



The **Global
FoodBanking
Network**[®]

Network Activity Report Survey Review: CY21

December 6, 2021



About the NAR

- Network Activity Report is GFN's annual survey of food bank operations and programs
- Although data collection and surveys have been conducted by GFN since its inception, the NAR as we know it has been conducted since 2011, allowing us to glimpse trends over time
- GFN is a data-driven organization
- Your timely, accurate response to NAR is important
- 100% response
- Will launch January 4
- Due date: February 4

Why Does GFN Conduct the NAR?

- 1. Evaluating** - The survey helps GFN staff to better understand the effectiveness of its work: technical assistance, grantmaking, knowledge sharing, etc.
- 2. Informing** - Information collected in the survey helps GFN prepare materials for a wide variety of audiences (donors, general public, NGO partners) to tell the story of food banks.
- 3. Planning** – GFN uses information from the Network Activity Survey to inform its planning process for the upcoming year.
- 4. Understanding** – Information from the network survey gives GFN better insight into the operations, infrastructure, and impact of our food banks.

We have made some adjustments to streamline the survey process and reduce respondent burden.

A separate product sourcing survey will be sent to the Network in early February. This will ask questions about donations from corporate donors and sources of product. This enables GFN's Product Sourcing Team to have timely information as it builds out new partnerships.



Fewer questions



More skip patterns



Fewer open-ended questions



Enhanced definitions

How the NAR is Organized

- Food Bank/National Network Information
 - Budget
 - Staff
 - Board
 - Beneficiary Information
 - People served
 - Children
 - Women and girls
 - 60+
 - BOs
 - Distribution Information
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 - Donated
 - Purchased
 - Distributed
 - Food by category
 - Nutritious food
- Food purchase programs
 - Volunteers
 - Programs
 - Maternal and child health
 - Open-ended questions
 - Submit documents
 - Audited financials
 - Annual report
 - Approved budget

The survey invitation comes directly from SurveyMonkey. Click the link.

GFN Network Survey 2021

Dear Food Banker,

This is just a reminder to complete the GFN Network Survey 2021. The completed survey is due by **Monday, 15 February, 2021**. Completion of this survey is essential for our work and is the most important source of data about the extent and nature of food banking around the world. Internally, the data helps GFN make the most strategic decisions about resource allocations, and externally the data is crucial for helping donors and supporters to better understand the scope and effectiveness of the food bank model. Your timely and accurate responses to the survey are appreciated.

If you have any questions about the survey or any difficulties accessing the survey, please contact Alyssa Ceretti, Research Assistant, at aceretti@foodbanking.org.

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete and fill out this important survey.

Estimados directores / Estimadas directoras,

Esto es solo un recordatorio para completar la Encuesta de la Red GFN 2021. La encuesta completada debe entregarse antes del **lunes 15 de febrero de 2021**. Completar esta encuesta es esencial para nuestro trabajo y es la fuente más importante de datos sobre el trabajo importante de los bancos de alimentos en todo el mundo. Internamente, los datos ayudan a GFN a tomar las decisiones más estratégicas sobre la asignación de recursos y externamente, los datos son cruciales para ayudar a los donantes y colaboradores a comprender mejor el alcance y la eficacia del modelo de banco de alimentos. Se agradecen sus respuestas oportunas y precisas a la encuesta.

Para responder a la encuesta en español, hay un botón en le esquina superior derecha que dice "inglés." Haz clic en este botón y escoge "español." Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre la encuesta o cualquier dificultad para acceder a la encuesta, comuníquese con Alyssa Ceretti, Asistente de investigación, en aceretti@foodbanking.org.

Muchas gracias por tomarse el tiempo para completar y llenar esta importante encuesta.

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Director of Impact Assessment & Research
Directora de evaluación de impacto

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GFN Network Survey 2022

Network Information

Thank you for taking the time to complete the Global FoodBanking Network (GFN) Annual Survey 2022. Survey must be returned by February 4, 2022.

The accurate and timely completion of this survey is invaluable to GFN's work on your behalf, including:

- Raising public awareness of food banking as a proven method to addressing global hunger;
- Building food banks' capacity;
- Grantmaking;
- Training and education;
- Gathering and sharing best practices; and
- Ultimately, helping you serve more individuals suffering from food insecurity.

