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Securing quality food. Nourishing lives.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

This year has been characterised by unprecedented uncertainty and turmoil. Markets price in uncertainty and usually overreact preferring to err on the side of caution. The effect this has on food security is profound.

Projects that have long term outcomes and impact are defunded in favour of short-term financial imperatives and more expedient political results. Organisations such as FoodForward SA must navigate the donor world seeking funding and support amid this chaos. We must realign our budgets and reconsider projects and initiatives to ensure the sustainability of our programmes.

Long term projects to mitigate the impact of climate change on food security are being defunded, donors of immediate food relief programmes reconsider their priorities and cut back on donations in an environment where increasingly constrained consumers must make painful financial decisions to keep head above water and rely more frequently on food relief programmes.

Consequently, FoodForward SA has seen a greater demand for access to our network of food relief programmes and an increasing demand from middleclass households in addition to the regular requests from indigent and poorer households.

The net effect is that FoodForward SA must respond to a growing demand for food across the economic spectrum and rely on an increasing uncertain environment to meet these needs. FoodForward SA's stated long-term goal remains to eliminate hunger in our lifetime. This is a goal that is statistically achievable, given the availability of food lost in the food supply chain but requires the political and moral will to execute and achieve.



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Goal
To eliminate hunger
in our lifetime



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The board of directors at FFSA remain resolute that this is a goal worth fighting to attain and are constantly considering the short-term imperatives along with the long-term vision of a society without hunger and sufficiently food secure to move the nation forward in terms of health, educational and economic outcomes. FFSA sees its role as a critical enabler in the advancement of the broader South African society, by providing food as a catalyst for positive social outcomes.

These goals and ambitions require a collective engagement across civil society, governments and the private sector. It is imperative that FFSA work closer with the SA government at both a policy and at an administrative level. FFSA has over the past 16 years demonstrated an ability to grow our reach into urban and rural communities with great efficiency. Our governance structure has ensured transparency and accountability while our private sector partnerships has delivered great operational and social outcomes, harnessing potential surplus food, human ability and donor support in a collaborative and innovative way.

Despite the uncertain and continuing challenging environment we continue to strengthen our private sector partnerships, we continue to get great support from our donors, and we continue to secure food of high quality that we can pass on to our



beneficiary network. The FoodForward SA model relies on, among other things, an organised and committed community network of beneficiary organisations, who in most cases volunteer their time and work directly in the communities they live in to address the need for basic nutrition.

I would like to express my gratitude to the board for their engagement around the governance and vision of FoodForward SA. Their availability to discuss important issues, always in the interest of the organisation and beneficiaries we are called to serve. We have recently reconstituted our audit committee and my thanks to the committee for the sterling work they do in holding the organisation to the highest standard of accountability.

My heartfelt thanks to our donors who keep supporting us and continue to believe that a country without hunger is possible and imminently attainable in our lifetime. To the management and staff who do this work with dedication and care.

To the reader for taking the time to read our annual report, your interest, support and commitment is a key part in driving us forward to a better nutritional outcome for South Africa. It is our hope that the report gives you some insight and strengthens your commitment to support us in building a South Africa without hunger.

Crispin Sonn
Chairman

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S YEAR IN REVIEW

In the 2025 Global Report on Food Crises, United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres expresses deep concern, describing the report as "another unflinching indictment of a world dangerously off course. Hunger and malnutrition are spreading faster than our ability to respond, yet globally, a third of all food produced is lost or wasted. Hunger in the 21st century is indefensible."

Within this global context, South Africa remains the most unequal society in the world, grappling with one of the highest unemployment rates worldwide. Economic growth continues to lag far below the level required to create sufficient jobs and drive inclusive development. As a result, the gap between poverty and prosperity is widening at an alarming rate.

While there are signs of progress in areas such as energy and rail transport, decades of state erosion have left government institutions weakened and inefficient, lacking the capacity to govern effectively, deliver essential services effectively, and curb widespread corruption and maladministration.



83 million
meals provided



R0.50
Cost per meal



935 100
Beneficiary
Organisation (BO)



107 807 tons
of CO₂ emissions
avoided

Consequently, the responsibility for addressing household food insecurity and child malnutrition has largely fallen on the nonprofit sector — a paradox, given that government institutions collectively manage billions of rands intended to tackle these very issues.

