



FOOD BANKS

Athens | Thessaloniki | Thessaly | Drama

Annual Report 2020

Statistical Data



Dear Friends,

in 2020 the pandemic affected operations in two ways. The quantity of food offered by companies was significantly higher because social awareness was raised and also, the reversal of food production programs created surpluses. On the other hand, public food collections organized by Food Banks were cancelled. In 2020, 1,829 tons of food were gathered by Athens Food Bank compared to 1,116 in 2019. Thessaloniki, Thessaly, Drama and Athens, together handled 2,359 tons compared to 1,414 in 2019. In parallel to the rise in donations in 2020, demand by soup kitchens and charities supported by the Food Banks also rose. Distributions continued without interruption through the whole year. The volumes of 2020 are not expected to be repeated in 2021.

The efforts to establish new Food Banks in other cities continued although progress slowed down due to the lockdowns.

In 2020, we launched a new project, the 'Emergency Food Fund'. The objective of the program is to utilise our experience with logistics and give donors the opportunity to target the beneficiaries they wish to assist and the type of foodstuffs they wish to offer. The program is very successful.

Many thanks to all who contributed to our operating expenses: A.G Leventis, Ioannis S. Latsis and Bodosakis Foundations, the AB Vassilopoulos, OTE, General Mills and Kellogg's companies. Furthermore, we appreciate the support received by the European Food Banks Federation (FEBA) through continuing training, guidance, and donations. The Federation of Hellenic Food Industries (SEVT) has been a valuable friend raising the awareness of its members to our work. The same applies to ELLA-DIKA MAS. Finally, we express many thanks to Deloitte SA-Auditors, which during the last seven years has conducted audits of the Food Bank with no charge.

Our staff and volunteers who worked very hard under pandemic conditions deserve a big thank you.

The number of those seeking help is constantly increasing, as well as the needs per individual. We will continue to do our best.

Panagis Vourloumis

President BOD
Athens Food Bank

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



UNITED NATIONS

2 ZERO
HUNGER



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

"Wasting food is not only an ethical and economic issue [...] save nutritious food for redistribution to those in need, helping to eradicate hunger and malnutrition (some 43 million people in the EU cannot afford a quality meal every second day)" - EU

12 RESPONSIBLE
CONSUMPTION
AND PRODUCTION

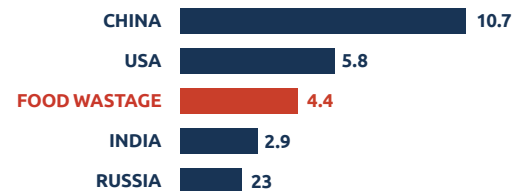


SDG 12.3

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.

Greenhouse Gas emissions

If food wastage were a country, it would be the third largest emitting country in the world.



GT CO₂E (2011/12)

So, what are “Food Banks”?

- Non profit organizations
- Collect food from production surplus and other donations
- Administer this appropriately
- Offer it to charitable institutions for free
- Do not discriminate according to race or in any other way

Incentive to donors:

The donor companies are exempt from VAT on their donations.

Are there many Food Banks?

- In **29** European Countries
- A total of **430** food banks
- And in Greece there are **4!**
- **Attica, Thessaloniki, Thessaly and Drama**



Food waste

Why does it matter?

The environment: The food that is lost and wasted each year accounts for an estimated 8 percent of annual GHG emissions, consumes a quarter of all water used by agriculture, and requires an agricultural area the size of China.

The economy: The annual market value of lost and wasted food is estimated at an astounding \$940 billion globally.

Food security: More than 1 billion metric tons of food per year is never consumed in a world where one in nine people are still undernourished.

