



AOTEAROA FOOD
RESCUE ALLIANCE

ANNUAL REPORT

2024-2025

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He hua toe he hua tohutohu
LEFTOVER FOOD IS FOR SHARING



FROM OUR CO-CHAIR TANGATA WHENUA TRACEY WATENE

“Huria te mata o te whenua”

In its truest form, this whakataukī means “Turn the face of the land”, “Change the face of the land” or “Transform the landscape.” It relates to the concept of renewal, change and/or transformation. It reminds me of our mission to bring about change, not only in how we rescue and redistribute food but also in how we honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi, protect our environment, and uplift the mana of whānau and communities across Aotearoa.

A Full Kete

As I reflect on my first year as Co-Chair of the Aotearoa Food Rescue Alliance (AFRA), my kete is full. Full of pride in being able to represent our whānau who are experiencing tough times, full of respect for the resilience and creativity of our members who continue to show up and do the mahi and full of hope knowing that together, we can achieve positive outcomes.

***Nā tō rākau, ka ū kaha ai te pātītī
It is because of the branches that the trunk
stands strong.***

This past year has been a true haerenga, one of learning, strengthening relationships, and walking alongside you in kaupapa. At the heart of it all it’s about feeding our people, upholding the mana of kai, and uplifting the communities we serve across Aotearoa.

I also want to acknowledge the support from my own organisation and team who walk beside me daily, thank you for holding space for me to serve in this role, not to just represent but to contribute towards finding mana-enhancing sustainable solutions.

What has resonated with me this year is how much aroha lives behind this mahi. From the big cities to our regional towns, every member of this alliance has stepped forward and stepped up. You have all adapted to supply chain shifts, supported communities through extreme weather events, and continued to find creative ways to get good kai where it’s needed most. It hasn’t been easy, but you’ve made it happen.

I’ve seen volunteers going above and beyond, neighbours supporting neighbours, and teams sharing mātauranga and resources without hesitation. AFRA has become more than a network; it’s a whānau grounded in shared values, showing up day in and day out not just to rescue food, but to whakamana tāngata and protect te taiao.

With food insecurity rising across the motu and the weight on our services growing heavier, we continue to navigate systems never designed for the kaupapa we carry. Yet despite the challenges like secure sustainable funding, retaining kaimahi and volunteers, and adapting to an ever-shifting landscape, you keep adding chairs to your tēpu, making space for others.

To each and every one of you, ngā mihi maioha. Thank you for showing up each and every day, rain, hail or shine. Every kilo rescued, every banana box packed, every cooked meal, every kind word at the door, all these moments do more than just fill puku, they feed wairua, restore mana, build trust, and remind people they are not alone.

As we look forward to a new year, let's continue to uplift one another by bringing our strengths together through whanaungatanga, manaakitanga, and kaitiakitanga. The journey ahead may be long and challenging, but united in kaupapa on the same waka, meaningful change is not only possible, but a destination we can achieve together.

Kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawanui.
He mihi mahana, he mihi ngākau nui ki a koutou katoa.

Tracey Watene
Co-Chair, Aotearoa Food Rescue Alliance



FROM OUR CO-CHAIR TANGATA TIRITI SIMONE GIBSON

Every year, the demand on our food rescue organisations continues to grow, and each year, our members rise to meet the challenge. This past year has been no exception. Once again, our members have stepped up to support the communities they call home, through extreme weather events, rising grocery costs, and increasing financial hardship. When times are tough, asking for kai isn't easy. Yet across the motu, AFRA members continue to meet that need with generosity and aroha, turning surplus into sustenance and sharing millions of kilograms of good food with those who need it most. This mahi not only nourishes individuals and whānau, but also strengthens community resilience and connection.

All of our members have worked incredibly hard this year, despite limited resources, driven by a shared commitment to put communities first and help them thrive.

At our last AGM, we adopted a new strategy and strengthened our action plan across AFRA's strategic pillars. This set us firmly on a mission to collaborate as the most effective food rescue organisations in Aotearoa, united in our efforts to amplify collective impact.

We know true collective impact only happens when all voices are heard, so AFRA has worked hard to prioritise member input and inclusion throughout the year.

