



And also:

- Contributions from the public, through special collections in supermarkets, schools, etc.

## 2. DISTRIBUTION

The Food Banks are charities put at the service of other charities fighting against hunger. They do not themselves distribute to people in distress, but always work through the network of local charities, groups or communities in contact with persons at poverty level. An agreement on free supplies is signed between the Food Bank and the groups or charities benefiting, knowing that the Food Bank might not have all the products which may be required.

The food aid is given to those concerned by each group or charity in the form of a food parcel.

## 3. OPERATION

The Food Banks refuse the primacy of money: their action is based on their will to promote active and responsible solidarity against the food waste and in helping families in need.

In this respect, their operation is ensured by:

- Donations of material for equipment
- The coverage of operating expenses by third parties
- The participation of charities

## 4. EXISTENCE

The Food Banks exist through the action of voluntary workers and charities with a desire to work and build together and to serve. Each one of us can give some of his time, talents and belongings.



# FIGHTING POVERTY AND FOOD SURPLUSES.

## WHO WE ARE, OUR MISSION.

The vision is to build a network of partners and institutions acting together in solidarity for the management of food surpluses.



## Part 1

### The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, article 25 says:

*"Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control."*

**Food Bank Albania** is a non-profit organisation whose mission is based on "**Fighting food surpluses and getting food for the poor**". It is registered in the Tirana Court with decision number 430, date October 1st 2013.

**Almost half a million Albanians live under the national poverty line. They have almost 1 Euro a day for personal expenses.**

In Albania the average expenses on food are 58.5 % of the family budget. The lower the family budget, the higher percentage is necessary for the daily food. But this is increased up to 80% for the more marginalized families.

### The mission of the foundation "Food Bank Albania" is:

- To fight **Poverty** and **Food Waste** in Albania. It will achieve this by building solidarity and raising awareness amongst the Albanian society on poverty and food waste.
- The vision is to establish an NGO that will build a network of partners with the same desire and goal and whom will be supported from the relevant governmental institutions.
- By organizing solidarity and awareness events, Food Bank Albania wants to play a role in the education of people for the reduction of poverty and the preservation of the environment.
- In choosing partner organizations and businesses or people groups or communities to cooperate with, Food Bank Albania does not judge based on beliefs values, nationalities and country of origin, race or social state.

### The role of the Albanian Food Bank is:

- To collect free of charge food products.
- To encourage and centralize donations
- To intervene permanently towards: food processing industries and food distributors in order to save all the non marketable products although they are perfectly edible (after errors of packaging, errors of sales forecast, etc.)
- To raise awareness and solidarity in the Albanian society
- To organize collections of food in supermarkets or in cities, districts, parishes, schools, companies, etc.

- To share out and distribute the food / parcels among local organizations / churches / soup kitchens / existing networks.
- To support the start of other Food Banks in Albania.

We consider it very important that the food is distributed to the most deprived people. The products are not given directly but through organizations that have accurate information of the local situation – they know who is poor and who is not.

We strictly respect the hygiene requirements during the transport and in our warehouses. We don't guarantee food, we are depending on what is donated.



### The operation of Food Bank Albania is ensured by:

- Donations of food
- The coverage of operating costs by third parties
- Participation of volunteers and charities
- Donations and subsidies
- Donations of material for equipment

The concept of a Food Bank exists in all the countries of Europe and it happens through the action of voluntary workers.

**As the first Albanian Food Bank we closely cooperate with FEBA, the European Federation of Food Banks.** We have an established network of fast collection and distribution partnering with other organizations and the Ministry of the Social Affairs.

## Part 2

### An overview of the operations of Food Banks

The operation of Food Banks depends on **DONATION** and **SHARING**. It is based on four principal guidelines.

#### 1. Supplies

One of the aims of the Food Bank is to **fight against food surpluses**. The "supply" stage, while observing strict respect for hygiene requirements, is intended to recuperate:

- Agricultural surpluses
- Excess production in the food-processing sector
- Goods which are non marketable but nevertheless consumable
- Surplus food from canteens or restaurant chains