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...committed to act and contribute to national efforts to prevent and reduce food waste, fight hunger & malnutrition and protect our planet.”

**Vandana Singh, CEO**





India has made tremendous economic development but is also one of the most under-nourished countries.

India Food Banking Network (IFBN) was set up in 2011 in response to the challenges of high levels of hunger and malnutrition in India

### Paradox of food waste and hunger in India

It is estimated that nearly one third of the food produced for human consumption every year gets lost or wasted due to inefficient supply chain management and does not reach the consumer markets. While significant levels of food losses occur upstream, at harvest and during post-harvest handling, a lot of food is lost or wasted during the distribution and consumption stages.

Some food is also wasted on the shelves and in the warehouses of food businesses due to excess production, introduction of new products, or due to shorter remaining shelf life. Such food can be salvaged by timely withdrawing it from the distribution network, aggregating it and then redirecting it to the people in need.

### India Food Banking Network : Who we are

- India Food Banking Network - Food Security Foundation India is a not-for-profit organization registered in India with a mission to address hunger, mal-nutrition and food waste in India. Our strategy is to create and strengthen food banks in India in local communities through multi-stakeholder partnerships to systematically capture and distribute food to address **hunger and malnutrition**.
- IFBN has pioneered the national initiative in India to aggregate and distribute:
  - emergency food assistance of essential staples / grains
  - surplus packaged food from the shelves and warehouses of food businesses and
  - School Nutrition Meals (currently repurposed as Nutri Kits to the families).
- Food Security Foundation India is registered under section 8 of Companies Act, India with 80G and FCRA registrations.



IFBN partners with food companies to save food & channelize their surplus products to feed those in need

- Food Businesses today are deeply committed to **nourishing people** and **protecting the planet** at the same time.
- Excess packaged food and grains on the shelves and in the warehouses of food industry is good quality food that is often wasted because of surplus production and short remaining shelf life. India Food Banking Network manages the surplus food inventory and helps food businesses to save this surplus food to feed those in need.
- IFBN and its food banking partners play an end-to-end role of picking the surplus, good quality packaged food inventory from food businesses and distributing it to children in schools for underprivileged and to adults through other charitable organizations within the shelf life of the food.
- Impact: Utilizing the surplus packaged food inventory
  - ✓ Feeds those in need
  - ✓ Provides the food business access to a national network of feeding programs
  - ✓ Reduces food waste
  - ✓ Frees up valuable warehouse space
  - ✓ Saves financial & environmental costs on disposal
  - ✓ Builds brand image as socially responsible



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# Partnerships for Product donations

## Corporate food companies

- Hindustan Unilever Limited
- Mondelez
- Britannia
- ITC
- Hershey's
- Pepsico
- Nestle
- Danone





Adopted the strategy of **scaling up impact through partnerships**. The idea is to bring together key stakeholders and enable our partners to leverage their capabilities

### All-India National Network of FoodBanking partnerships

- **Wide coverage** through network of food banks and partnerships
- **Efficient not for profit distribution mechanism** for timely food transportation, storage and distribution without any leakages
- **Standard operating processes, monitoring & evaluation, global best practices**

### Strong linkage with Corporate “Donors”

- Strong existing industry partnerships and continuous pitching** to corporates for surplus inventory of packaged food products and financial support for
- Ration Kits
  - School Nutrition Programs,
  - Disaster Relief and Covid-19 Food crisis

### Extensive Portfolio of recipient organizations

- Large portfolio of NGO partners** – helps to scale the nutrition programs and ensure that food reaches the needy. Through these partnerships our outreach extends to beneficiaries in schools for underprivileged children, old aged homes, homeless shelters and in the communities in rural & urban areas



## National Strategy and Policy

### Build Back Better:

There were already about 194 million people in India who were food insecure. Now there is this further food crisis due to loss of livelihoods due to the pandemic. It will be months before livelihoods can be rebuilt. And there is also the uncertainty about the path of the pandemic.

Paradoxically sufficient food is produced to feed everyone but 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the food produced is wasted. This is also adversely impacting the environment and contributing to climate change.

**The pandemic has presented us with a need and an opportunity to build back better.**

Some of the enabling changes in the ecosystem that need to be prioritized are policy changes in the areas of :

- \*National Strategy on Food Waste
- \*Measurement of Food waste in the Food Industry
- \*Food Safety Standards and license and other regulations for recovery agencies
- \*Good Samaritan Act to provide liability protection to industry food donors
- \*CSR provisions to clearly include food donations in kind
- \*Tax incentives and penalties
- \*National communication campaign
- \*Govt Grants and Investment in infrastructure