We have had strong member involvement across a range of key projects, including:

- Membership Criteria and Code of Conduct Working Group
- Member Training and Development Working Group
- Constitution Update Working Group
- Data Policy Development
- Establishment of our Māori Caucus to progress the Te Ao Māori Advisory Group
- Membership Subscription Hui
- Second Harvest Collaboration

We are also deeply grateful to the members who hosted our Regional Hui: Go Eco Waikato Environment Centre, Nelson Environment Centre, and Just Zilch. These hui continue to be invaluable spaces for connection, peer learning, and member-led development.

A special thank you to Satisfy Food Rescue for organising this year's National Hui in Ōtautahi Christchurch.

We have made strong progress across all four of AFRA's strategic pillars: Advocacy, Best Practice, Ako (Learning) and Sustainability.

Our advocacy efforts reached new heights this year, particularly in the lead-up to Budget 2025. The 12-month extension of MSD's Food Secure Communities programme is powerful recognition of the mahi our members are doing across the motu.

We are incredibly grateful for the continued generosity of our sponsors: The Hoku Foundation, Foodstuffs, Woolworths New Zealand, and Ministry of Social Development (MSD). Your support enables us to continue our mahi and uplift our members.

To our board members, thank you for your dedication and hard work. Welcoming new faces has brought fresh energy and passion to our kaupapa.

To Tracey Watene, thank you for being an outstanding tangata whenua co-chair and a trusted partner in our shared mahi. The co-chair model has been a great fit for AFRA, and your steady, supportive leadership has been invaluable throughout.

In May, the board farewelled Kate Porter, who has been with AFRA since its inception. Kate brought a valuable supermarket lens to our work and was a fierce advocate for ensuring all member organisations were seen and heard. Thank you, Kate, for everything.

To our staff team, Iain, Rohan, and Quinn, thank you for your tireless efforts. A key contributor to our success this year has been the strategic and consistent communications work led by Rohan, including the launch of our new website and resource hub.

The work being led by Quinn on the continued development and rollout of our data platform has created a powerful tool that captures the impact of our members and enables us to share that with supporters and funders.

As I step away from the board, I do so with full confidence that AFRA is in good hands. There is a fire in their bellies to ensure every member is supported, and to ensure no government can ignore the vital role of food rescue in Aotearoa New Zealand. I have learned so much during my time on the board. For anyone considering stepping into a governance role, please do. Your voice matters, and your contribution can make a real difference.

Simone Gibson
Co-Chair, Aotearoa Food Rescue Alliance

OUR MEMBERS

Our alliance is made up of independent food rescue organisations across Aotearoa, all doing important mahi within their communities, to rescue quality surplus kai and ensure it feeds communities not landfill.



OUR MEMBERS' COLLECTIVE IMPACT

This data is based on AFRA's 2025 member survey, covering the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

During the year AFRA Members:



**Rescued
10.4 million kg**

of surplus,
quality kai



**Distributed
12 million kg**

of quality kai into
the community

This combined mahi:



**Prevented
31 million kg**
of carbon dioxide
equivalent
emissions



**Provided
26.9 million**
meals into the
community
(equivalent)



**Distributed
\$83.7 million**
worth of quality
food into the
community



**Saved
6.6 billion**
litres of water from
unnecessary use

OUR BOARD

AFRA'S CO-CHAIRS



Simone Gibson (Co-Chair)

Simone Gibson is GM at Awhina Taupō Community Foodbank having relocated from Tauranga at the end of 2023. Her introduction to the food rescue sector came with her role at Good Neighbour Aotearoa Trust in Tauranga starting in 2020. Bringing business experience and a passion for innovation and collaboration Simone is keen to see AFRA members learn from one another, join forces to raise the sector's profile, and achieve sustainability for the longevity of food rescue in Aotearoa. Simone has been part of the local Mana Kai, Mana Ora Food Sovereignty and Security Plan working group which aims to ensure we have a kai secure and well-connected community by 2030. This project will bring together those that have the same passion for a local Kai System and the vision to see it flourish.



Tracey Watene (Co-Chair)

Tracey Watene is the Head of Operations and Relationships at Fair Food NZ, where she has been instrumental in expanding the organisation's reach while maintaining strong community connections in West Auckland. She oversees the collection of over 600 tonnes of fresh food annually, supports thousands of volunteers, and fosters key partnerships with supermarkets. With a background in the Tertiary Education and Sports sectors, Tracey has mentored rangatahi and championed positive outcomes for communities. Of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei and Ngāti Porou whakapapa, she brings a strong Te Ao Māori perspective to her work, enriching Fair Food's relationships. Tracey is also the Vice President of the Tāmaki Makaurau Poitarawhiti Māori Women's Welfare League and a Life Member of Aotearoa Māori Netball Oranga Healthy Lifestyles.

