

Questionnaire for Food Banks and Other Local Food Organizations

Research Study on Food Banks

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Research Summary

You are invited to participate in a research study conducted by Dr. Daniel Warshawsky at Wright State University, because your organization plays a key role in urban food waste management and hunger reduction. This research examines the development of food banks across the world. In particular, this study analyzes the structure, programs, and operations at food banks and the impacts that food banks have on food insecurity and food waste levels.

This interview asks basic questions about your organization's food waste programs. It takes about 45 minutes to complete. Your participation is completely voluntary, and the information you provide is both anonymous and confidential. You must be aged 18 or older to participate. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Warshawsky at daniel.warshawsky@wright.edu or 1-937-775-2845.

Interview Questions

1. What is the history of your organization, and how did it develop?
2. Describe your organization in terms of the following:
 - a. Mission
 - b. Programs
 - c. Populations served
 - d. Organizational structure
 - e. Sources of funding
 - f. Measurable outcomes or impacts
3. Describe your network of food bank affiliated non-profit and voluntary organizations. What is the structure of this food bank network, and have there been any challenges within this network?
4. Do you work with the national, regional, or local government? If so, how?
5. Do you work with any private food retailers or manufacturers?
6. What is your organization's relationship with regional, national, or international food bank associations?

7. Has your organization faced any recent institutional challenges which may have limited its operations, such as problems related to funding, human resources, increased demand, or political pressure?
8. Have there been any changes in your mission or objectives since your organization developed? If so, why?
9. Does your organization engage in any lobbying? If so, have there been any challenges in this area?
10. What are your organization's key aspirational goals moving forward over the next 5, 10, and 20 years?
11. In your opinion, what are the causes of food insecurity and food waste?
 - a. What are the roles of government, private sector, and voluntary sector?
 - b. What *should be* the roles of government, private sector, and voluntary sector?
12. Do you have any data, reports, or other documents that track your programs' history, structure, funding, outcomes, or impacts?