

# Learning from the Evaluation of the Food For All Program

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# This presentation covers

1. Progress in identifying food security barriers
2. Progress in reducing these barriers
3. Progress in increasing access and consumption
4. Factors influencing progress and challenges faced



# Identification of Barriers

- Assumptions of FFA program
- Who was targeted in FFA Program
- Barriers identified:
  - Social and cultural
  - Economic
  - Physical and infrastructure barriers

# Social and Cultural Barriers

- Lack of understanding or interest
- Lack of knowledge and skills
- Lack of language, cultural familiarity, or literacy
- Focus on higher order priorities
- Lack of social connectedness, social inclusion

# Physical or Infrastructure Barriers

- Lack of transport
- Lack of storage, cooking facilities and cooking equipment
- Lack of local supply of affordable, appropriate healthy food
- Lack of an appropriate environment to grow fresh food

# Economic Barriers

- Lack of income
- High cost of other essentials particularly housing and petrol



# Strategies to Reduce Barriers

- Incorporate food security into local government policy and plans
- Modify local government regulations
- Influence integrated planning
- Enhance local agency focus on food security
- Involvement in food security strategies



# Has this Increased Access and Consumption?

- Dearth of local level baseline & trend data
- Lack of evidence re impact of inclusion of food security into local government planning
- Impact of community strategies
  - Evidence of increase
  - Probable increase
  - Possible increase





# Factors Influencing Projects' Progress

- In local government:
  - Council culture
  - Systems and structures
  - Project placement and capacity
- In local community
  - Culture and context
  - Knowledge base
  - Partner relationships
  - Targeting

# Challenges Faced

- Project capacity
- State of integrated planning
- Knowledge base: baseline, trend data, needs assessment
- Council and community agency culture
- Dominance of higher order issues
- Capacity of local government to act on infrastructure & economic barriers