OUR BOARD



Liz Cassidy-Canning

Liz Cassidy-Canning is the CEO of 155 Whare Āwhina and director of Whakaora Kai Limited, a food rescue initiative with a vision of zero waste, zero hunger. With sites in Whangārei, Moerewa (in partnership with He Iwi Kotahi), and Kaikohe, Whakaora Kai collects surplus food from local businesses and redistributes it to over 80 community groups and marae across Taitokerau. Liz, who facilitated the creation of Whakaora Kai, combines her leadership role with hands-on work as a relief food rescue driver. A passionate advocate for equity, justice, and systemic change in food security, she also brings extensive experience in governance and the health and social service sectors. Proud mother of four and nana to three mokopuna, Liz is committed to AFRA's mission to reduce food waste, cut carbon emissions, and ensure that no one in Aotearoa goes hungry.



Kate Porter

An experienced communications and reputation leader, Kate is also a founding member of New Zealand Food Waste Champions 12.3. Kate was previously Head of Communications and Community for Countdown and Woolworths New Zealand and has strong relationships across the food rescue and food charity sectors. She advocates for the inclusion of food rescue as a critical part of Aotearoa's waste infrastructure, playing both an environmental and social role in reducing food waste and food poverty. Kate stepped down from the AFRA's Board in May 2025.



Susie Robertson

Susie Robertson is the Kaiarahi/CE of Kaibosh Food Rescue, which has three branches across the Greater Wellington region. Susie has a long working history in the charity sector, with a background in youth health and development and social marketing. Her passion is working with the community for the good of people and the planet. When she isn't working, she loves getting into the bush with her family and dog. Susie believes in freely sharing knowledge and resources, and so is deeply supportive of the AFRA alliance model, and the benefits it can have for all its members.

OUR BOARD



David Savage

Specialising in leadership and collaboration, David Savage is a coach and trainer with nearly 20 years of experience. He's coached leaders on the post-earthquake Stronger Christchurch Infrastructure Rebuild Team and the Memorial Park Alliance in Wellington, as well as numerous not-for-profit organisations here in New Zealand and in the Pacific. Having travelled to different parts of the world and witnessing first-hand poverty and deprivation, he's excited to be part of the AFRA board and see its members make such a tangible and positive difference to people and the planet.



Jennifer Stephens

Jennifer, with two years as Relationship Manager at KiwiHarvest, has extensive experience in community engagement, advocacy, and local council operations and is eager to contribute to AFRA's mission. Over the past two years, she has been working with food rescue initiatives across Auckland and Southland, managing relationships with 220 recipient agencies. Her management of KiwiHarvest's Invercargill branch has equipped her with essential skills in conflict resolution, stakeholder communication, and operational management. Outside of work, Jennifer has two daughters, one at university and another in high school. She enjoys hiking, cycling, DIY, and going to the cinema.



Stef Van Meer

Stef Van Meer is the Manager of Satisfy Food Rescue, a charity serving North Canterbury and Christchurch. Over the past eight years, she has played a key role in expanding Satisfy's operations and strategic direction, while also developing a positive team culture and strengthening the organisation's brand. Stef is delighted to bring her experience to the AFRA board and values the opportunity to deepen her understanding of governance at a national level. She knows that by working together we build stronger connections that will only strengthen the work of the Alliance across Aotearoa.



FROM OUR INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER IAIN LEES-GALLOWAY

*Whāia te iti kahurangi; ki te tūohu koe, me he maunga teitei.
Pursue excellence – should you stumble, let it be to a lofty mountain.*

This past year has been about consolidation and progress. With our new member-driven strategy endorsed at the AGM, AFRA has shifted from building mode to embedding shared practice, strengthening governance, and supporting members to use data and resources in new ways.

The development of our Data Platform was one of the most significant pieces of work this year. It is evolving into a powerful tool that not only tracks volumes but supports storytelling, operational improvement, and impact measurement. Quinn deserves special recognition for his professionalism and commitment in leading this work. His support for members, attention to detail, and ability to turn raw numbers into meaningful insight has been central to the platform's success and to AFRA's ability to demonstrate collective impact.

