

# Annual Report

2022



# MISSION & VALUES

Foundation Food Bank Albania is a non-profit registered at Tirana court with decision no. 430, on October 1st 2013. Its mission is to fight poverty and food surpluses in our country and envisions the raising of a functional network of NGOs, public institutions and businesses working together for this goal.

Food Bank Albania's mission as an anti-poverty organization is to fight against food waste by carefully and efficiently gathering and collecting nutritious food that may otherwise be unused and redistributing it to the hungry through a network of partners. We believe that we can work together to eradicate hunger in Albania by fighting against poverty and striving for a cleaner environment.

We also encourage employment as a way for people to live with dignity and to have a better future. Food Bank Albania is an associate member of FEBA (European Food Banks Federation) and also partners with FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization), especially for educational awareness.

Food Bank Albania operates as an independent Albanian, non-religious and non-political institution under the law of civil society organizations. It was established in October 2013 and is in alignment with UN Environment Programme's **Sustainable Development Goals SDG 2.1:**

"By 2030, end hunger and ensure access by all people, in particular the poor and people in vulnerable situations, including infants, to safe, nutritious and sufficient food all year round." **and SDG 12.3:** "By 2030, halve per capita global food waste at the retail and consumer levels and reduce food losses along production and supply chains, including post-harvest losses."

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# A message from our **CHAIR OF BOARD and EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** FOOD BANK ALBANIA

In this annual report, we share a summarisation of our impact through various data in this past year of 2022. Your support is what makes our work possible. To that extent, we continue to work to fight against poverty in Albania, lower food waste and educate the population on reducing food loss and waste, poverty and the preservation of the environment through food saving techniques.

Last year we distributed 295,000 kg of food – enough to provide about 600,000 meals. This was made possible with the support of food industry partners, fresh food producers, financial donations from businesses and individuals, and the much-appreciated efforts of volunteers and staff of Food Bank Albania. Albeit the war in Ukraine and the food shortage and inflation that followed, with significant differences in the way people spent, consumed and donated, our efforts made it possible to keep the collection and distribution in similar numbers to the previous year 2021, in order to be able to serve people in need. We know from first-hand experience that the needs have also increased partly because of these very reasons.



**ROVENA DEMAJ**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As part of FEBA (European Food Banks Federation), our vision is for everyone to have food on the table at all times. The absurdity is that businesses find it easier to destroy food than to give it away due to current laws and regulations. On one side, we have totally good food for consumption and within usage dates that is thrown away, and on the other side, we have hunger. Thus, we damage the environment and all the energy going to producing that food is wasted. Nonetheless, we strive to follow UN's Millennium Goal 12.3 and we will pursue means of communication with the state institutions to amend the relevant legislation.

In 2023, we will continue to strengthen collaboration between our network of donors, corporate bodies, businesses, partner NGOs, volunteers, and local government in Albania. As an organisation, we understand that the work that lies ahead of us is more challenging than anything we have ever faced especially as the price of food continues to soar, the regional and local food shortages continue to be present, while the economic growth rate continues to decrease, making it extremely difficult for low-income families to access food. On behalf of the board, and the communities and people we serve, we would like to thank our generous donors, progressive partners, exceptional staff team, and amazing volunteers for their unwavering support in helping us move towards a more inclusive society, a circular economy and to mitigate, thus, the effects of poverty, hunger and environmental pollution in Albania."

**WILMA VERBURG**

CO-FOUNDER &  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD



## OUR MAIN DONORS & PARTNERS

**FEBA** European Food Banks Federation

**FAO** Food and Agriculture Organization

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voor mensen in nood

Hilfe mit Perspektive!

**FEED THE HUNGRY**





# OVERALL IMPACT

Over **15,000** family packages distributed since conception of our **Winter Project**.

**Entering our 10th year** in operations as a registered Food Bank in Albania.

Our annual **Seeds' Project** generates **2,500 seed parcels yearly** to promote dignity in rural areas, which allows villagers to grow their own food.

Partnered with most major supermarket chains in Albania for **over 100 food drives**.

Providing food waste **education & awareness** to many **thousands of children** since 2015.