Sadly, the nonprofit sector remains under severe strain, constantly trying to manage limited finances, juggle competing priorities, and trying to be realistic about what can actually be achieved within their scope, striving to realise immediate impact without compromising on long-term sustainability.

Despite the tough economic climate and a difficult trading environment for our food donors, food donations declined by only 4.7%, enabling us to provide the equivalent of nearly 83 million meals, of which 93% was nutritious food. Our cost per meal increased slightly from R0,47 to R0.50. Our Beneficiary Organisation (BO) national network grew marginally to 2,519, collectively reaching 935,100 vulnerable people every day. Our food recovery efforts resulted in 107,807 tons of CO₂ emissions avoided.



30 MRDs

reaching hundreds
of remote towns
and villages



50

income generation
opportunities



**Growth
targets**

for underweight
pregnant mothers
and stunted children

While food insecurity is prevalent in both urban and rural settings, rural communities have fewer resources to address these challenges. The most vulnerable households in rural communities are almost entirely reliant on social grants for survival. Our Mobile Rural Distribution (MRD) model is crucial to ensure that the most vulnerable rural communities are supported with nutritious food each month. Thanks to the annual fuel sponsorship from Engen, we now have 30 MRDs, reaching hundreds of remote towns and villages that fall within the poorest municipalities across South Africa.

Now in its second year, our Mother and Child Nutrition Programme, implemented

in the Western Cape and Eastern Cape, continues to deliver remarkable results. Every client – underweight pregnant mothers and stunted children, is gaining weight and meeting their growth targets, enabling them to successfully exit the programme over time. Our various social partners, Grow Great, Philani Nutrition Centre and the various Provincial Health Departments gather the necessary weights and measurements data, while we provide the food parcels for affected families. We plan to expand this programme to other provinces in the new financial year. Thank you to all our food donors for your partnership on this vital intervention.

The drivers of acute food insecurity are deeply interlinked and mutually reinforcing. They worsen vulnerabilities, erode resilience, and undo hard-won

development gains. In the face of the immense challenges we face as a nation, we must rethink how we approach jobs, income, and economic opportunities. We need bold, practical solutions that can genuinely bridge the gap between poverty and economic freedom. One such solution already showing outstanding results is our Food Gardens Connect (FGC) programme. Launched just a year ago, FGC goes far beyond growing vegetables – it's cultivating purpose, dignity, and independence in underserved communities. Now active in nine communities across Cape Town, FGC is already transforming lives. Nearly 50 previously unemployed people are now earning an income from their community gardens, with the ripple effects extending to their families and neighbourhoods.



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Participants take part in a structured six-week training programme, where they learn how to plan and maintain food gardens, understand seasonal planting and crop rotation, control pests organically, and make their own compost. They receive essential tools, seedlings, and food parcels for three months – a necessary support bridge while their first crops take root. At the end of the course, they graduate with a certificate and, more importantly, the confidence and skills to generate an income and build a sustainable livelihood. Given the early success and powerful impact of FGC, we are excited to expand the programme to other provinces in the new year.

Climate change and biodiversity loss remain two of the most urgent environmental crises confronting humanity today. If not addressed decisively, they will continue to hinder global efforts to achieve food and nutrition security. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), food loss and waste contribute approximately 8–10% of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Reducing food loss and waste is therefore essential, not only for mitigating climate change, but also for advancing environmental sustainability goals.

To implement a cost-effective Foodbanking model presents a compelling, high-impact



6-week

Training programme for
Food Gardens Connect



100%

buy-back guarantee

solution. By preventing food loss and waste, it significantly reduces methane emissions – thereby addressing multiple urgent challenges simultaneously: the climate impact of wasted food, biodiversity loss, widespread food and nutrition insecurity, and the unsustainable depletion of natural resources. This is a powerful, scalable model with proven benefits that should be prioritised.

There is an old African proverb that says, "The only thing more precious than our children are our children's children." It reminds us of our deep responsibility to care for the planet, not just for ourselves, but for the generations yet to come. What we choose to do today will shape the world they inherit tomorrow. Let's make sure we act wisely and boldly, so they have a future worth looking forward to.