On advocacy for members, our collective efforts bore fruit. Budget 2025 maintained the Food Secure Communities programme at the same level as the past two years. In a challenging fiscal climate, this was a significant achievement, ensuring continuity for those members who have relied on that support. A key factor in securing this outcome was the strategic communications work led by Rohan. Her dedication, compelling storytelling, and targeted media engagement kept food rescue visible at the very moment key Ministerial decisions were being made. We also worked alongside members who we believe have a case for being included in the programme, and while success is not guaranteed, it reflects AFRA's commitment to making sure every member's voice is heard.

Beyond government, supermarket partners continue to strengthen their support for members. Foodstuffs North Island increased its contributions to 20 organisations, and Woolworths maintained its funding accessible to members across the motu. These contributions show growing recognition from industry that food rescue is essential to community wellbeing and environmental sustainability.

Our regional hui were once again invaluable. They brought members together to learn from one another, to shape key policies like our Data Policy, and to share the collective wisdom of the sector. Looking ahead, our upcoming National Hui will provide another opportunity to celebrate progress, confront challenges, and plan together.

A highlight has been the growing role of member working groups, from membership criteria to training and development, Second Harvest, cultural responsiveness, and constitutional review. These groups demonstrate AFRA's evolution into a truly participatory alliance: members not only shaping but leading key aspects of our mahi.

The refresh of our membership criteria and the development of a Code of Conduct have progressed well with the documents to be considered by members at the next AGM. These are all important steps toward a stronger, more accountable alliance.

Challenges remain. Demand for food relief continues to rise, funding security is never assured, and members juggle growing workloads with limited resources. Yet across the motu, AFRA members continue to show up with creativity, resilience and aroha – turning surplus into sustenance, and building trust, mana, and connection in communities.

I want to acknowledge our small but mighty staff team, Rohan and Quinn, for the enormous contribution they have made to our success this year. Sincere thanks to our Board, who have steered AFRA through change with wisdom and care. And most importantly, I pay tribute to our members, who not only rescue food and nourish communities every day but make such a massive contribution to the mahi of our alliance.

As we look to the year ahead, our focus is on deepening our commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, scaling up Second Harvest, rolling out planned and regular member training and development, strengthening support for peer-to-peer mentoring, and continuing to advocate for food rescue to be recognised as essential infrastructure for Aotearoa. Together, we are building not just an alliance, but a movement that is better prepared than ever to transform the landscape.

Nāku iti noa, nā,


Iain Lees-Galloway
Executive Director


SUPPORTING OUR MEMBERS


AFRA'S FOUR KEY PILLARS


AFRA is a participatory alliance grounded in the shared mahi of food rescue, collecting nutritious surplus food and redistributing it to nourish people and communities across Aotearoa. Together, we strive to be the most effective local food rescue organisations, connected and collaborating to enhance our collective impact.

Our vision is that tangata whenua and tangata tiriti thrive because the mana of kai is honoured and Papatūānuku is respected. At our 2024 AGM, our members agreed upon four strategic pillars to guide our work:

 **Advocacy:** Influencing national and local policy to strengthen our sector, our communities, and our environment.

 **Ako:** Creating opportunities for learning, development, and shared growth across the network.

 **Best Practice:** Defining and embedding evidence-informed approaches that raise the bar for food rescue.

 **Sustainability:** Building long-term resilience in our organisations, communities, and ecosystems.

These pillars shape our direction and unify our efforts, ensuring our collective mahi has a lasting impact. Below are some highlights of our work under each of these pillars over the past year:

ADVOCACY

In the lead-up to Budget 2025, the AFRA team focused its energy on highlighting the essential role of food rescue, advocating for sustainable, long-term government investment in the sector.

To support this work, we commissioned a nationally representative survey to better understand public awareness and attitudes toward food rescue. The results confirmed what we already knew: New Zealanders value food rescue, want to see food waste reduced, and believe the government should play a role in making it happen.

We actively engaged with MPs and mounted a strong media campaign, resulting in 11 media stories. This effort was further amplified through targeted social media activity.

Survey Highlights

 Aotearoa
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- **73%** of New Zealanders are concerned about edible food ending up in landfill.
- **75%** agree the government should do more to stop food that could feed people from ending up in landfill.
- **75%** agree the government should contribute to food rescue funding.
- **81%** think surplus food should go to feeding people first, ahead of other uses like animal feed or compost.



In May, the Government announced the continuation of Food Secure Communities funding for another year. While this was welcome news in a challenging fiscal environment, the short-term nature of the funding reinforces the need for a more strategic, long-term approach to food security and waste reduction across Aotearoa, something we continue to advocate for.

