

Strengthening Policies and Systems to increase Food Security and Reduce Hunger

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- Ophelia stated there should be incentives for farmers, grocery stores, and others.
- There are consumer issues. Food drives are wasting food. Consumers cannot consume food fast enough. Need to be cognizant of this. Families are being forced to take food, Need regulations.
- Need to support agriculture leaders from marginalized communities. Water rights does not make someone leadership material.
- New Mexico Acequia based farmers could be teaching each other. Family and Community can teach each other how to grow food. Consider seed exchange or food hubs. Consider food sovereignty.
- Missing – intersectionality, shifting power to community voice. How do we shift power to community?
- 4-D Looking at systems. 90% of food in New Mexico comes from out of state. Need to increase food literacy for K-12, example, good food vs processed. Need to stay healthy in unfortunate situations. It's important to take care of the land.
- New Mexico farmers cost of food is high. Food banks end up paying more.
- How does income security tie in with food insecurity? There are root causes for food insecurity. Nutrition vs paying rent. Income decisions need to be made.
- Lilly stated this is all a work in progress. Some folks in the community are already working on this. Lilly asked the implementation team to think about how they can support or leverage community voice? Who are people or organizations that are already working on these issues?