Starting a Food Bank

Six toolkits to guide you through the process of planning and launching a food bank to alleviate hunger in your community.



OCTOBER 2021

STARTING A FOOD BANK 1

In this Toolkit Series

The **Starting a Food Bank** series was created as a resource for anyone seriously considering establishing a food bank in their community. The Global FoodBanking Network supports community-driven solutions to alleviate hunger in more than 40 countries. We believe food banks are key to achieving Zero Hunger and building resilient food systems. We offer support at all stages, from start-up to certification to leadership building.

For more information or to access the full series, visit: www.foodbanking.org/new-food-bank-dev

TOOLKIT 1

Understanding Food Banking



Learn how food banks help communities, some common operating models, and the role of The Global FoodBanking Network.

TOOLKIT 3

Assessing Feasibility



Learn how to evaluate your community's needs, current services, and available resources to determine if a new food bank is a good fit.

TOOLKIT 5

Generating Support



Learn how to raise starting capital for your food bank and implement strategies for developing a reliable donor pipeline. TOOLKIT 2

Laying the Groundwork



Learn the basic steps involved in the process of establishing a food bank and how to start framing your planning process.

TOOLKIT 4

Building a Business Plan



Learn how to create a roadmap for your food bank, and articulate your mission, planned services, required resources, and financial projections.

TOOLKIT 6

Launching & Beyond



Learn how to plan for a smooth public launch, evaluate your food bank's performance, and make needed adjustments in the first year.

With Thanks

This work was made possible thanks to the generous support of the PIMCO Foundation.

Cover: Campinas, SP, Brazil, November 25, 2020: Staff from Mesa Brasil SESC, a GFN supported food bank, sort produce donations provided by a local company to fight hunger. (Photo: The Global FoodBanking Network / Carlos Macedo)

The **Starting a Food Bank** toolkit series is copyrighted and is the sole property of The Global FoodBanking Network (GFN) and shall not, without the express written consent of GFN, be repurposed, edited, or duplicated, except as necessary in the project. The use of the GFN Toolkit series does not grant membership in GFN nor create an association with GFN, nor does the use of the series obligate GFN to engage with or support your efforts to establish a food bank in your community or expand an existing food bank.

©2021 The Global FoodBanking Network