This year, our sector also gained meaningful support from our supermarket partners. As always, Woolworths NZ has continued to champion our sector, donating over \$1 million and over 4,000 tonnes of food to rescue groups. Woolworths also continued to sponsor our South Island and National Hui, alongside additional support from Fonterra.

Foodstuffs North Island allocated \$150,000 to support 20 of our member organisations across the motu. This funding helps keep rescued food moving into communities where it is needed most. In March, we had the opportunity to exhibit at the Foodstuffs Expo and engage directly with store owners and staff from across the country. These connections are key to building enduring partnerships between food donors and local food rescue groups.

We are hugely grateful for these partnerships that help make our mahi possible.



AKO

Creating opportunities for learning, development, and shared growth across the network is central to AFRA's kaupapa.

This year, our National and Regional Hui provided valuable spaces for connection, reflection, and collective growth. In September, we brought members together in Tāmaki Makaurau for our National Hui under the theme “Better Together”. It was a powerful two days of connection, inspiration, and collective action, with speakers including Dr. Madeline Sheling, Rhea Te Aika-Puanaki, and Hon Louise Upston. Read more about our Hui on page 18.



This year also marked a significant milestone in our commitment to honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We established a Māori Caucus within our membership, creating a dedicated space for Māori voices and leadership within the sector. The next step in this kaupapa is the formation of a Te Ao Māori advisory group to guide our journey and help embed tikanga Māori across AFRA's work.

BEST PRACTICE

AFRA is committed to defining, sharing, and embedding best practice across the food rescue sector. This year, we took important steps to in improving our digital tools to better support AFRA members.

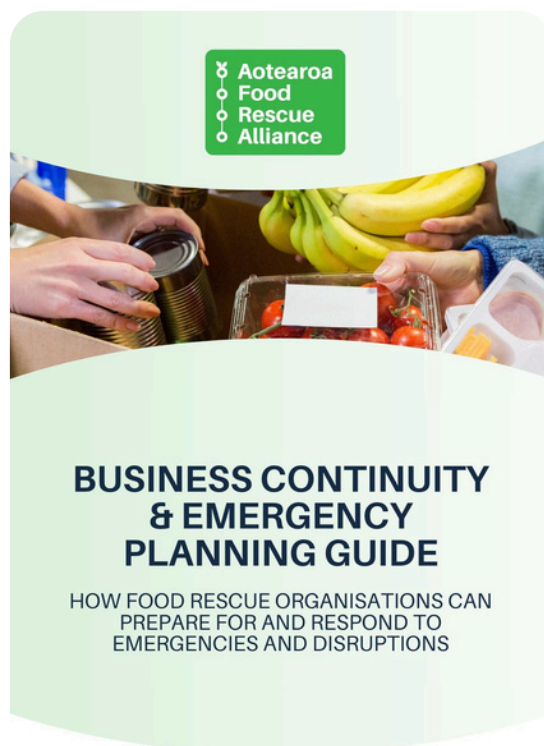
A key focus has been enhancing the AFRA data platform, making it easier to use, more secure, and more powerful. We introduced new features, including customisable PDF reports to simplify reporting, interactive dashboards and pivot tables to help members explore and interpret their data, and custom metadata options for greater flexibility. Behind the scenes, we've also strengthened the platform's technical foundation, upgrading the underlying technology, enhancing security, and improving our development processes.

Feedback from members has been very positive, with many highlighting how these changes have made data entry and reporting faster and more useful. To ensure the platform is as intuitive as it is functional, we also engaged a user-experience designer to streamline the layout and create a more consistent interface.

Another key milestone was the upgrade of our website. The new site is more user-friendly and includes a refreshed Resource Hub designed to help members quickly find the information they need. Every AFRA member now has a profile on the site, showcasing the diversity, reach, and impact of our network.

We also reviewed and updated key resources. Our Food Safety Guide was expanded to include the latest guidance from the Ministry for Primary Industries, including information on homekill. In response to increasing climate-related disruptions, we developed a new Disaster and Disruptions Preparedness Guide. This resource was launched at our National Hui, where members who had experienced major events, such as Cyclone Gabrielle and the Auckland Anniversary floods, shared their insights during a dedicated panel discussion.

These initiatives reflect our collective commitment to continually lifting standards, sharing knowledge, and supporting each other to deliver safe, effective, and resilient food rescue across Aotearoa.