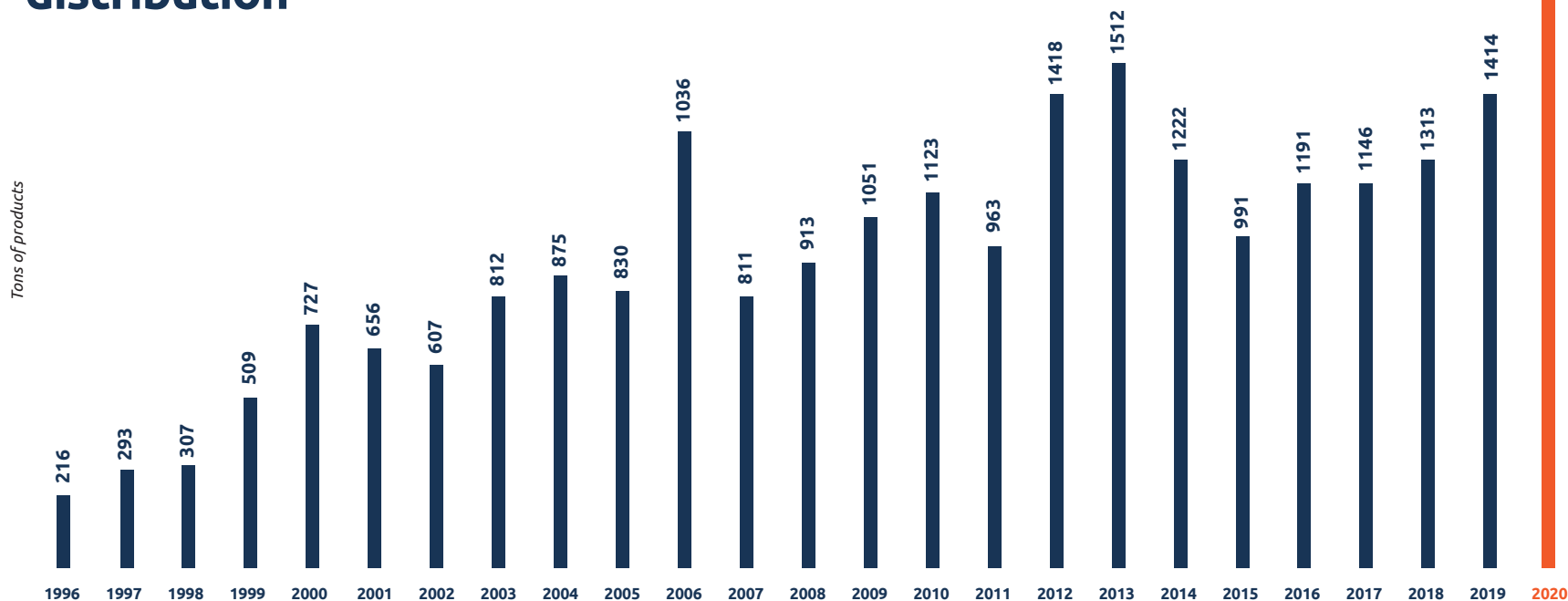
2019, World Resources Institute

Reducing Food Loss and Waste: Ten Interventions to Scale Impact



Statistical analysis of food distribution

2020, Food Banks - Greece

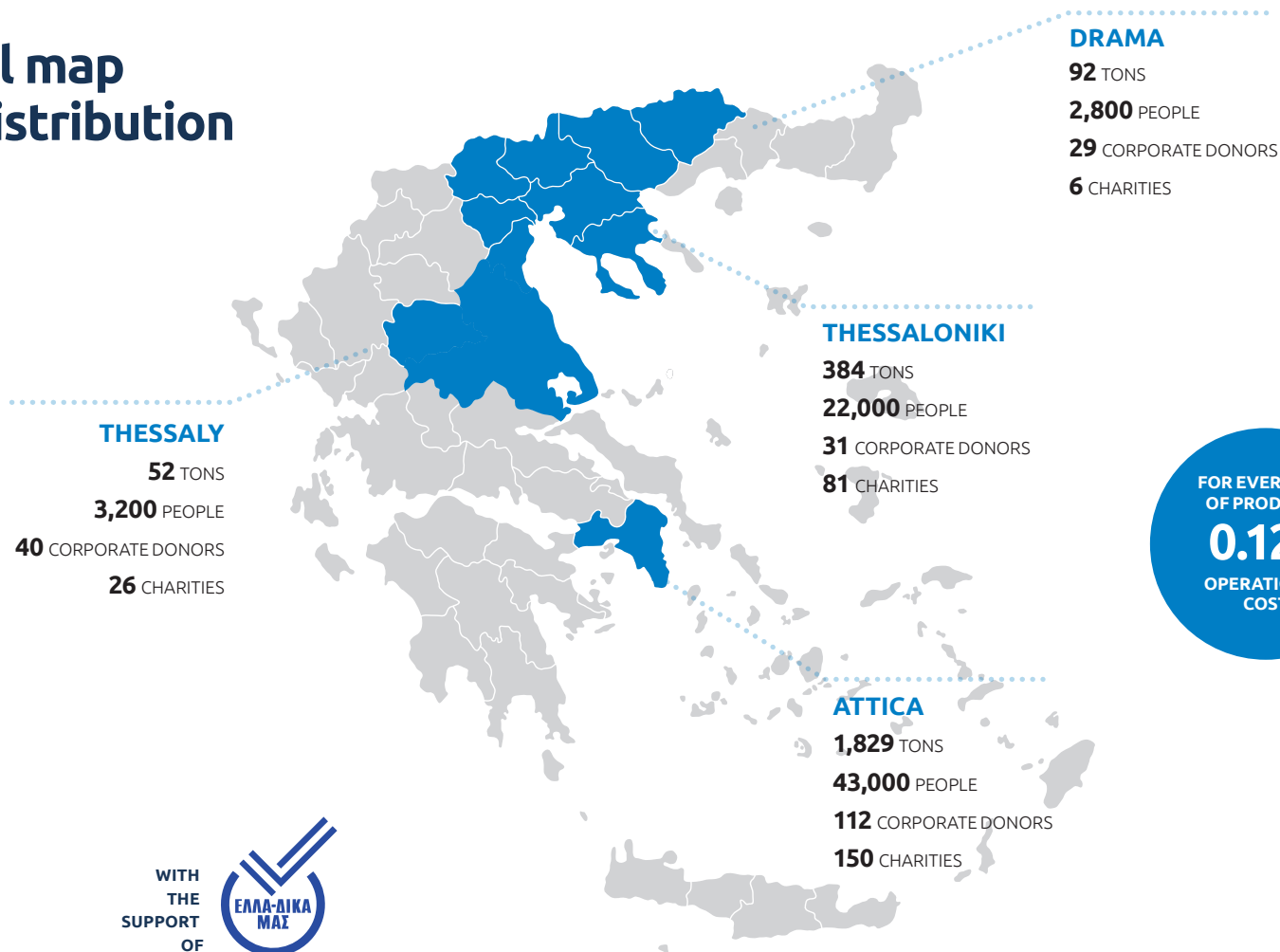
2,359
TONS**71,137**
PEOPLE**263**
CHARITIES**24,000**
TONS SINCE 1995

Member of the Coalition
for the Reduction of Food Waste

A member of the European Food
Banks Federation (FEBA)



Statistical map of food distribution



WITH THE SUPPORT OF

WITH
THE
SUPPORT
OF

In Attica



MEALS EQUIVALENT TO

2,431,901

portions of 500 g*



DRINKS

1,483,309

glasses



MILK

775,288

glasses



CLEANERS

51

tons

148 charities



In 2019, we donated in average **12,200kg food/charity**



Beneficiaries

Statistical representation 2020

43,165
BENEFICIARIES



In 2020, we donated in average **42kg food/beneficiary**



Thessaloniki Food Bank

**384**

TONS

22,000

PEOPLE

31

CORPORATE DONORS

81

CHARITIES

"Your continuous support enables us to be present in occasions of crisis and also to be able to meet our commitment to hundreds of people, homeless, needy, refugees and children in need. "

Hellenic Red Cross

"Regarding to our effort to take care and offer love to children of the institution, we appreciate your contribution in society, your sensitivity, your high sense of charity".