Andy Du Plessis
Managing Director



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20 732

Tons of food
distributed



935 100

Beneficiaries
served daily



107 807 tons

of CO₂ emissions
avoided



2 519

Beneficiary
Organisations



83 000 000

Meals



R0.50

Cost per meal

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



R39 452 662

Revenue



R42 903 263

Expenses



R1 089 476 742

Retail value of food donated



R89 570 387

Total value of Section 18A
Tax Certificates issued to
Food Donors



R52.55

Retail Value p/Kg



OUR STRATEGIC PROGRAMMES



Mother and Child Nutrition

Strengthening the Foundation for Early Childhood Development

The first 1 000 days are critical for a child's physical, cognitive, and emotional development. Yet in South Africa, thousands of mothers and young children face persistent food insecurity and malnutrition, especially in rural and underserved communities.

Our Mother and Child Nutrition Programme (MCNP), now in its second year, is one of FoodForward SA's most impactful initiatives – specifically designed to address these poverty gaps by providing targeted nutritional support to mothers and children that have been identified as malnourished or at risk.



**First
1 000 days**
are critical for a child's
physical, cognition and
emotional development



1 200
vulnerable families
reached

In 2024/25, the programme reached 180 mothers and children, and their respective families, a 125% increase from the previous year. Working with our partners Grow Great and Philani, we distribute high protein food boxes monthly, these are carefully curated to meet the dietary needs of pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers who have been assessed by Grow Great and Philani staff.

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Our key collaborators: Philani Nutrition Centre, Grow Great Campaign, various Departments of Health, and major food donors such as One Farm Share, PepsiCo, Oceana, Quantum Foods, Kellanova, RCL, Danone, and the Do More Foundation, enable surplus food sourcing and facilitate scaling to multiple clinics and communities while keeping operational costs efficient. Finally, integration with our partners and government structures amplifies reach and supports nutritional education and monitoring.

Our work in this space is guided by research and collaboration for measurable

impact. We continue to draw insights from academic partners and integrate learnings into the programme's design. A recent internal survey indicated that 87% of participating mothers reported improved energy levels and child wellbeing within four weeks of enrolment.

This programme continues to reaffirm a simple truth: when mothers and children are nourished, communities thrive. We envisage the continued roll-out of the programme into new municipalities and clinics across the country, with an ambition to serve a more families in need in the coming years.

Collaborative Partnerships



Provincial Reach

MCNP is now active in the Eastern Cape (Coffee Bay) and the Western Cape (Breede River Valley, Witzenburg, and Crossroads).



Collaborative Partnerships

We partner with Philani Nutrition Centre and Grow Great, who in collaboration with community health workers, identify malnourished mothers and children in underserved communities.



Generous Donors

Various food and financial donors enable our work in these communities.





Food Gardens Connect

Building Resilience by Creating Income Opportunities

FoodForward SA's Food Gardens Connect (FGC) programme continued its strategic expansion across Cape Town, creating powerful pathways for local food production, circularity, and community self-reliance. The programme supports unemployed people from within our beneficiary organisation network, teaching them to grow their own food in urban settings.



10
BO partners for FGC



6-week
Training provided



Seedlings
grown and donated by
FFSA to urban gardens



Food insecurity doesn't just mean a lack of food; it means a lack of access to nutritious, reliable meals. It leads to poor health outcomes, affects mental wellbeing, and undermines the ability of people, especially young people, to work, learn, and thrive. Addressing it requires more than handing out food. It demands sustainable, long-term solutions that tackle the root causes.

Launched by FFSA in January 2024, with financial support from PnP and CHEP, the programme identifies beneficiary organisations from its national network of over 2,500 community partners. These partners, who often have vast, underutilised land, work with unemployed people from their communities to establish vibrant, high-yielding food gardens.

But this isn't just about digging holes and planting seeds. Participants undergo a structured six-week training programme where they learn how to plan gardens, understand seasonal planting and crop rotation, control pests, and make their own compost. They receive tools, seedlings, and food parcels for three months — a bridge of support while their first harvest grows. At the end of the course, they graduate with a certificate and the confidence to start earning an income.

FFSA grows its own seedlings and donates them to these urban gardens, and perhaps most importantly, buys back the harvested produce. This model ensures a guaranteed income for participants while reinforcing the value of the work they do. It's not charity; it's empowerment.

Mobile Rural Distribution (MRD)

Underserved rural communities across South Africa continue to face stark challenges in accessing consistent, nutritious food. Many are located far from formal retail and food supply chains, with poor infrastructure, high transport costs, and limited economic opportunities, compounding food insecurity.

FoodForward SA's Mobile Rural Distribution (MRD) programme bridges the gap between urban and rural communities, by bringing surplus food directly to where it's needed most. Using our fleet of refrigerated trucks, we transport healthy surplus food from our regional warehouses to deep rural towns and villages every month.

