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Foods Resource Bank (FRB) supports people in their communities as they work to address hunger and poverty through agriculture development.

At FRB we have developed a unique community-based model through which people work together to support FRB's efforts to end hunger overseas.

When it comes to making a difference, we have found small but significant steps make a lasting impact. Please visit www.foodsresourcebank.org to learn more about FRB's work and how you can **grow lasting solutions to hunger**.

How do we start a growing project?



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Growing Lasting Solutions to Hunger

Raising Awareness and Funds Through Growing Projects

What is a Growing Project?

A growing project is a model for a community project in which people share what they have, their gifts of time, money and expertise, to raise money to support FRB's overseas programs.

Traditionally growing projects have been agricultural projects, but anything marketable will work. Many of the current 200+ growing projects raise agricultural crops, livestock, or grow gardens.

Growing projects usually consist of church congregations, farmers, businesses, rural/urban communities, and individuals. All participants play a unique role and contribute to the growing project by offering what they have.

Since the first growing projects were established in 1999 they have supported over 100,000 families around the world in growing their own food in sustainable ways. The passion and commitment demonstrated by the growing projects ARE making a difference in growing lasting solutions to hunger!



Why is a Growing Project a great idea?

The growing project model is flexible. Your growing project can be designed around the assets of your community.

It usually has the need for many participants to fulfill many roles.

Whatever a person's gift, time, land, expertise or talent, it can be utilized through the growing project model.

The growing project model is one of the best ways to leverage individual gifts and resources.

It provides opportunities for people to work together.

It engages your community to raise both awareness of world hunger and the funds to alleviate it in a lasting way.

How do We Begin?

1. Gather a group of people of any age, occupation or skill set. Appraise the assets of the group - land, money, farming experience, machinery, seeds, livestock, PR or marketing skills - and decide what kind of project best suits the group's abilities and interests.

2. Contact FRB staff, volunteers and board for guidance at any time. There are grants available through

FRB for growing project start-up or expansion from organizations like the John Deere Foundation, FRB members, and other sources.

Growing Project Ideas...

Growing project ideas include ANYTHING!

Here are some popular ideas: grain, livestock, corn, vegetable gardens, wind turbines, beehives, quilts, bake sales, auctions, fruit, dairy ...
...any marketable product will work!

3. At the end of the growing season, sell the product and then decide which overseas program your group would like to support. You may also designate your proceeds to several general accounts.

4. Send the proceeds of the sale to FRB. We will send you periodic updates about FRB, your chosen program, and the activities of other growing projects.

When beginning an agriculturally based growing project, it is important to consider:

Inputs — materials, equipment, seeds, fertilizer, and fuel – these vary from project to project and location to location. Local suppliers often enjoy the opportunity to donate all or part of the inputs to the project.

Land costs — land owners are often willing to donate the annual use of land for a project. Because of land values and recent crop prices, a gift of land use is often the key to the rest of the project.

Farming costs —there is a value to a farmer's time, equipment and expertise. Each farmer is in a unique circumstance, thus every growing project is different. It is important to understand what will work for the farmer as you discuss the growing project development.

