

Transforming Surplus into Opportunity – How COVID-19 shone a light on the role of Food Banks for food security



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COVID-19... Challenges

- Lockdown and restrictions
- c. 40% of charities closed
- Food service shuts down with huge time sensitive surplus
- Adapting operations to meet safety measures
- Panic buying hugely impacts retail
- No volunteers
- Unprecedented demand for food from charities and individuals
- Huge volatility in supply of food
- >250k Easter Eggs - no flour, rice, pasta
- Struggle to get PPE



FOODCLOUD COVID-19 EMERGENCY APPEAL

HELP US GET FOOD TO OUR 500+
CHARITIES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

“NO-ONE SHOULD GO HUNGRY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. WE URGENTLY NEED FOOD AND FUNDING TO ENSURE THAT EVERY MEMBER OF OUR SOCIETY HAS ACCESS TO GOOD FOOD.”
ISEULT WARD, CEO, FOODCLOUD



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COVID-19... Response



Optimising operations,
increasing resource and
allocation of food



Doubling weekly volume of
food through warehouses



Working with community
networks to get food to those
in need



Leveraging
technology



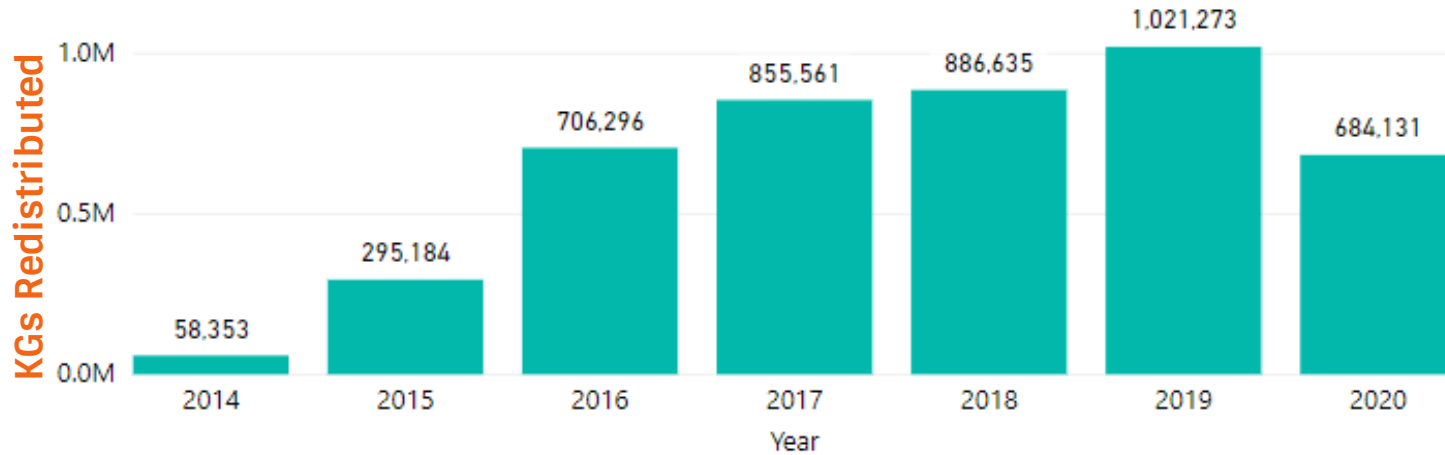
Engaging with food
chain to maximise
food in



Food redistributed weekly - retail



Food redistributed - supply chain



Surplus Food Redistributed in first 5 months of 2020 is already 70% of 2019 levels



COVID-19... learnings



- Ability of Food Banks to adapt and respond effectively to societal needs
- Importance of Food Banks in the future of food sustainability and food security
- Essential role of food redistribution in responding to crises and shocks to food system
- Importance of technology and the need to support digitisation of NGO sector
- We are only at the beginning of the real crisis



Ordinary people doing extraordinary things



All this is not enough.



**430 European Food Banks
over 45,000 charities
more than 9.5 million deprived people
with +50% food demand
need your help.**

**Please support us ensure no
good food goes to waste at this
time of unprecedented need.**





Thank you!

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