Municipal Nursery of Thessaloniki AGIOS STYLIANOS

"We warmly thank you for your continuous, noble and generous donation."

Charitable Association "Agios Ioannis the Merciful" Choristi Drama

"We would like to thank you for the prompt response to our request, as well as for your valuable support, social contribution and practical solidarity expressed by your kind donation. "

Municipality of Konitsa

"We would like to thank you for your kind and valuable support."

Municipality of Thessaloniki

Thessaloniki Food Bank



Mr. Justin, Bishop of Metropolitan Kalamaria, honored the Thessaloniki Food Bank with the Cross of St. Eugenios, the highest distinction of the Holy Metropolis, for its perennial charity offer.

Mr. Giannis Dardamanelis, Mayor of Kalamaria, awarded the honorary distinction to Mr. Achilleas Folia, President of Thessaloniki Food Bank.



Thessaloniki Food Bank



With FEBA support

Funding by General Mills

and
A. Hatzopoulos SA .

in 2020, office of
Thessaloniki Food Bank was
renovated and equipped.

Many thanks to all the donors and
volunteers from RETO HELLAS,
who helped us for repairs and the painting
of the offices.

Thessaloniki Food Bank



Foundation



**With the support of FEBA
and a grant from the
Elanco Foundation**

new refrigeration and freezing chambers were installed at the Food Bank of Thessaloniki. In addition, warehouse was moved from the basement to the ground floor of the building, and the electricity and water supply facilities were repaired.

Now, the Thessaloniki Food Bank can manage seven times more food keeping in refrigerator - dairy, cold cuts, frozen meat and fish – covering needs throughout Macedonia!

**Many thanks to
Policos A.E.
for the installation of cooling chambers
at cost prices.**

Thessaly Food Bank



3,200
PEOPLE

40
CORPORATE DONORS

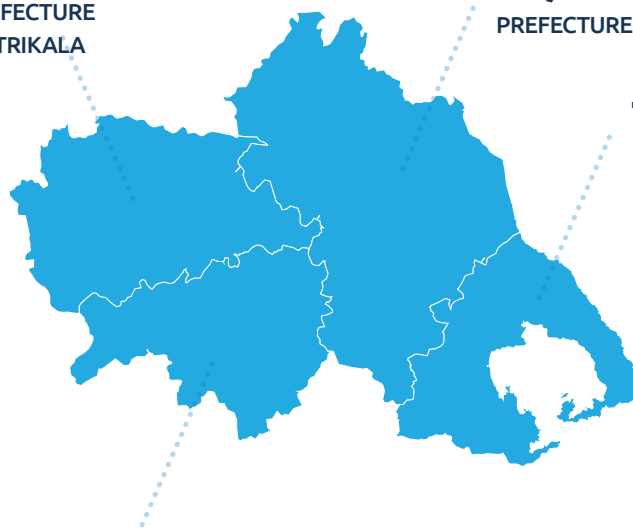
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CHARITIES

700kgr
PREFECTURE
OF TRIKALA

42,800kgr
PREFECTURE OF LARISA

7,000kgr
PREFECTURE OF MAGNESIA

11,600kgr
PREFECTURE OF KARDITSA



Thessaly Food Bank



With funding of the Hellenic Petroleum, in the context of program Emergency Food Fund, the Food Bank covered needs of families attacked by floods which happened in September, in Karditsa and Farsala municipalities.

