

### WEBINAR 1

# STRATEGIES FOR EMERGENCY FOOD PLANNING MOTIVATED BY THE PANDEMIC

The pandemic was a wakeup call, as many cities found that they were not adequately prepared to handle the subsequent emergency food crisis. In this webinar, we focus on the spike in food insecurity due to increased poverty and inflated food prices. We will revisit Pune and Milan, which were featured in webinars in the midst of the pandemic, to hear about their progress and the ultimate impact of the pandemic on their food system.

Key takeaways from the webinar will include:

- Understanding how the pandemic drove more people into poverty and food insecurity
- Estimating how long increased food insecurity might last given this type of disruption
- Strategies for bolstering food safety networks to meet increased demand from any crisis
- Policy interventions that address inflated food prices and systemic food insecurity

## SPEAKERS

### **SYLVIE WABBES, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations (TBC)**

Ms. Wabbes is Agronomist and Resilience Advisor for the Resilience Strategic Programme in the Emergency and Resilience Office (OER) of the FAO of the United Nations. She will share her extensive knowledge of how disasters, crises and conflicts are driving world hunger and discuss how a multi-risk and crisis management perspective is needed for building resilient food systems.

### **BOBBY ZACHARIAH, Lighthouse Communities, Pune, India**

Mr. Zachariah has extensive, global community development experience with NGO's, CSR and international agencies in disaster affected communities. From this broad perspective, he will revisit how Lighthouse Communities and other partners addressed food insecurity during the pandemic, their recovery efforts and the implications for future emergency food planning in the city.

### **ANDREA MAGARINI, Milan Food Policy Coordinator, Italy**

Mr. Magarini is Chair of Eurocities Working Group Food and the Coordinator of the Milan Food Policy inside the Mayor's Office where he facilitates the engagement of municipal agencies, philanthropic foundations, universities, social actors and the private sector for the implementation of actions on food innovation and resilience. From this rich perspective, he will revisit how the City of Milan addressed food insecurity during the pandemic and the implications for other cities developing emergency food plans.



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