PRESENTING

THE REFOOD MOVEMENT

An Innovation in Food Rescue, Waste Avoidance and Food Security at the Local, National and Global levels

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We already have enough food to feed everyone in need





Inclusion alone can transform the world's waste into nutrition





The Work We Do ...





The human bridge that Refood builds between excess and necessity is a simple, straight-forward sequence of coordinated volunteer actions that unfolds as three consecutive processes: Collection, Preparation and Distribution. The results are very real and easily quantifiable - millions of meals rescued and delivered and thousands of tons of waste avoided...

Collection ...





Refood's immense capacity to generate social and environmental impact begins with its unique operational model - transforming unvalued excess food into extremely valuable nutrition for needy people. It all begins with the simple act of food rescue, which evolves into a fully functioning circular and solidary economy - multiplying benefits in local communities.

Preparation ...





Refood's impact is powered by people. Partners donate excess food, Volunteers donate their time and energy to pick up that donated food, carefully separate it into personalized family packs and deliver it into the hands of people who need it. The Refood Movement, driven by goodwill alone, works every day to build a more caring and sustainable community.

Distribution ...





Every meal rescued has a double impact: someone is fed and food waste is avoided. These impacts are tangible, measurable and quantifiable - millions of meals are rescued and thousands of tons of waste are avoided. But each meal is also delivered with a smile and we believe the less tangible - but very real - human impacts, are among the greatest benefits produced by Refood.

Human Benefits ...





The qualitative impacts generated by our work are enjoyed as direct benefits by all who choose to participate in building Refood's human bridge between excess and necessity.

That includes Volunteers, whose direct action results in an instant "return-oninvestment", they always go home with a renewed – and invaluable - sense of purpose, relevance and happiness.

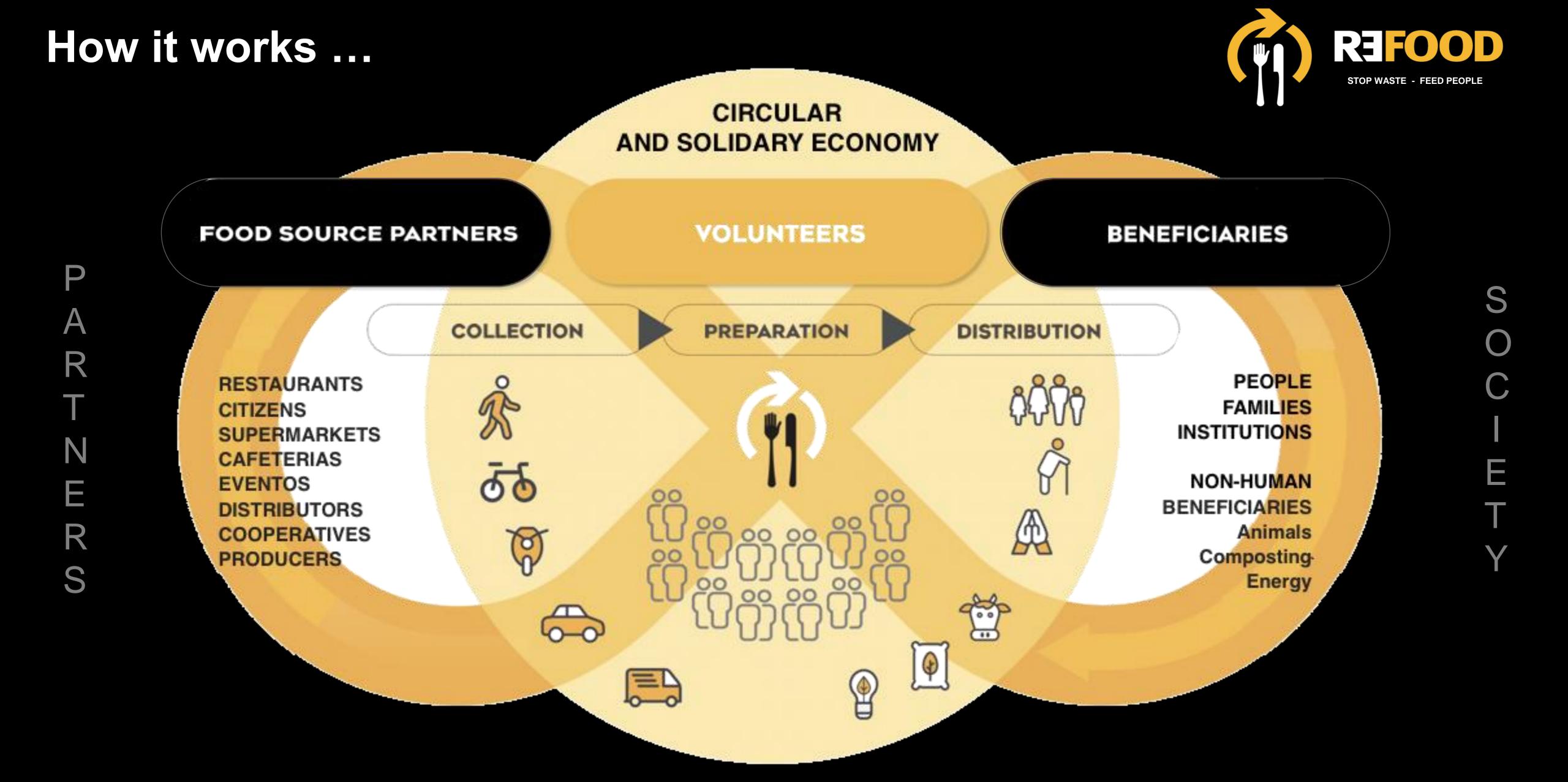
More Human Benefits ...