We have 30 rural distribution routes, that span all nine provinces and connect with over 540 beneficiary organisations in hard-to-reach rural areas, providing vital nourishment to 216,000 people every week.

The success of our MRD programme lies not only in our logistics capability but also in our relationships with local municipalities, community leaders, and rural-based organisations that know their people and their needs. Their collaboration ensures that every trip counts, and that food gets to the right hands efficiently.

As rural food insecurity continues to deepen, especially in provinces with high unemployment and climate vulnerability, the MRD programme is a critical lifeline and a symbol of FoodForward SA's commitment to equitable access to food regardless of geography.

Key Highlights



New Route Launched

Northern Cape MRD was launched, serving 34 BOs reaching communities in Upington, De Aar, and Kuruman.



Disaster Relief Support

The MRD fleet also plays a pivotal role in our emergency response deployments, enabling fast mobilisation of food supplies to communities affected by floods.



30
Rural distribution
routes



216 000
People every week



RESPONDING WITH URGENCY AND COMPASSION: DISASTER RELIEF IN KWAZULU-NATAL

In early 2024, South Africa once again faced the devastating impact of climate-induced extreme weather. Following a powerful storm surge in January, widespread flooding affected over one thousand households and more than 6,000 individuals across KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) and parts of the Free State. As communities struggled to recover, FoodForward SA mobilised rapidly to provide urgent food relief to those most affected.

Thanks to the generous support of our food and financial donors we were able to respond with speed, precision, and compassion. Over February and March 2024, our Durban branch, with support from our National Office and in collaboration with the KZN Disaster Management team, implemented an effective and targeted disaster response initiative.

Given the scale of the disaster, our distribution efforts spanned multiple wards and communities across KZN's North Coast (Waterloo and Verulam), South Coast (Umlazi, Shallcross,

Welbedacht East), West (OR Tambo/Ximba, Klaarwater), and inner-urban areas like Amaoti and Bhambayi near Phoenix. Affected people were identified in close coordination with local disaster response teams to ensure that aid reached those in greatest need.

Why It Matters

Disasters don't just damage infrastructure, they rupture lives, disrupt food access, and exacerbate existing vulnerabilities. For many of the affected households, the food parcels they received were not just a meal, but a critical source of stability in a time of upheaval. Our collective efforts illustrate the importance of integrating food banking into disaster preparedness and response frameworks, especially as climate change accelerates the frequency of such crises.

This relief response also demonstrated the value of localised logistics, strong institutional partnerships, and community trust in enabling fast, coordinated, and dignified humanitarian aid.



6 000

Individuals across
KwaZulu-Natal and
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affected by the
widespread flooding