In this survey, you will be asked about information related to your organization and its operations, including:

- Beneficiary information;
- Distribution information;
- Inventory management;



- Name of Person Responding
- Contact Information
- Name of Executive Director
- Annual operating budget
- # of paid staff
- # of food banks or locations

National Network: is a food bank infrastructure comprised of multiple legal entities. There is a national entity (an association, a foundation, or whatever type of legal entity is appropriate to the country's nonprofit law). There are also multiple independent food banks, each serving a particular geographic region, and each operating under its own legal organizational infrastructure, with its own governance and management structures, program structure, etc. The food banks adhere to a common set of administrative and operating standards, and compliance with those standards is managed by a contractual or franchise relationship to the national entity. Examples of this include Food Banks Canada, Red Argentina de Bancos de Alimentos, and Foodbank Australia.

National Food Bank: is a food bank infrastructure comprised of a single legal entity. The food bank may (or may not) have multiple facilities, but it has scaled its delivery of food banking services to reach a significant majority of the need in its country. It may accomplish this through the use of multiple facilities across the country, the deployment of mobile distribution routes, and/or the implementation of virtual food banking. Examples of this include Zomato Feeding India, FoodForward South Africa and Banco de Alimentos de Honduras.

Independent Food Bank: is a food bank infrastructure comprised of a single legal entity operating in a specific geographic region. The independent food bank may, in fact, operate multiple facilities in multiple locations, but the scale and scope of operations is less than needed to reach a significant majority of the national need. There may be multiple independent food banks in a country where there is no national network or national food bank. Examples include Food Banking Kenya and Feeding Hong Kong.

Beneficiary Information: People

- The Network Activity Report asks for an **unduplicated** number of people served annually by the food bank or by all food banks in the network (if a national network).
 - Total number of people served
- This year, to get a better understanding of who food banks and national networks ultimately serve, we will be asking more detailed information about the beneficiary population.
 - “Regular” users: Clients who receive food or product on a regular or semi-regular basis throughout the calendar year
 - “Sporadic” users: Clients who receive food for the first time (driven by new circumstances) or only receive services once or infrequently throughout the calendar year

Beneficiary Information: People

- Children under the age of 18
- Women and girls
- Older adults 60+

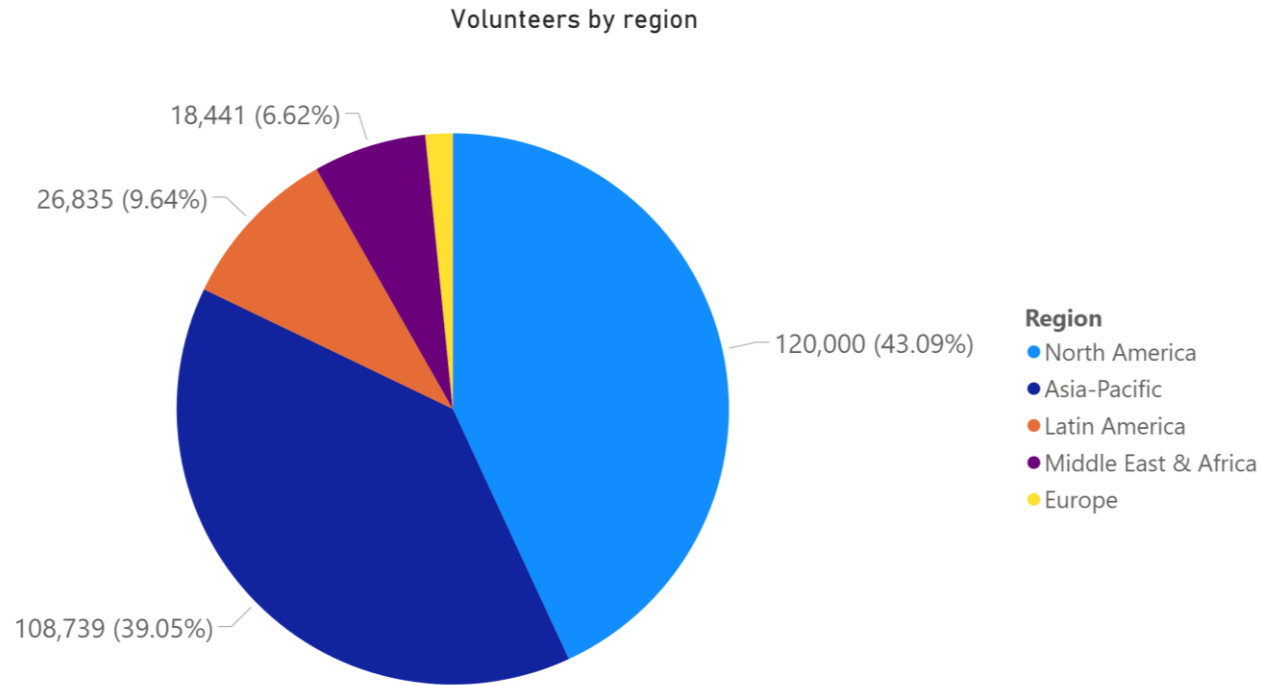
Beneficiary Information: People and BOs

- GFN is also seeking information on people served through the following means:
 - Directly served: People who receive food directly from the food bank, e.g., mass distribution, home deliveries in lieu of school feeding.
 - Served through beneficiary organizations (BOs): People who receive food through community-service organizations, charities that receive product from a food bank and redistribute it to people in need. Examples include food pantries, homeless shelters, summer camps, and orphanages. This does not include communities, families, or individuals.

