

37. LOCAL PRODUCTION FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION IN USA

ACTION AREA	UNIVERSAL FOOD ACCESS TO BUILD RESILIENCE
SOLUTION CLUSTER	ENHANCE LOCAL PRODUCTION FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION
THEMATIC AREA	LOCAL FOOD SYSTEMS FOR LOCAL PRODUCTION
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WHAT ARE THE KEY THEMES THAT NEED TO BE CONSIDERED TO ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY AND ENHANCE FOOD SYSTEMS RESILIENCY?

A more local diversified food system which would also provide a consistent dependable supply of food. This localized system also is economical sustainable by providing more jobs in local communities.

WHAT DO YOU THINK CONSTITUTES SOCIAL RESILIENCE, ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCE IN FOOD SYSTEMS? WHAT ARE THE CROSS-CUTTING SOLUTIONS BETWEEN ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE?

- A system that fairly compensates the farmer for their work and incentivises them for implementing environmentally sustainable practices.
- A system that also fulfils local markets keeping the food closer to the consumer not only supplies fresher higher quality food but also reduces the amount of fossil fuels needed to get the food to the market which is a huge environmental benefit.

WHAT SOLUTIONS CAN WE PROPOSE TO ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY AND PREVENT FUTURE SOURCES OF CONFLICT, MANAGE TENSIONS AND OTHER STRESSES IN FOOD SYSTEMS ?

Establishing more local regionalised livestock processing facilities connected to local farmers and provide food to local markets and communities. Smaller plants and a more local system is not as susceptible to animal diseases or sickness of the workers to disrupt the supply chain.

WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL ACTION THAT COULD BE TAKEN?

Some type of Government assistance to help smaller plants get started and be able to run. This could be in various forms, such as:

- incentives for job creation;
- low interest loans;
- grants;
- tax incentives and
- easing of some regulations

WHO ARE THE MAIN ACTORS THAT WOULD PUT THIS ACTION INTO PLACE?

Policymakers (government), Private (businesses, etc.), Farmers, Farmers Organization / Cooperatives, Scientists

WHERE ARE MAIN AREAS IN WHICH THIS SOLUTION WOULD MAKE CHANGES

- Food supply chains - Storage & Distribution
- Food supply chains - Processing & Packaging
- Food supply chains - Retail & Marketing\
- Food environments - Product properties (including safety)
- Food environments – food messaging
- Individual consumer factors - Situations
- Consumer behaviour

WITHIN WHICH CATEGORY DOES THIS INTERVENTION MOST EASILY FALL?

- Business incentives
- Food research, processing, technology
- Supply Chain Infrastructure
- Subsidies, transfers and taxes
- Food marketing (regulations, laws, practices)
- Food safety regulations, guidance, and surveillance
- Cross-cutting

IS THIS IDEA APPLICABLE TO A PARTICULAR GEOGRAPHY OR TYPE OF SETTING (E.G., SEMI-ARID AREAS, HIGHER- OR LOWER-INCOME COUNTRIES)?

It could be applied globally but might need different structures in different countries or regions

WHERE IS THIS IDEA COMING FROM?

The idea was presented by Minnesota Farmers Union USA, member of the World Farmers Organization.