SUSTAINABILITY

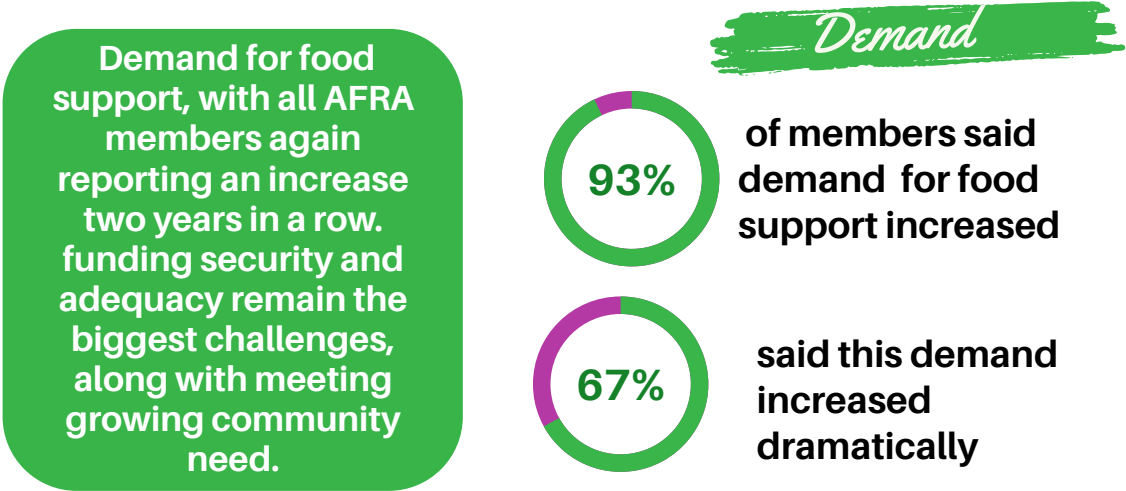
We are working towards building resilient systems that support our communities, our environment, and our sector over the long term. One promising area of focus this year has been second harvest (also known as gleaning), rescuing high-quality surplus produce directly from farms, orchards, and gardens.

AFRA is working with a number of our members, as well as Plant & Food Research, and the Kiwifruit Breeding Centre, to develop practical resources that support and scale second harvest initiatives to make it more accessible for food rescue groups across the motu, which will be available in 2025. By stepping in earlier and closer to the source, we can rescue more nutritious food, reduce waste, and strengthen local food security.



