



We Heard You

Together, we can make change.

Your responses to our Policy Priorities survey and the vital input you provided will inform the policy agenda we will advocate for at the local, state, and federal levels.

What You Told Us



The financial impact of the pandemic hasn't gone away.

Our community members are still struggling to recover from COVID-related economic strain.



Hunger is about more than food.

We need to address systemic issues like poverty and racial discrimination as key drivers of food insecurity.



Our policy advocacy can make the difference.

You are passionate advocates for the people you serve, and you know that without bold policy change, we can't end hunger.



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What We're Doing



To end hunger, we know we have to **tackle not just its consequences, but its root causes**. That means raising our voices on policies that impact economic security, housing, and the entire social safety net.



We partner with trusted community-based organizations like yours to ensure all those who need food can get it, and we want to **continue working with community leaders like you and elected officials** to advocate for lasting change.

Stay tuned for our 2022-2023 Policy Agenda, informed by you!

What You Can Do

Sign up for Action Alerts to hear more and to take action when these issues need your voice.

Our voices are stronger together — join us in one of the many coalitions we're part of:

- **CA Hunger Action Coalition**
- **School Meals for All**
- **Food for All** — Immigrant Food Access
- **Californians for SSI**

What did we miss? Are you working on advocacy to fight hunger or its root causes? Let's connect!

Reach out: advocacy@sfmfoodbank.org



Key Findings

In January 2022, we asked our network of partners to tell us about the state of hunger in their communities, and what they thought we should do about it. Our Policy Priorities survey was a first step in engaging with our partners in a new way, with the goal of building a more inclusive, equitable policy agenda together.

Our partners are engaged and enthusiastic about contributing to systemic change through advocacy and public policy.



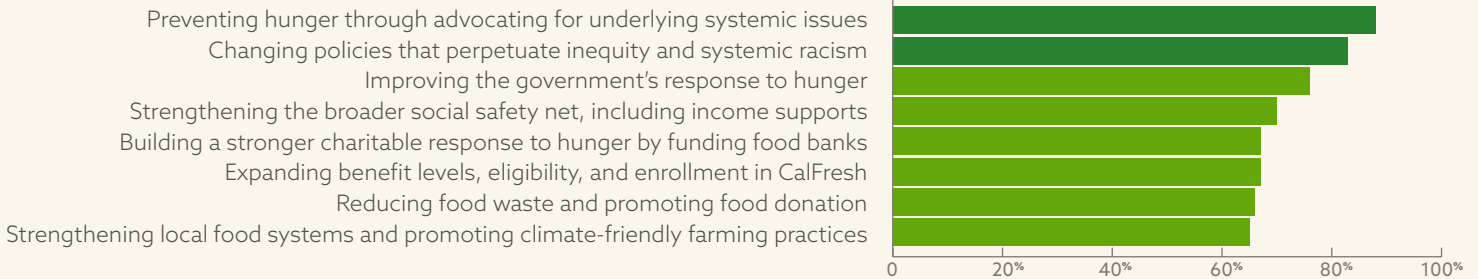
69 partners responded to the survey

100% of the partners who started the survey completed it

We asked our partner network:

“What do you think are the most important issues we should focus our advocacy on in the coming year?”

We asked them to rate a series of options as “Most Important”, “Somewhat Important” and “Least Important”



Our partners’ priorities are aligned with the Food Bank’s priorities:

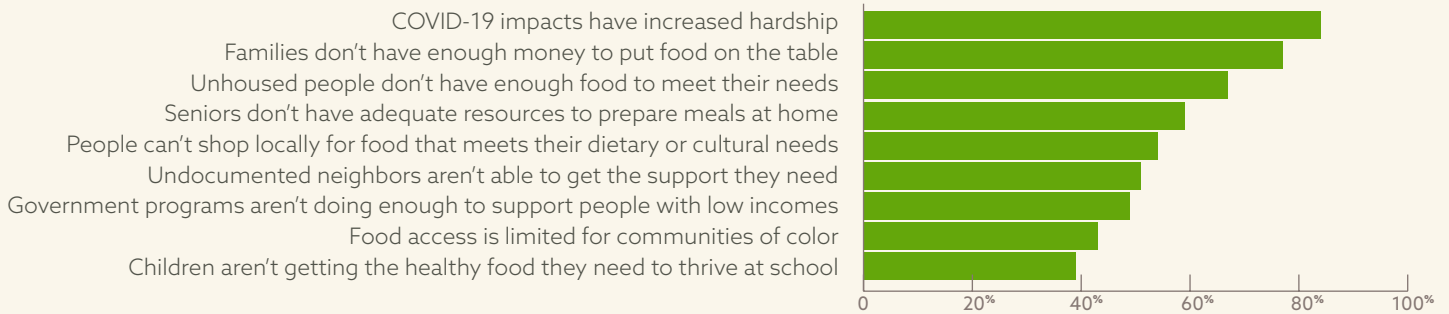


87% of respondents said that **preventing hunger through advocating for underlying systemic issues** (economic security, housing, etc.) was a “Most Important” issue to prioritize in our policy work.



83% said that **Changing policies that perpetuate inequity and systemic racism** was “Most Important”

Responses to “How do you see hunger showing up in your community?” reiterate the **ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on increased hardship.**



Themes from open-ended responses to “What else should we prioritize?”:

Fund partner agencies

- Strengthen food pantry network to increase community outreach

Improving Income Supports

- Inadequacy of existing safety net programs

Food systems

- More focus on where the food comes from

Waste Reduction

- More investment in fresh food recovery
- Food from SFMFB and government (School Meals) is often wasted because it is not appropriate or not high quality

Food Access for special populations

- Immigrant (specifically people who are undocumented) food access was repeatedly mentioned
- Unhoused community – improving food offerings for people without access to cooking facilities

Food retail access

- Lack of investment in healthy and affordable food retail options in low-income neighborhoods