

# Food insecurity survey

## Helping to end the need for food banks



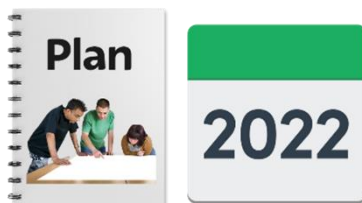
## What is this survey about?



We want to know what you think about what else the Scottish Government and other organisations can do to end the need for food banks.



Send your replies in before 25 January 2022.



We will think about what people have told us when we make a final plan.

We will publish the plan in 2022.

## How are we working to end the need for food banks?



The Scottish Government is working in a way that respects people's human rights.

We think **prevention** is the most important way to deal with the need for food banks.



**Prevention** means doing work to stop something from happening.



We want to make sure food banks are not needed as the first response to **food insecurity**.

**Food insecurity** means someone is worried about having enough money to buy the food that they need to stay well.



Work in prevention will try to:

- Make sure people have enough income to get the food they need.



When someone is finding things very difficult and needs support straight away we will:



- make sure local services work together to support people to get
  - advice and help about money




- support services that:
  - look at the whole person and not just their food insecurity
  - treat people with dignity



**1. Do you think we are working in the right way to end poverty and the need for food banks?**

 yes

☐

 I do not know

☐

 no

☐

**Is there anything else you think should be included?**

**Write it here:**

## **Work that is already happening.**



Prevention work:

- [Fair Work Plan.](#)

This plan is about making Scotland the best place to live, work, invest and do business.



- Having a good and fair benefits system



- Keeping the cost of living down by helping with housing, childcare, school meals and other essential costs

### Response work:



- Scottish Welfare Fund and other funds of money to support people



- Money advice



- Cash-first referral leaflets giving information about how to get money in a crisis



- Support services that treat people with dignity when they need support with food insecurity.



**2. Do you think the work we are already doing will help reduce the need for food banks?**



yes

☐

I do not know

☐

no

☐

**Is there anything else you want to tell us?**

**Write it here:**

**Other work we plan to do.**



**Prevention work:**

- Look at a Minimum Income Guarantee and Universal Basic Services to see if they would work well.



These are ways to make sure everyone has a level of income to have a good standard of living and get the services that they need.



- Actions in our new [Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan](#).
- Make sure people's human rights are protected and respected including the right to food.



#### Response work:

- Make sure all organisations who support people with food insecurity work together to help people get the money and advice they need.



- Try giving people shopping cards instead of food bank referrals.



- Support food banks to work in other ways when there is less need.



**3. Do you think these ideas for the work we plan to do will help reduce the need for food banks?**



yes

☐

I do not know

☐

no

☐

**Doing more of the work we do already.**

**4. Is there anything else we could do to reduce the need for food banks as the first response to food insecurity?**

**Write it here:**

# How will we know if things are working well?



## We will check this by:

- Getting facts, figures and information about food insecurity through the Scottish Health Survey and the Family Resources Survey.



- Checking how many food banks there are and how many food parcels they need to give out.



- Working with charities and organisations that work in the community that get food to people in other ways.



- Getting facts, figures and information about work that makes sure people get to the right local support.



- Checking how many people have food insecurity when we decide if policies and plans are working:
  - for staff
  - and for people who need support.



- We will tell people about work that is going well and is making a difference.

**5. What do you think about how we will check things are working well?**

**What would give you confidence that we are moving in the right direction?**

**Write it here:**

## **6. Is there anything else that should be in the plan?**

**Write it here:**

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