Other Stakeholders also benefit qualitatively: Partners are happy to embrace and fulfill their duty to social and environmental responsibility.

Beneficiaries, being included and valued, come to understand that they are not alone and the Community at large are all witnesses to the possibility of a circular and solidary economy driving change in their own local neighborhood.



Sustainability 1





Sustainability is in Refood's DNA.

Environmental, financial and social sustainability arise from our operative, community and ecological models.

Environmental sustainability is easy—
every meal rescued defends our shared
environment — while conscious, informed
choices contribute to neutralizing our
carbon footprint and completing our
circular economy.

Sustainability²





Financial Sustainability flows from our unique low-cost, high-productivity operational model (millions of meals rescued at 10 to 15 cents each), supported by a lowkey, but invariably successful community out-reach effort (all invited, many includeed) which guarantees the modest operational costs of each local Center (being 100% volunteer and zero costs for food, insures a highly efficient economy).

Sustainability³





Social sustainability comes from a lowthreshold invitation to volunteers to participate for as little as two hours, once a week, while the continuation of that relationship is guaranteed by happiness. Volunteer-managers, enjoy an equally rewarding experience as a part of a participatory democracy where debate, consensus or voting decides each issue in a spirit of camaraderie.

Innovation





Innovation, in Refood, is a continuous process – with each new innovation facilitating (or demanding) others. The Refood micro-local neighborhood based model is our central innovation – rescuing food locally, neighbor to neighbor, opens the door to many other innovations.



Innovation +





Being 100% Volunteer is an organizational innovation (bringing advantages and challenges). Our Goodwill economy is an innovation in assuring financial sustainability (it's counter-intuitive, but works). Our exponential growth has demanded innovation x innovation, as we have jumped from a local, to national, and now a global scale. It is the connecting thread that runs throughout our history.

