

The Food Security Solutions Prioritization Process: At a Glance

This four-step process will help prioritize the best food security solutions for your community.

This work is guided by a group, or advisory panel, of diverse stakeholders from within the community. Worksheets developed specifically for this process are used to facilitate each step. The initial prioritization process can be completed in a few weeks or over many months, depending on the community's specific situation and goals. Repeating the prioritization process over time will help to ensure the continued best use of resources. Worksheets, instructions, additional resources and more can be found at www.eatrightFoundation.org/FSSToolkit.



Step 1: Identify Unmet Needs

In this data-driven step, identify unmet needs, or gaps, between what the current food security challenges are and how the community is addressing these needs.

1.1 Community Assessment

1.2 Program Inventory

1.3 Gap Analysis

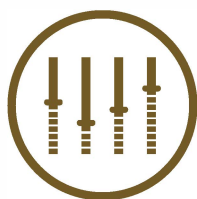


Step 2: Suggest Solutions and Screen

In this creative step, suggest solutions to address the community's most pressing needs identified in step 1. This list is then systematically narrowed so that only the most feasible options move forward.

2.1 Suggest Solutions

2.2 Screen Suggested Solutions



Step 3: Estimate Values

In this scoring step, each solution resulting from step 2 is assessed for cost, benefit and confidence in those estimates and assigned a representative value.

3.1 Financial Estimates (Cost and Contributions)

3.2 Impact Score (Benefit)

3.3 Uncertainty Score



Step 4: Prioritize Food Security Solutions

In this final, consensus-driven step, use the information from step 3 to rank or prioritize the suggested solutions.

4.1 Prioritization