Oct. 2020
Dec. 2020



Charity and Mission Association
"Panagia Eleousa"
Address: Athinas 74, Farsala
Tel: 24910-26471

We accepted your gifts with gratitude and holy feelings; we provided and we still provide to our fellow citizens affected by the floods the large quantities of food and long-lasting cleaners.

Under the difficult conditions we live every day, the love and empathy we share each other give us great strength. And it is true that love does not go through a crisis and it always discovers ways to support people in need.

Drama Food Bank

**92**

TONS

2,772

PEOPLE

29

CORPORATE DONORS

6

CHARITIES



"Care for the Elderly":

78 elderly families take benefits (128 family members), 12 food distributions took place, and it is should be highlighted that at the first phase of lockdown due to pandemic crisis, food was delivered to their houses.

A total of 2.1 tons of bread were distributed in daily bread distributions. Assistance was given to both the Drama Branch for Chronic Diseases and to Drama Day Care Center for the Elderly (KIFI). The Drama Food Bank supported, in addition the beneficiaries of the Association of Ladies of Drama - SAF, the Municipality Doxatou, Paranestiou and Prosotsani.

Many thanks to the Hellenic Initiative for its support to Drama Food Bank by covering the annual salary for a full-time eight-hour employment, for one year.

Drama Food Bank

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Christmas was gone. The New Year is already running [...] is it not a miracle that plenty of goods are on our table? The same is happening for hundreds of families. Except of the parcels which we receive every month, they delivered delicious food to our homes, with respect and love and with no publicity [...] I feel happy that you exist in my life "

Mrs Mary



" SYN-ENOSIS ":

125 families with underage children (504 family members) were served, 12 distributions were carried out and a total of 3,216 boxes with long-lasting foods and personal hygiene items were distributed.

SYN-ENOSIS was founded by the members of Hellenic Ship-owners Association. Its objectives are related to the implementation of programs for public benefit.

The project is conducted by SYN-ENOSIS to support families that live under material deprivation conditions and is based on predetermined financial and social criteria; the program concerns provision of packages with essential items, foods and personal hygiene items on a monthly basis.

Emergency Food Fund

The Emergency Food Fund is an umbrella program that includes discrete food market actions, from specific donors, for the nutritional needs of vulnerable social groups. The program started in mid-2020, due to the new needs that arose from the pandemic.

More information at: <https://foodbank.gr/eff>



Sep. 2020
Jun. 2021

The **Andreas
Mentzelopoulos**
Foundation

Donation by
**The Andreas Mentzelopoulos
Foundation**



Support in families
throughout Attica
with up to 19,079
members, included
9,018 children.

who receive help from
30
CHARITIES IN ATHENS

75,000
MEALS

12,000
GLASSES OF MILK

and counting...

Mar. 2020
Dec. 2020



PAUL & ALEXANDRA
CANELLOPOULOS
FOUNDATION

Donation by
**Paul & Alexandra
Canellopoulos Foundation**



In total,
we offered

175,000
MEALS

to
43,000
PEOPLE

who receive help from
149
SOUP KITCHENS AND
FOUNDATIONS IN
ATHENS

Emergency Food Fund

Vulnerable groups were supported in 2020 by five donors. Emergency Food Fund activities will be continued in 2021 with the support of new financiers.



Christmas
2020

BODOSSAKI
FOUNDATION



Donation by
Bodossaki Foundation



Christmas 2020

15

ORGANIZATIONS IN
ATHENS, DRAMA,
AETOLIA-ACARNANIA
AND AEGINA

3,883
PEOPLE

40,000
MEALS

3,000
GLASSES OF MILK

Dec. **2020**
Dec. **2021**

TIMA

CHARITABLE FOUNDATION ΚΟΙΝΩΦΕΛΕΣ ΙΔΡΥΜΑ

Donation by
TIMA
Charitable Foundation



**It started in December
2020 with a duration of
one year**

**It covers the nutritional
needs of**

270
PEOPLE

in
8
NURSING HOMES
IN ATHENS



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(FEBA)

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