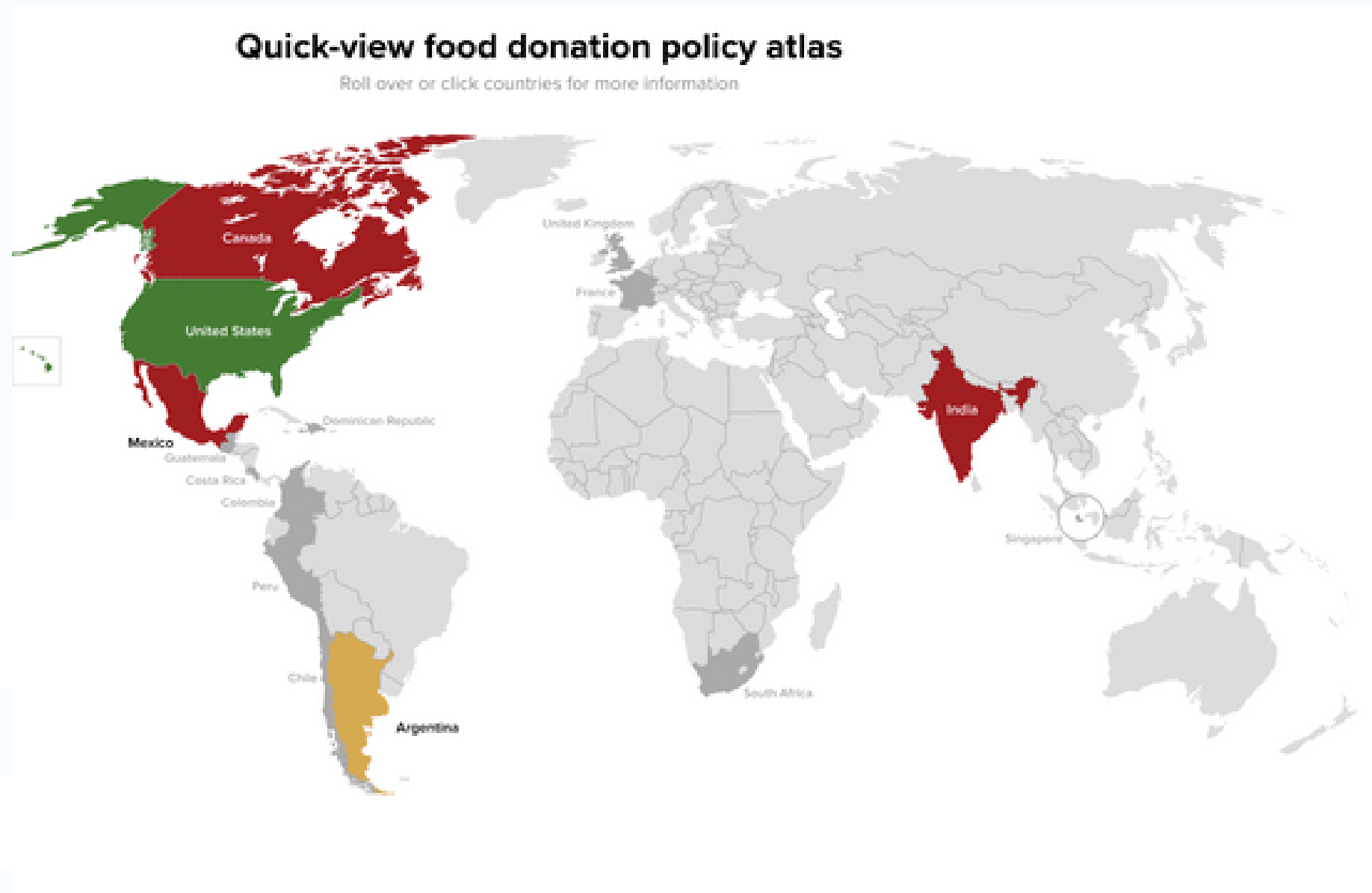


Visit country
& interview
stakeholders



Consult with
in-country legal
experts & partners

The Deliverables





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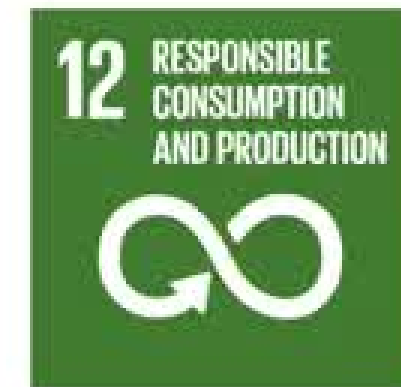
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Mapping the barriers to food donation

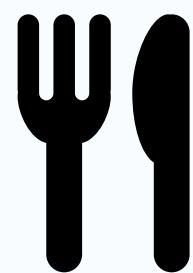
Every year, an estimated **1.3 billion tons of food is lost or wasted** globally. At the same time, more than **820 million people suffer from hunger** around the world. Food donation offers a critical solution to this troubling paradox, as it redirects safe, surplus food away from landfills to those who need it most. Unfortunately, most countries lack supportive laws and policies that enable food donation to reach its full impact.

The Global Food Donation Policy Atlas provides a first-of-its-kind look at the current state of food donation laws and policies in [participating countries](#) along with country-specific policy recommendations for strengthening food recovery efforts. The project includes the [Quick-view atlas](#), which visually compares the food donation policy landscape across countries, and the [Library](#) of country-by-country executive summaries, legal guides, and policy recommendations.

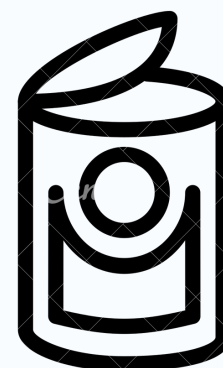


Legal frameworks that promote greater food donation are essential to achieving the **UN Sustainable Development Goals**.

Legal Issues



Food Safety



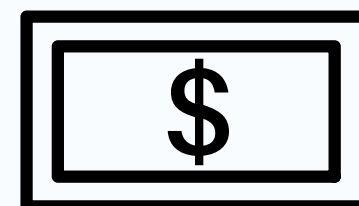
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Liability



Tax Incentives
& Barriers



Requirements
& Penalties



Govt. Grants
& Incentives



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Impact of COVID-19

- Global rates of hunger and food insecurity have been growing precipitously
- Food waste accumulating along the supply chain, with ongoing market uncertainty

Food Donation and the Global Pandemic: Key Issues (June 2020)



1. Many countries **do not officially recognize food banks** and food recovery organizations and **exclude entities** as part of emergency response measures.
2. Food banks and food recovery organizations **are independently filling gaps** left by non-existent or insufficient government social protection.
3. Food banks and food recovery organizations are **facing severe resource shortage and lack of operational support** despite increased demand.
4. Food banks and food recovery organizations are **encountering new barriers** to food rescue and delivery.



A CRITICAL SOLUTION

is to adopt **clear** and **comprehensive** laws and regulations for food donation, i.e. redirecting, safe, surplus food to those who need it most.



Today's Discussion

- Focus on best practices, barriers, and policy options to strengthen food donation during COVID-19 and beyond
- Inform the development of updated issue brief on COVID-19 Begin a dialogue between government officials, both speakers and attendees, who we hope will join for future sessions



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