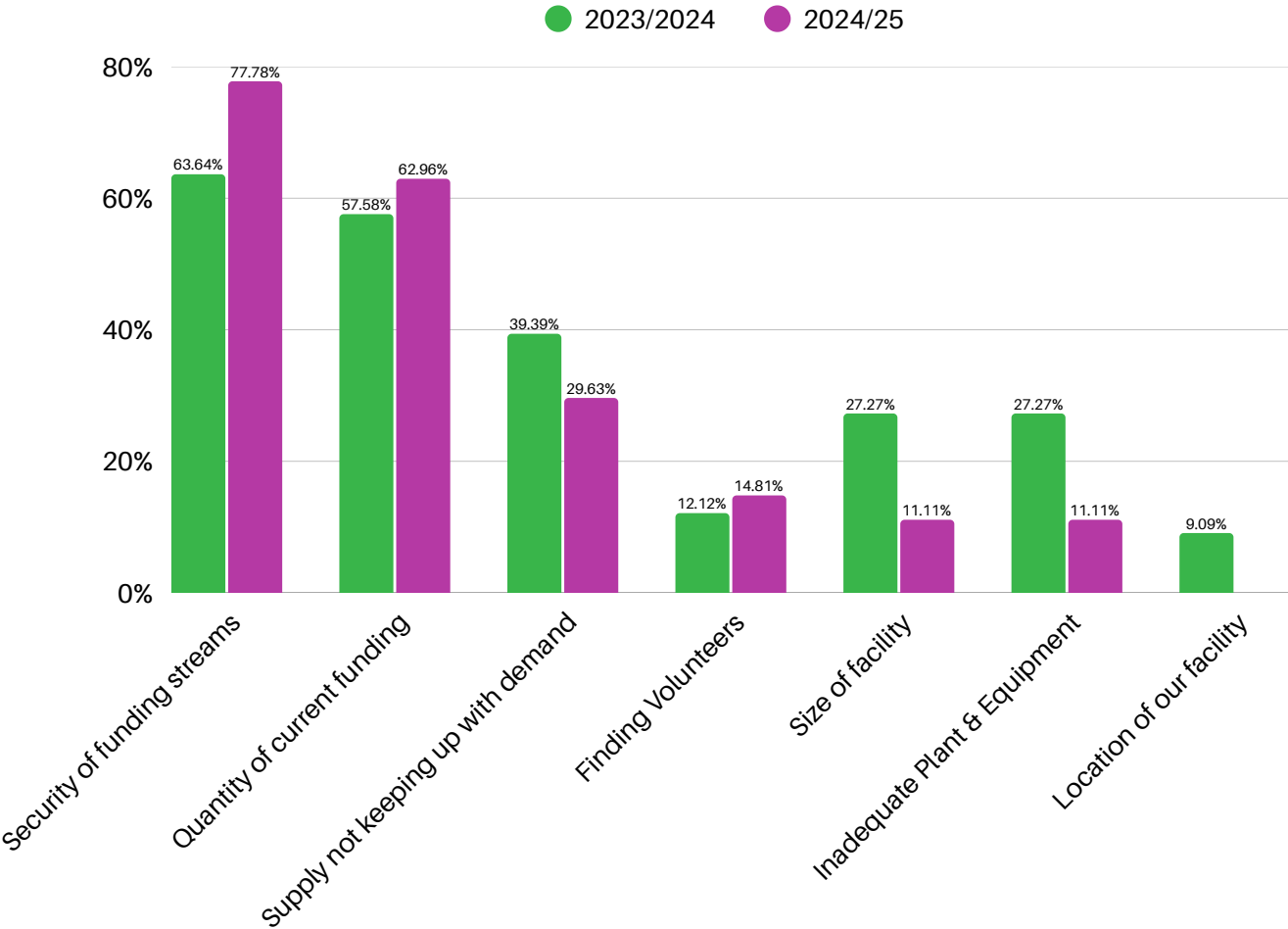
ANNUAL MEMBERS’ SURVEY 2025

This data is based on AFRA’s 2025 member survey, covering the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025. Twenty-seven members completed the survey.



Challenges

Organisations were asked to rank the following challenges based on the impact on their organisation:



Our Members...



Distribute to
1400+
organisations



Have support from
6000+
volunteers

How valued our members feel



100%

Agreed our food rescue organisation is **valued by our community.**



89%

Agreed our food rescue organisation is **valued by our local council(s).**



33%

Agreed our food rescue organisation's role in reducing food waste is **valued by the Ministry for the Environment (MfE).**

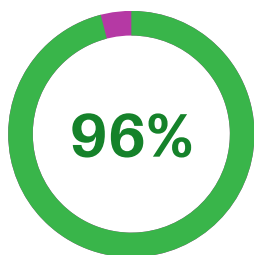


85%

Agreed our food rescue organisation's role in distributing food is **valued by the Ministry of Social Development (MSD).**

How AFRA is doing

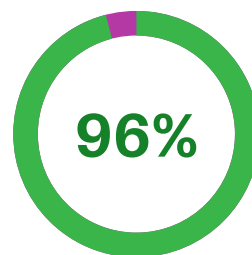
Members were asked how we are doing in the below areas:



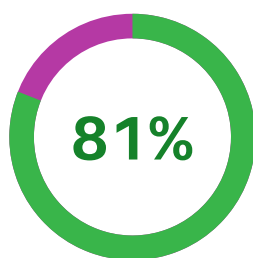
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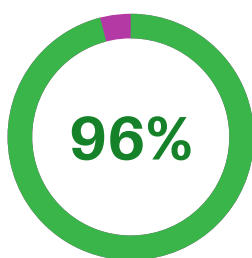
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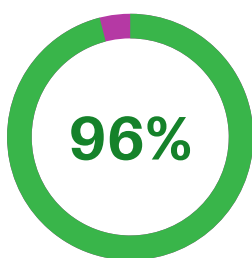
Said AFRA provides resources, services and assistance that align with my organisation's needs.



Said I am aware of the work that AFRA undertakes on my behalf.



Said we get to participate as much as we want in AFRA's decision making. Up by 22% from last year.



Said Membership of AFRA is valuable to our organisation. Up 6% from last year.

67% also said AFRA supports our organisation to advocate effectively to local government.

