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# From Plan to Plate: A Toolkit for Addressing Food Insecurity



## INTRODUCTION

We developed this toolkit to address the urgent, complex challenge of food insecurity, defined as unreliable access to enough food for an active, healthy life. In 2025, an estimated 14% (about 18.5 million) of U.S. households experienced food insecurity. Meaningful progress depends on coordinated cross-sector action backed by organized implementation steps.\*



**of U.S. households** face food insecurity



**of businesses** in a U.S. Chamber Foundation survey cited challenges with partnership and coordination as top barriers



**million Americans** turned to pantries and food banks in 2025

## TOOLKIT PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The toolkit gives corporate, nonprofit, local business, and government leaders clear steps and practical tools to combat food insecurity in local communities. It is designed to:

- **Share** leading practices tailored to organizational capabilities
- **Enable** informed decision-making through structured tools and frameworks
- **Accelerate** effective participation in food security initiatives
- **Identify** collaboration opportunities to increase collective impact

\* Purdue University, Center for Food Demand Analysis and Sustainability. (n.d.). U.S. household food insecurity rate. Consumer Food Insights Survey. Retrieved February 13, 2026.

The toolkit follows a three-phased approach anchored by core competency pillars—logistics, technology, and community engagement—to help organizations grow and strengthen their efforts over time:

### 01 Define Role and Scope



Clarify what food security outcomes your organization will support and where you can add the most value (i.e. logistics, technology, community engagement).

### 02 Align Initiatives



Identify food security activities and deeper engagement opportunities that fit your current capabilities and desired level of investment.

### 03 Identify Collaborators



Define the types of organizations that best complement your capabilities and engage those organizations to maximize impact.

Each phase follows a consistent, action-ready format:

#### Guiding Questions

Prompts to help teams align on goals

#### Key Considerations

Practical guidance for planning and action

#### Potential Outputs and Helpful Resources

Recommended results and enabling resources



#### Download the Full Toolkit

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