# 2022 IMPACT



**7**  
**STAFF**

**20**  
**SOCIAL**  
**CENTRES**

**132**  
**TONS OF**  
**FRESH FOOD**

**637**  
**SEPERATE**  
**NGO FOOD**  
**DELIVERIES**

**300+**  
**TONS**  
**DELIVERED\***

**90+**  
**PARTNERS**

**2,500**  
**SEED**  
**PACKAGES**  
**DELIVERED**

**280**  
**VOLUNTEERS**

**320 TONS**  
**CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS**  
**SAVED\*\***

*\*including non-food items*

*\*\* see the 'Less Carbon' page for details*

# STATISTICS



## FOOD RECEIVED BY CATEGORY

- BABY FOOD
- BEVERAGES
- CEREALS AND BAKERY
- CONFECTIONERY
- DAIRY PRODUCTS
- FATS AND OILS
- FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
- NON-FOOD
- OTHER FOOD
- PREPARED FOODS
- PROTEIN-BASED PRODUCTS

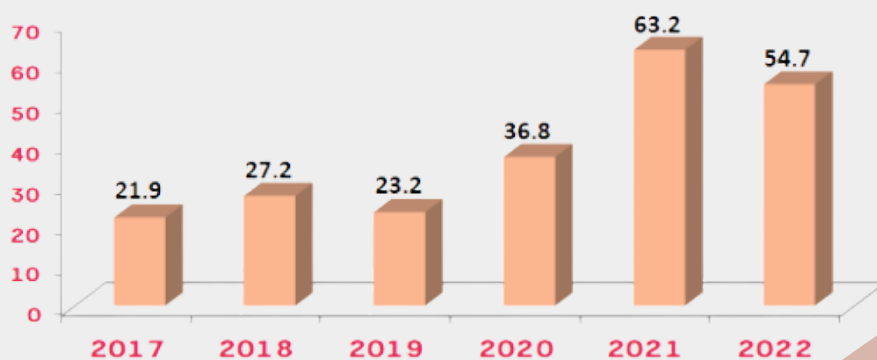
30.8%  
PACKAGED

23.8%  
PURCHASED

45.4 %  
FRESH FOOD

The cost of our purchased packaged food for distribution increased from 2021 to 2022 due to increased prices and inflation.

## FOOD DISTRIBUTION OVER TIME



**Winter Project**  
(by Calendar year)





# HIGHLIGHTS 2022

01

## Donation to Ukraine

We have been working with the Ambassador in the Ukrainian Embassy to co-ordinate for needed food delivery during 2022.



02

## Big Market Donation Box Campaign

An ongoing money box donation campaign taking place throughout several different Big Markets across Tirana, allowing for clients to give to the poor.



03

## SPAR/World Vision Food Drives

We have large food donation baskets outside of the biggest SPAR markets in Albania, at QTU & TEG in Tirana, with an ongoing food drive campaign.



04

## FBA at PAM Economic Forum

Food Bank Albania represented at PAM Euro-Mediterranean and Gulf Economic Forum on 7-8 December 2022, in Marrakech, Morocco.



05

## Business Donations

Both producers & distributors contributed consistent food donations in 2022, recognizing the need to get their supply out before expiry date to people in need.



06

## Emergency Response for Shkoder

Our Local Food Bank in Shkoder delivered some clean drinking water during a time of crisis in 2022.







**Food Bank Albania receives food from donors, food drives, schools, institutions, business donations and fresh food markets.**