Data

All members agreed that they have access to data they are confident in, which helps them communicate effectively with their:



staff and volunteers



food recipients and food donors



financial supporters, and government agencies

WOOLWORTHS NZ FOOD RESCUE PARTNERS SUMMIT & AFRA HUI 2024

Last September, we gathered for our national hui in Tāmaki Makaurau for an inspiring two days under the theme "Better Together." It was a powerful reminder of what we can achieve when we come together.

We were privileged to hear from outstanding speakers, including Dr. Madeline Shelling on Māori approaches to food security and Rhea Te Aika-Puanaki from Riki Consulting on embedding Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Hon Louise Upston delivered a keynote address and acknowledged the sector's impact over the previous financial year, rescuing 7.4 million kg of surplus food and distributing 9.8 million kg to communities across the motu.

Events like this are only possible thanks to the generous support of our partners. We're especially grateful to Woolworths New Zealand, which has backed us since day one and continues to help unite the food rescue sector behind a shared vision.

We also extend our thanks to Fonterra, which joined us this year and helped enhance the hui experience.



OUR REGIONAL HUI TE IKA-A-MĀUI, NORTH ISLAND

sponsored by

foodstuffs NORTH ISLAND

AFRA's Upper North Island Hui brought together members and partners in Kirikiriroa Hamilton, generously hosted by Go Eco at the Fairfield College marae. Dr Rebekah Graham opened the day with reflections on the deeper meaning of kai, as nourishment for our bodies, memories, identities and connection to place.

Presenters Megan Mulder and Céline Louche shared insights on the evolution of food rescue post-COVID, from isolation to connection, from crisis response to creative adaptation. We explored the continued rise in demand, innovation under pressure and the opportunities and challenges of a more professionalised sector.

The hui closed with a powerful wānanga that asked us to reimagine the food system – shifting from charity to local resilience and lasting change. The theme we carried forward: Food is never just food.

This event was made possible with the support of Foodstuffs North Island Limited.



LOWER NORTH ISLAND HUI – PALMERSTON NORTH

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foodstuffs NORTH ISLAND

A heartfelt thank you to the incredible team at Just Zilch for hosting AFRA's Lower North Island Hui, and to Foodstuffs North Island Limited for their generous support.

Over two days, members rolled up their sleeves and experienced Just Zilch's food rescue mahi first hand. Learning in action created space for deep connection and practical exchange.

We heard from Lani Evans MNZM and Richard Fernando on the risks and opportunities of artificial intelligence and how it might support and strengthen the food rescue sector. Emily King led a powerful session on our place within the wider food system, encouraging us to focus our energy where it can make the most impact.

It was a hui full of learning, inspiration and whanaungatanga — a chance to reconnect with the passionate people driving food rescue across the region.



OUR REGIONAL SOUTH HUI TE WAIPOUNAMU, SOUTH ISLAND

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Woolworths 



We were grateful to be hosted by the team at Nelson Environment Centre for AFRA's South Island Regional Hui in Whakatū Nelson, with generous support from Woolworths New Zealand.

In challenging times, connection is more important than ever. This hui gave members the opportunity to pause, reflect and reconnect — to share challenges, celebrate successes and strengthen the relationships that support our food rescue community.

From practical insights to forward-looking kōrero, the hui offered valuable professional development, shared learning and collective encouragement. As always, it was a privilege to spend time with such a passionate and inspiring group of people. We are stronger for coming together.

AFRA FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Current year	Last year
Revenue	\$	\$
Donations, koha, bequests and other general fundraising activities	242,164	257,963
Government service delivery grants/contracts	400,000	400,000
Total revenue	642,164	657,963
Expenses		
Employee remuneration and other related expenses	331,361	411,972
Other expenses related to service delivery	152,203	269,773
Other expenses	1,321	4,749
Total expenses	484,886	686,493

AFRA FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Current year	Last year
Assets	\$	\$
Current assets		
Cash and short-term deposits	189,946	83,742
Debtors and prepayments	64,881	6,895
Total current assets	254,827	90,637
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	2,024	2,836
Total non-current assets	2,024	2,836
Total assets	256,851	93,473
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Creditors and accrued expenses	0	529
Employee costs payable	15,818	9,189
Total current liabilities	15,818	9,718
Total Liabilities	15,818	9,718
Total assets less total liabilities (net assets)	241,034	83,755
Accumulated Funds		
Opening balance	83,755	112,285
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	157,278	(28,530)
Other reserves		
Total Accumulated Funds	241,033	83,755



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