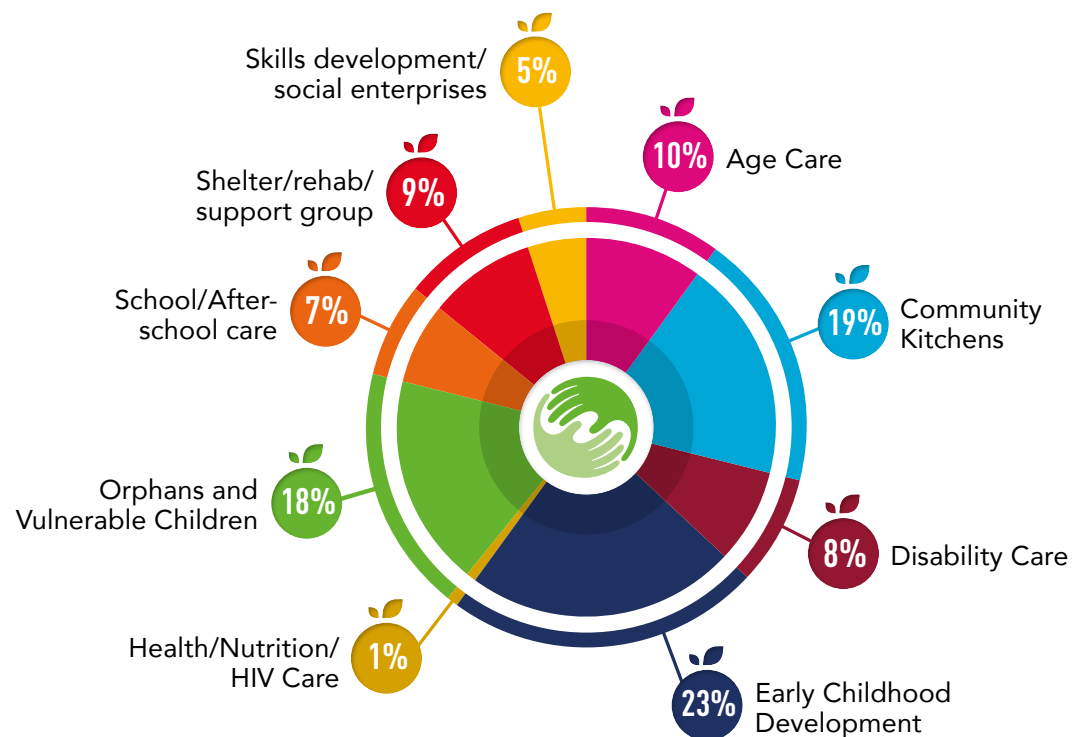
TRANSFORMING LIVES WITH SURPLUS FOOD RECOVERY AS THE CATALYST

Highlighting our BO Network

FoodForward SA's network of 2,500 registered and vetted Beneficiary Organisations (BOs) forms the foundation of our national response to addressing food insecurity and malnutrition.

In 2024, our BO network collectively ensured that approximately 935,000 people received nutritious meals daily, serving not just food but also dignity, care, and hope to vulnerable individuals.

Our BO network includes a diverse range of community-driven organisations, including shelters, after-school programmes, women's centres, community kitchens, and early childhood development centres, all deeply embedded and adding value in their local contexts and trusted by beneficiaries. These organisations act as frontline implementers, receiving surplus food from FoodForward SA and transforming it into meals and support services tailored to community needs.



BO Testimonials

Athlone House of Strength

Athlone House of Strength, a GBV shelter for women and children, reports a transformative year: "Working with FoodForward SA has made an incredible difference to our work. We look forward to even greater impact in the years to come."

Crossroads International

Crossroads International embodies the sentiment of empowering communities rather than providing temporary relief: "We don't believe in giving a handout but a handup. We serve our people with love and dignity. We are humbled to be considered worthy recipients of the nutritious food from FoodForward SA."



I Am A Dreamer Foundation

Supporting orphans and vulnerable children, this BO emphasises the critical importance of consistent nutrition: "We now have consistent access to nutritious food supplies, enabling us to achieve meaningful impact in the lives of people and communities we serve."

Fundukwazi Training Centre for Intellectual Impairment

At Fundukwazi, students receive more than education. They benefit from meals that support their ability to learn: "The healthy food donations have not only fed many but also fostered hope and a sense of belonging within our community."

BOs serve not only as distribution partners but also as community anchors—mobilising local resources, fostering mutual support, and reinforcing resilience at the grassroots level. As the network of partnerships expand, FoodForward SA is positioned to deepen its mission of combating hunger, addressing systemic inequality, and uplifting communities across provinces.

This BO network demonstrates a powerful, high-impact model of collaboration. BOs turn edible surplus food into nutritious meals and holistic support for nearly one million vulnerable people each day. Their on-the-ground presence enables contextual sensitivity, providing dignity-led services, and direct community ownership. Their stories reflect not just service delivery, but the embodiment of hope, empowerment, and lasting social transformation.



EVENTS AND CAMPAIGNS

Food Lover's Market: Hunger Month Campaign

Since 2017, Food Lover's Market has joined forces with FoodForward SA for its annual World Hunger Month campaign, raising both awareness and funds to combat hunger in South Africa. What began as a bold initiative to address rising food insecurity has evolved into one of the country's most trusted and consistent private-sector partnerships supporting food redistribution.

The numbers tell a compelling story: over the past eight years, the campaign has contributed more than 8 million meals

to vulnerable communities. Each year, customers at Food Lover's Market stores across the country are invited to add a donation of between 0.50c and R1.00 at checkout – small acts of generosity that collectively result in significant impact.

FoodForward SA extends heartfelt gratitude to Food Lover's Market, Tru-Cape Fruit Marketing, and all participating partners and customers for their unwavering support and commitment to nourishing communities nationwide.



Campaign Highlights



Innovative Fundraising Approach

Shoppers were encouraged to purchase a meal for just 50 cents – the cost per meal for FoodForward SA, at Food Lover's Market till points throughout May. This accessible initiative enabled widespread participation and awareness. They also ran an online fundraiser via the Given Gain platform.



