

PANTRY: DETAILED EMERGENCY RESPONSE LOOP LEVERAGE POINTS LIST

Upstream leverage points: Policies, laws, or regulations that improve community conditions, creating system-wide change

1. Create a federal or state policy to grow the supplemental sector which will in turn support the retail sector (consider Flint level examples)
2. Improve the economic conditions in Flint through employment, guaranteed basic income, increase disability or unemployment payments, etc. to systemically increase income which would improve nutrition
3. Leverage political change and advocacy to reach food system goals, like the child tax credit that would increase household income and have cascading impacts on childhood nutrition, improved health, educational performance, and well-being (consider Flint level examples)
4. Raise household income and increase food access within neighborhoods to reduce transportation barriers (consider Flint level examples)
5. Raise household income and shift food consumption behavior, people do not have the means to justify buying expensive, nutritious food but increased income could make nutritious choices easier (consider Flint level examples)
6. Raise the federal poverty level to expand who is getting served by social safety nets
7. Shift funding from the emergency sector to creating a sustainable localized production system that diminishes the need for emergency food (consider Flint level examples)
8. Shift funding from the emergency sector to the supplemental sector, so people can spend money locally and stop the loss of retail in Flint, as well as purchase nutritious foods that they want
9. Economic investment and job programs in Flint that raise average household income, targeted specifically to low-income families and the un/under-employed
10. Reduction of grocery prices within the city of Flint through subsidies or low-cost grocery options
11. Local grocery access for all residents within Flint via local groceries or food distribution in neighborhoods
12. Transportation access for all residents to existing grocery stores
13. Employment and income levels boosted to match the national average (consider Flint level examples)

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Midstream leverage points: Barriers that need to be addressed in order for the system to evolve; and/or support individual needs

1. Expand the qualifications for getting food assistance so more people have food access and can get nutritious foods
2. Create zero interest loans for farmers to build infrastructure then pay off loans with produce that goes to families in need
3. Divert emergency sector funding to transportation so people can access retail that is healthy and high-quality and don't need to rely on the emergency sector
4. Expand what can be funded and how things are funded in order to address emergencies or issues contributing to a problem beyond the normal scope of a funder
5. Improve employment and livable wages to increase affordability and food access
6. Improve food access by ensuring people have housing or access to other facilities to cook, prepare, and store food
7. Increase supplemental sector assistance to support retailers and farmers while decreasing reliance on the emergency sector

Downstream leverage points: Addresses individual needs and crisis management

1. Create or expand a delivery service for emergency sector food for those who cannot access other distributions, impacts food accessibility
2. Provide educational opportunities on accessing, preparing, preserving, growing food to increase resilience and health of the community and decrease reliance on retail and emergency sector
3. The emergency sector should tailor food giveaways to local community dietary needs and preferences
4. Streamline the distribution of emergency food through better communication to community members and ways for people to access emergency food