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.
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 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 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 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 5
Generating Support
Learn how to raise starting capital for your food bank and implement strategies for developing a reliable donor pipeline.

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.

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