Early Contributions

Before the campaign's official launch, over 2.9 million meals were already secured through generous pledges from key supplier partners, including legacy partner Tru-Cape Fruit Marketing, various grocery suppliers, and Fresh Stop.



Store-Level Engagement

Individual Food Lover's Market stores collectively raised an additional 1,736,580 meals. Notably, the Paarl branch contributed an impressive 205,783 meals, showcasing exceptional community involvement.

PepsiCo employees are taking steps to fight hunger

In an inspiring display of global unity and purpose, PepsiCo employees around the world have stepped beyond their everyday roles to support the fight against hunger through the company's 'Move for Good' campaign.

This six-week global step challenge powered by the PepsiCo Foundation, has not only brought people together but also resulted in the donation of an incredible 4 million meals for vulnerable communities across South Africa. Partnering with FoodForward SA, this contribution provides critical assistance to a country facing significant food insecurity challenges.



4 million

meals for vulnerable communities



R1,855,000

PepsiCo Foundation's donation



9 billion

steps taken globally by PepsiCo employees

The PepsiCo Foundation's donation of R1,855,000 (\$105,000 USD), represents a powerful example of how corporations and communities can unite to address pressing social issues. PepsiCo employees exceeded a collective target of 8 billion steps, reaching an impressive 9 billion steps globally. For each step taken, employees contributed to the overall donation, with every bit of physical activity counting towards a direct impact on hunger relief.

"We are thrilled to be donating 4 million meals to FoodForward SA on behalf of our 2024 global PepsiCo *Move for Good* campaign," said Devendri Adari, PepsiCo Foundation's South Africa Lead. "This campaign aligns closely with the PepsiCo Foundation's mission to make a positive difference in the communities they serve."

The partnership between the PepsiCo Foundation and FoodForward SA is especially important because it goes beyond food provision to tackle the root causes of systemic food insecurity. FoodForward SA's core focus involves the redistribution of surplus food from farmers, retailers and manufacturers, which would otherwise go to waste. This model of food redistribution minimizes waste while ensuring that food reaches those who need it most – a win-win approach that benefits businesses, communities and the environment.



"Every step taken during the *Move for Good* challenge translated into a tangible contribution towards fighting hunger. It's a powerful example of how collective action can create a meaningful impact," said Riaan Heyl, CEO of PepsiCo South Africa.



Mandela Day 2024

Mandela Day holds deep significance for South Africans, offering everyone a chance to make a meaningful difference. FoodForward SA's Mandela Day Food-Packing Event is our flagship initiative – an inspiring day when thousands of volunteers across the country dedicate 67 minutes of their time to sort, pack, and prepare food for distribution to our beneficiary organisations (BOs). Our 2024 event was no exception. Following months of careful planning and preparation to ensure the day was both impactful and enjoyable, everything was in place for a successful event on 18 July.

The volunteers in Cape Town, Joburg, and Durban showed up with remarkable enthusiasm. They streamed in, ready to get to work and make a difference. The excitement was palpable as they prepared to pack food that would support nearly one million food-insecure South Africans through our BO network.

The atmosphere was electrifying. Some of the volunteers included FFSA Brand Ambassador Pete Goffe-Wood, former Miss SA Finalist Nande Mabala and 100 learners from Bishops Diocesan College who also collected and donated more than R10,000 to FoodForward SA.

The day was a tremendous success across all venues, with volunteers packing an impressive 350 tons of food, equating to 1.4 million meals. The enthusiasm was contagious, and the day highlighted that uniting for a common cause can further drive our mission toward a South Africa without hunger.



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meals





World Food Day 2024

Celebrated annually on 16 October and founded by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), World Food Day aims to highlight the pressing issues of hunger that affect millions around the world. The theme for 2024 was "The Right to Food for a Better Life and a Better Future," reminding everyone that access to nutritious food is a fundamental human right.

FoodForward SA hosted food drives and packing events at our warehouses in Durban, Johannesburg and Cape Town, partnering with our brand ambassadors, Jenny Morris and Peter Goffe-Wood, as well as with Chefs with Compassion and the Marriott Hotel Group, with the aim of

packing enough food to provide 1.8 million meals. Our corporate partners came out to support and shared a meal with some of our BOs which was lovingly prepared by our Chefs and Food Ambassadors and made from our delicious, surplus food.

