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| Food Relief Taskforce Action Plan |
| Priority actions and timeframe |

The Taskforce has identified priority actions focusing on immediate and short-term goals, through to year-long projects. In addition, the Taskforce will have the role of providing advice and recommendations to the Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers throughout its period of operation.

Priority projects and timeframe for completion

| Strategic priority | 3 months  (September 2021) | 6 months  (December 2021) | 12 months  (June 2022) |
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| **Evidence-informed**  *Robust system knowledge and the ability to pivot responses to areas of need* | * Establish regular collection of food relief supply and distribution data.   + Develop standardised metrics and categories for food supply and distribution, including nutrition value. | * Develop Victorian Food Stress Index (incl. Healthy Food Basket cost monitoring survey). * Develop Food Relief Data Dashboard (with food stress and distribution data layers) and publish on Taskforce website. | * Expand Data Dashboard with mapping of community food relief agencies (output from mapping and gap analysis). |
| **Robust operating models**  *Sustainable food supply, and improved viability and capacity across the food relief sector* | - | * Develop and promote guidance for both industry and community food relief agencies apply the Good Samaritan legislation, and further support donations of surplus food. | * Explore future trends, challenges, and opportunities in food supply (including rescue, donations and purchasing). * Investigate incentives and support options to increase food recovery and redistribution from farms. * Pilot weVolunteer for food relief (volunteer credentialing and recruitment application).   + Implement food relief-specific micro-credentials / training modules. |
| **Healthy, diverse and dignified**  *Improved access to healthy and culturally appropriate food* | - | * Develop food relief nutrition guidelines for consultation. * Engage with CALD community organisations to develop linkages and supports across the broader food relief system. | * Develop a Charter with guidelines for the provision of healthy, culturally appropriate, and dignified food relief for consultation. |
| **Coordination**  *Enhanced collaboration and effectiveness of the food relief system* | * Explore and document trends, challenges, and opportunities in regional food relief storage and transport. | * Establish pilot project for a new partnership approach to food relief distribution. | * Develop options for a broader Food Relief Sector website. * Undertake mapping and gap analysis of the existing food relief system (including frontline agencies, supply chains and distribution, and approaches across local, state, and federal governments).   + Explore options to improve efficiency and coordination in food supply and distribution including CALD and community-led food relief responses. |

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