

Are you concerned that the basic food needs of many Canadians are not being met?



Has your group or organization been involved in efforts to build food security in your community, province or for Canada as a whole? If so, the learnings from your efforts are important to a national/international scan currently being conducted by the Nova Scotia Nutrition Council in partnership with the Atlantic Health Promotion Research Centre, Dalhousie University.

The purpose of the scan is to “paint the landscape” of the strategies that have been and are currently being used by communities and professionals to influence policy related to building food security in Canada and other developed countries. The scan is being conducted under the guidance of a National Advisory Committee, with representatives from each region of Canada and key organizations involved in issues such as food security, sustainable food systems and poverty. A final report will be produced in April 2002 and mailed to all who participate in the scan.

How can you participate in the scan or learn more about it?

- Fill out the attached survey and return it to us via fax (902) 494-3594
- E-mail us at ehemphill@tupdean2.med.dal.ca and we will send you an electronic version of the survey
- Visit our website at www.n SNC.ca and fill out the online survey (after Feb 25th)

Your participation in the survey will greatly enrich the lessons learned about strategies used to build food security in communities across Canada. These learnings will help inform a framework that can be used by various organizations who wish to impact policy related to food security at any level, and will be shared with those involved in building food security

If you have any questions about the scan, please contact Dr. Patricia Williams (patricia.williams@dal.ca) / Tel – (902) 494-6642 or Christine Johnson and Eric Hemphill, Project Assistants at (902) 494-2764.

Survey on Food Security Initiatives

1. Name, Organization:

2. Start date of initiative:

3. Mandate or objective of initiative encompasses:

- food security/insecurity
- poverty
- social justice/inequality/inclusion issues
- sustainable agriculture/food production/environmental protection/harvesting of traditional foods issues
- healthy public policy
- community development/capacity building
- other _____
- Please describe _____

4. How would you describe your initiative given the following options?

- Short-term Relief/Efficiency
Initiatives that provide temporary emergency relief to those who have no access to food under traditional means (e.g. food banks, soup kitchens, financial aid).
- Capacity Building/Substitution:
Initiatives, usually operating at the community level, that attempt to mobilize residents through sharing, communication and learning (e.g. community kitchens and gardens, support groups, Family Resource Centres).
- Redesign:
Initiatives that target the entire health care, governmental policy and food distribution systems (e.g. food policy councils, social action groups).

5. Is affecting policy an explicit intention of your initiative? Y N

6. If yes, has the initiative been successful in affecting policy? Y N
If yes;

At what level was policy targeted?

- personal
- organizational
- local/municipal
- regional
- provincial/territorial
- national
- global
- other _____

What strategies were used?

- advocacy
- lobbying
- media (brochures, newspaper articles, television)
- meetings with policy makers
- capacity building
- presentations to policy makers
- reports to policy makers
- dissemination of research results
- participatory action research
- other _____

7. If no, has your initiative affected policy without explicit intention to do so?
Y N

If yes;

At what level was policy affected?

- personal
- organizational
- local/municipal
- regional
- provincial/territorial
- national
- global

What strategies affected policy?

- advocacy
- lobbying
- media (brochures, newspaper articles, television)
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- other _____

8. Could you please provide us with any initiatives you are aware of that would be relevant to contact for our scan? *Note. The purpose of the environmental scan is to learn about strategies used by different initiatives that have impacted policy related to building food security either intentionally or unintentionally.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

9. Following this interview we will be contacting some initiatives for a key informant interview concerning this initiative. Do we have permission to contact you at a later date? Y N

Contact Person:

Phone Number:

Fax:

E-mail:

Mailing Address:

Please Note:

- Not all organizations will be contacted further. This will depend on the number of initiatives and whether or not they meet the criteria for the key informant interview. If you agree to participate in the key informant interview and your initiative is selected, you will be sent an information sheet and informed consent form to sign with directions on returning it to the Atlantic Health Promotion Research Center. Fax will be the preferred method for obtaining consent however e-mail or mail will be used if you do not have access to fax.

- When called to schedule an interview date and time, you will be asked for permission to tape-record the session for analysis purposes.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. We look forward to sharing the results with you!

Would you like to receive an executive summary of the final report?

Y N

May we include your initiative's contact information in our final report?

Y N