The day also highlighted the invaluable role played by our community-based beneficiary organisations (BOs) and provided a platform for them to showcase their work, products, and services. Hearing firsthand accounts from BOs about communities grappling with food insecurity, unemployment, depression, anxiety, and domestic violence underscored the critical impact that access to regular meals has on these complex social challenges.



500

volunteers
gathered at our
warehouses in JHB,
DBN and CPT



450

pallets packed



1.8 million

meals provided

RESEARCH AND COLLABORATIONS

Advancing Sustainable Food Systems Through Global Partnerships: FRAME Implementation

Thanks to our partnership with the Global Food Banking Network (GFN) and the Global Methane Hub (GMH), FoodForward SA (FFSA) is piloting a new methodology, creating an evidence-base for food banking as a solution to environmental sustainability and hunger.

Managing food loss and waste (FL&W) is a critical solution to food insecurity and environmental degradation, but until recently, there has been limited data to justify its priority compared to other climate change interventions.

GFN, in partnership with the GMH, the Carbon Trust, and Microsoft Sustainability, has developed the groundbreaking FRAME methodology to help food banks understand and measure their broader socio-economic and environmental impact. FRAME, short for *Food Recovery to Avoid Methane Emissions*, quantifies the climate and social benefits of recovering surplus food. By calculating how much methane emissions are avoided when edible food is rescued from landfills and redistributed to people instead,

FRAME turns everyday food recovery into powerful, reportable climate action.

This data-driven approach not only rigorously documents the environmental and social impacts of food banking but also helps organisations optimise their operations and plan with greater precision. The methodology was first tested in Mexico and Ecuador in 2024, where it provided valuable insights and climate-positive outcomes.

Building Knowledge Through Partnership: FoodForward SA & SALDRU Research Collaboration

As part of our ongoing commitment to data-driven decision-making and policy influence, FoodForward SA partnered with the Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit (SALDRU) at the University of Cape Town to deepen our understanding of food insecurity trends in South Africa and improve the evidence base for strategic action.

This collaboration represents another crucial step toward embedding rigorous, nationally relevant research into the heart

of our strategic direction and the broader food security landscape. The multi-phase project, spanning over 2 years, includes two core components:



A comprehensive analysis of national food insecurity trends



A qualitative study to capture community-level lived experiences of hunger and how households are coping

The report will be published in 2025, will offer a solid empirical foundation for FoodForward SA's advocacy and programme design, enabling us to engage with policymakers and stakeholders using robust national data.

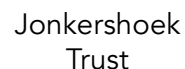


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Top 10 Food Donors



Top 10 Financial Donors



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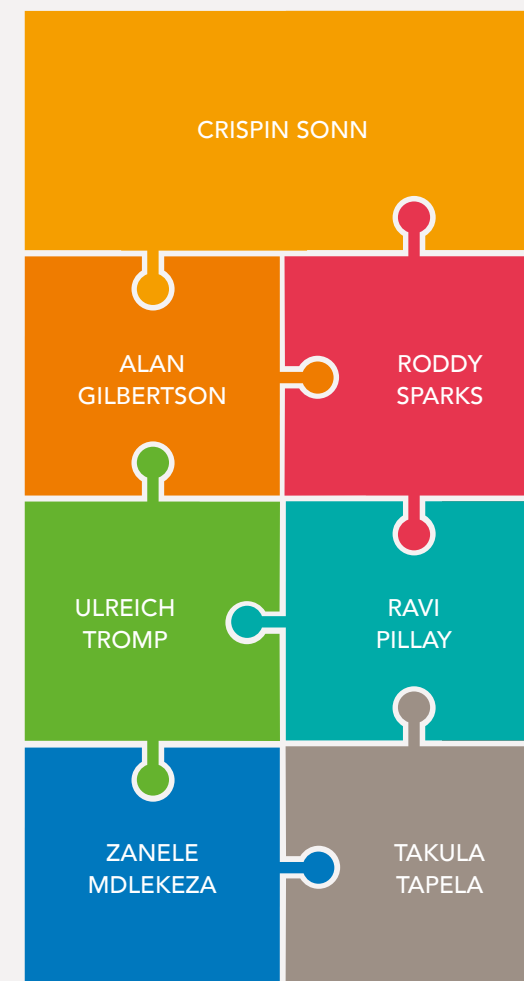
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