Kilos of Food and Grocery Product

- Between the period of 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021, how many kilograms of food and non-food sourced were:
 - Donated by the private sector
 - Donated by the government (e.g., commodities)
 - Purchased
 - Skrinkage
- How many kilograms did your food bank/national network distribute?
- Of the total distribution, how many total kilograms were:
 - Food and beverage (v non-food items like cleaning or personal hygiene products)?
 - Distributed via virtual food banking?
 - Nutritious?
- Product categories
- Size of a meal

In 2020, 277k+ volunteers dedicated their time to food banks in all parts of the world.



Number of unique volunteers

Volunteers who were reimbursed or compensated in any way

Total number of service hours

Programs/Programas

- Direct/congregate feeding
Comedores directos/comunitarios
- Employment training
Capacitación para el empleo
- Agriculture recovery/field or farm gleaning/green market pickup
Recuperación de productos agrícolas/espiguelo en campos o granjas/recolección en mercados agrícolas
- Sustainable agriculture/local farmers (e.g., community gardens, chicken

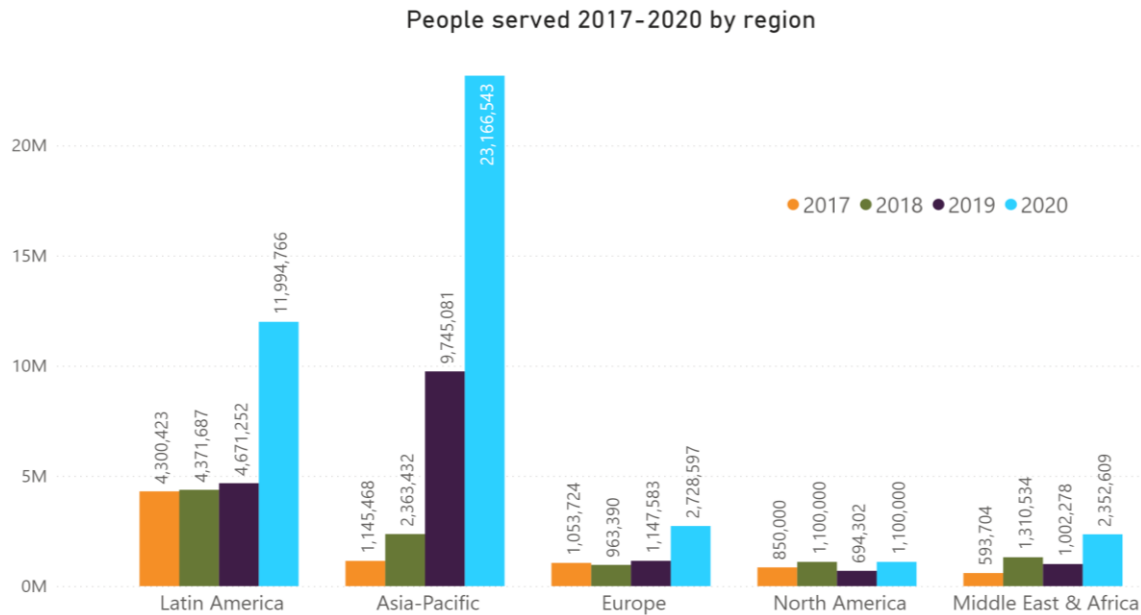
programs)
Agricultura sustentable/agricultores locales (por ejemplo, huertas comunitarias, programas de cría de pollos)

- Special programs for women
Programas especiales para mujeres
- Special programs for seniors
Programas especiales para adultos mayores
- Nutrition education/training
Educación/capacitación sobre nutrición

Please share the top 3 activities or programs your food bank / network was most proud of in 2021.

You are invited to share what you think are the biggest challenges you will face in 2022.

GFN produces a series of reports, charts and tables, and fact sheets with the results analyzed in various ways.



global total

by region

**by country
classification**

Thank you for your time!

You'll receive a link in January to the full survey.

Dates to Remember

- SurveyMonkey link will go out on January 4
- Deadline is February 4
- Product Sourcing-specific survey is scheduled for early February

Questions?

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have a question, need clarification, or want to offer input on the survey.

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