

India Food Banking Network

India Food Banking Network (IFBN) is the flagship program of Food Security Foundation India, a not-for-profit registered on 17th June 2011. We have a vision to eliminate hunger and manage food waste in India by establishing a strong and efficient network of FoodBanks throughout the country, so that every district has access to at least one FoodBank.

A Food Bank is a not-for-profit distribution enterprise that serves the community. It acquires donated or surplus food products including grains and packaged food as well as funds for sponsored meals or snacks and makes it available to people who are hungry or lack nutritional food.

IFBN distributes food products and meals through a network of community based organizations or NGOs that run institutional feeding programs. These include feeding programs at schools for underprivileged children, homeless shelters, old age homes, after-school programs, orphanages, charitable hospitals and other programs for the needy.

IFBN is bringing together the government, private sector, and NGOs in multi-stakeholder partnerships to establish a network of Food Banks to systematically capture non-perishable packaged food from food companies and channelize it to the institutional feeding programs.

IFBN thus acts as a platform for aggregation and effective deployment of India's existing resources of food, funds, infrastructure, technology, spirit of volunteerism and culture of feeding to address the challenge of hunger while tackling the .

Linking prevention of food waste to providing access to food

Excess packaged food and grains on the shelves and warehouses of food industry is worth millions. But good quality food is wasted and thrown away because of short remaining shelf life. India Food Banking Network offers a food management solution for excess food inventory and helps food businesses to timely save this surplus food products to feed those in need. IFBN recovers this surplus inventory of good quality packaged food from food industry and delivers it safely to Not- for-Profit organisations to feed those in need within the best before date of the products.

Impact: IFBN connects surplus inventory of packaged food and grains from food companies to feed those in need, especially children. This helps to save food and resources that went into production of food from going waste, free up valuable warehousing space and save financial and environmental costs of disposal for the food companies. Also food companies can build a brand image as socially responsible and Schedule VII to the Companies Act 2013 lists eradication of Poverty, Hunger and malnutrition as an eligible CSR activity

Prioritizing Food Security and Nutrition

Adequate food and nutrition is the foundation for a healthy and productive life and the basic pre-requisite for all other interventions in the areas of health, education and skill building. IFBN is therefore also helping corporates to prioritize food security and nutrition and to use the resources earmarked for CSR initiatives to fund nutritious meals or snacks to children in schools. The donations are eligible for tax benefits under Section 80 G of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

Impact: A daily in-school hot nutritious meal or snack provided to the students throughout the year will provide vital nourishment, help keep children in school and improve growth and learning outcomes.

Large Scale Impact

India Food Banking Network is committed to creating a strong and efficient network of FoodBanks across the country.

India Food Banking Network with over 100 NGO partners and more than [25 corporate partners](#) is serving over million meals every year in 10 locations. We are leveraging the existing network of local NGOs, corporate CSR resources and our operational expertise to swiftly move funds and food to targeted beneficiaries in a sustained way. This multi-stakeholder partnership ensures large scale impact on hunger and malnutrition. This also supports and strengthens the ecosystem for the implementation of other development programs in the areas of livelihoods, women's empowerment, education and skill building to break the viscous cycle of undernourishment and poverty.

Food Safety

Food safety and quality is at the core of food banking operations. All partner organisations in the network adhere to the safety guidelines to ensure the quality of food being distributed to the beneficiaries. The entire distribution channel is sensitive to any leakage, misuse, lax in safety and quality standards. All the partners are committed to maintaining full transparency and integrity while working together for managing food waste and distribution of surplus food to those in need and implementation of food and nutrition programs such as School Meals Programs.

Get Involved:

Corporates

Your financial contributions and the donation of surplus inventory of non- perishable food would help us strengthen the network and provide access to food to those in need, especially children. We take utmost care in efficiently allocating the aggregated food and funds, thus transforming your involvement into impact.

Corporates can support and strengthen the Food Banking endeavour of Food Security Foundation India – India Food Banking Network by integrating food banking into the organization's supply chain management and also CSR initiatives. We take utmost

care in efficiently allocating the resources, and ensure that they are channelized towards the most needy people of India; thus, transforming your corporate involvement into impact.

Become a Product partner

Every year companies involved in large scale processed food production remove tons of food from the supply chain. However, the food meets all food quality norms and is suitable for consumption. These companies save food from going waste and feed millions by donating the unsold/ surplus inventory. This will help:

- Reduce food wastage in an ecosystem where millions starve
- Release valuable warehouse space
- Save financial and environmental costs on disposal of usable products
- Build the image of the company's products as socially responsible

Become a Financial partner

Food Security Foundation India - India Food Banking Network depends on the financial support of organizations to deliver practical and proven solutions that save food from getting wasted and get food to hungry children and families to favourably impact their health, education and productivity. Your financial contribution today will help build and strengthen the food banking systems nationwide and feed millions of people by rescuing and channelizing surplus and donated food.

By supporting our cause financially, you can derive the following benefits:

- Tax benefit under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act
- Compliance with CSR provisions of Companies Act 2013 as eradicating Hunger, Poverty and Malnutrition is the first recommended activity under Schedule VII
- Build the brand of the company as socially responsible
- Inculcate and support a culture of giving and feeding in your organization

You can donate by issuing a cheque in favour of 'Food Security Foundation India'.

Partners:

Some of our partners who have supported with surplus food and funds are Cargill India, Britannia Industries Pvt Ltd., Kellogg's India, Yum! India (KFC), Nestle, Sodexo, Muthoot Group, Neotia Foundation, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) and Times Foundation, Reliance Foundation, Griffith Laboratories, DLF India.

Individuals

Join hands with us in the fight against hunger and food waste!

Become a Volunteer

You can volunteer for a number of activities:

- Create Awareness on Behalf of IFBN: Represent IFBN at community events, speak to local groups about ***hunger and food waste*** and IFBN, and encourage them to

get involved. You can help us spread the message through Social Media: help us enhance and maintain our presence on various social media platforms by being an active follower on Facebook and Twitter, as well as promoting the same.

- **Contribute to IFBN's Resources:** Design communication collateral like fliers and pamphlets for events, enhance our informative website, carry out documentation, create grant proposals, undertake partnership development, and follow-up and communicate with stakeholders, to share our current projects and successes.
- **Help with Special Events or Create Your Own:** Occasionally volunteers are needed to publicize special events. You can conduct a food drive at the local level in your residential locality, educational institution or workplace to raise food, and advocate the cause of preventing and managing food waste on behalf of IFBN.

Donate Food

We stand united in our fight against hunger for 194.6 million people in India. Let's pledge to not waste food and also contribute on a sustained basis to those who don't have access to sufficient nutritious food.

Personal Donation

India Food Banking Network depends on the support of concerned residents to deliver practical and proven solutions that save food and get it to hungry children and families. Your contribution today will help build and strengthen food bank systems nationwide and feed millions of people by rescuing and channelizing surplus food.

You can donate by issuing a cheque in favour of 'Food Security Foundation India'. You can make a one-time donation on a special occasion or in honour of a loved one, or you could contribute on a regular basis. With even a small contribution each month, you can make a real difference in the fight against hunger and food waste.