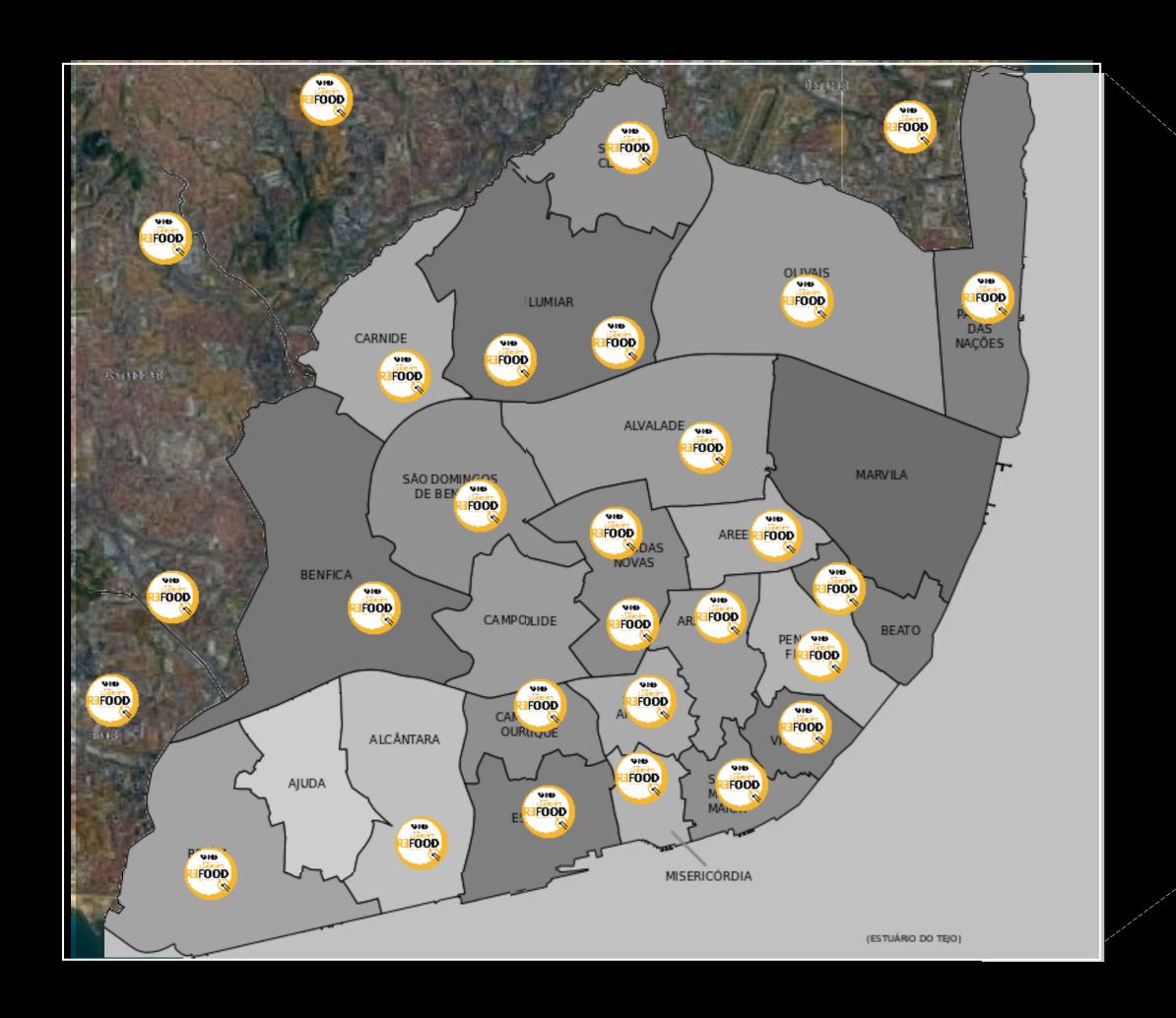




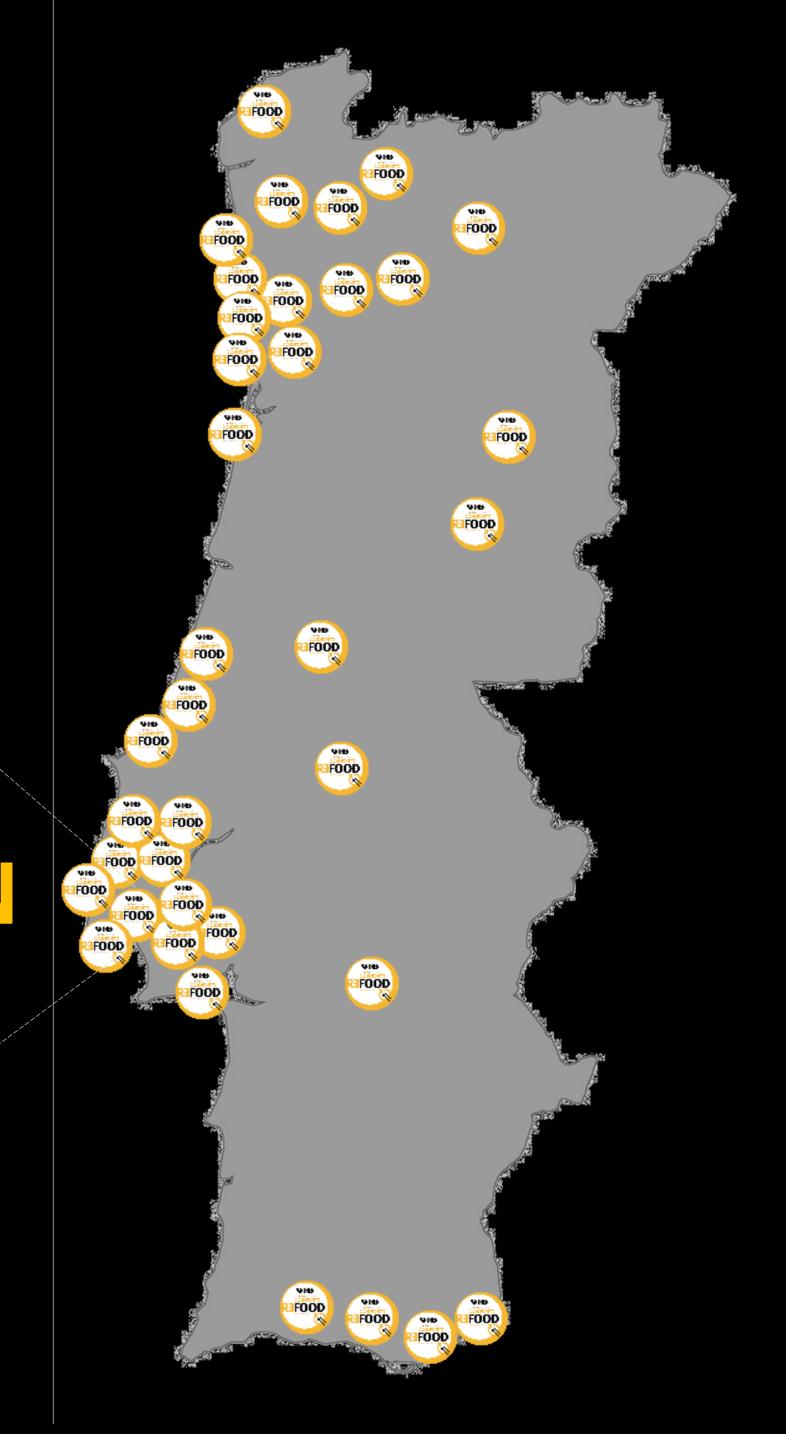


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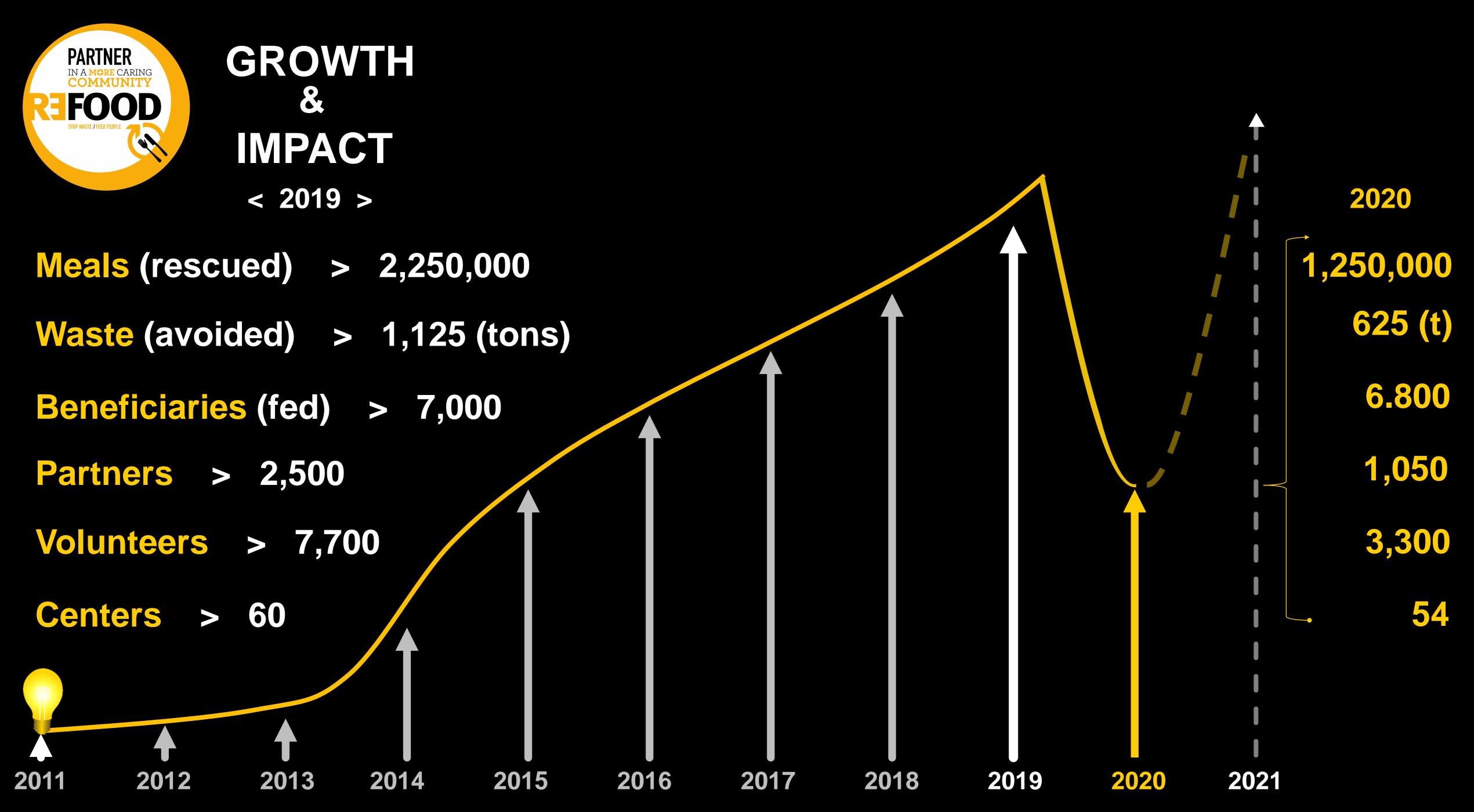
OVER 10 YEARS: 60 REPLICATIONS



LISBON









UN Sustainable Development Goals



The Refood Movement ends food waste

and hunger



in local communities by

involving all local stakeholders







we rescue thousands of tons of good food



to help preserve the environment



reverse food insecurity and improve health



in thousands and thousands of families



struggling with poverty



is an innovative 100% volunteer, non-profit chain of local citizen-led democracies, poised to transform communities worldwide





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THANKYOU!

FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION