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# EDUCATION PROGRAMME



**3,000 FLYERS & BOOKS  
DISTRIBUTED**



**20,000 STUDENTS  
REACHED**



**19,675 '9-EASY TIPS'  
LEAFLET DELIVERED**



**1 DEDICATED EXPERT  
TEACHER HIRED**



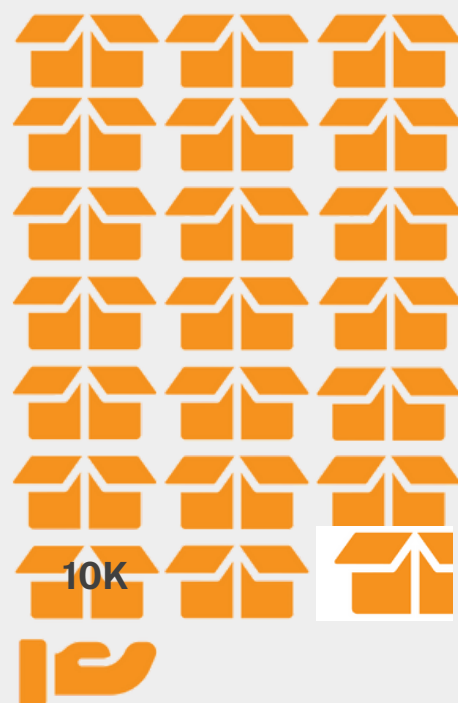
Local Food Banks outside of Tirana also played a major role this past year in our educational awareness, distributing material and organizing lessons for children, not only in schools, but also in social centres and NGOs that have programs for kids.



# FINANCE



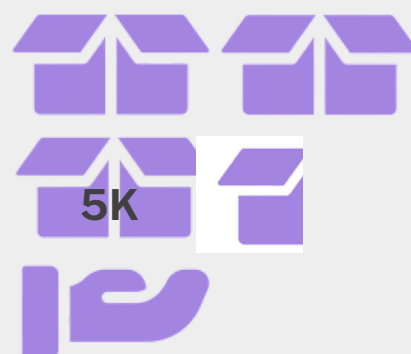
## INCOME



< CORPORATE / NGO DONATIONS

208,081 €

FEBA GRANTS



16,387 €

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS



900 €

The amount of food generated by Food Bank Albania with **1 euro received** still remains constant, and **equivalent to 1.3kg** in 2022, a slight increase from 1.27kg in 2021. Similarly, the **cost to purchase food is now 1.33 euro** per kg, due to the inflation and increased prices.

## EXPENSES

Food Purchased & Other  
**38%**

Salaries & related costs  
**16%**

Transport  
**4%**

Rent  
**2%**

Marketing & Maintenance  
**<1%**

1 KG FOOD GENERATED = 1.33 €  
292 TONS = 388,360 €

COMPARED WITH VALUE OF FOOD GENERATED

7%  
Transport

Salaries & related costs  
**26%**

3%  
Rent (warehouse, office, etc.)

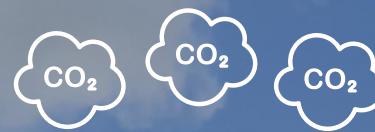
<1% Marketing & Maintenance

Food Purchased & Other  
**63%**

The amount of food generated by operational expenses has increased to **0.81 euro per 1 kg generated** in 2022, compared to just 0.65 euro per 1 kg generated in 2021.



# GOING GREEN INITIATIVE **LESS CARBON**



- Saving food from being wasted in our Fresh Food project
- Collecting packaged food before it expires
- Raising food through awareness activities
- Distribution of food to families in need
- Helping the climate by preventing food waste emissions from entering the atmosphere
- Collecting and distributing nourishing, bio and fresh food when possible
- Use of volunteerism and youth for activities
- Public awareness of the impact of food waste on the climate
- Education: staff/volunteer travel to schools or donating NGOs, food drives, and meetings about food waste impact



\*On average, 2 kg of carbon emissions (CO<sub>2</sub>) is generated from 1 kg of fresh food waste. This is calculated from an average of main food banking resources as of 2021. We saved 28 tons of food close to expiry and 132 tons of fresh food, equalling 320 tons CO<sub>2</sub> prevented.

## **FOOD BANK SHKODER**

FBA ensures presence in the territory by its 4 Local Food Banks, throughout Albania: Shkoder, Elbasan, Fier and Korca. Specifically, Food Bank Shkoder has been partnering with us for many years and remains a strong hub of both distribution and food banking activities. During its existence, it has distributed over 115,000 kg of food to families in need. From 2021 through 2022, LFB Shkoder secured food from 25 different donators, including state institutions and businesses.



# CONTACT US



## How does a Food Bank work?

Donations from individuals, businesses, organizations, and external partnering NGOs provide the food and funds for our work. Food drives and donations from supermarkets, institutions, and schools raise a large amount of packaged food for families in need. As well, our fresh food project provides a huge quantity of fruits and vegetables for social centres, soup kitchens and NGOs who serve the needy. Logistically, with our delivery trucks, we collect and deliver food in a timely manner, or arrange pickups for organizations to take the food.

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