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THANK YOU for contributing to the Crisis Response Fund

WITH YOUR HELP, the 32 food banks across the province are responding to escalating demand for food. Earlier this month, Food Banks of Saskatchewan launched a \$6M province-wide campaign to ensure that families are not left hungry over the coming six months. Thanks to YOU, families across our province are able to put food on the table during this unpredictable time.

Need for Food

- Most food banks have seen an increase in demand ranging from 5-60%.
- The Regina Food Bank is experiencing unprecedented demand, which continues to grow every week. Food hamper distribution has gone up 60%, which is stretching volunteers and depleting supplies. Much of this demand is coming from people who are first-time visitors to the Regina Food Bank who never thought they would need our support, and over 40% of those we support are children.
- At the Battlefords District Food and Resource Centre, **24% of the families** they helped with food from April 1-17 have never used the food bank before. 60% have not used the food bank this year.
- Melfort Food Bank demand has increased over 10%, however 30-40% of those served are new people who have never visited the food bank before.





Logistics

- Most of our food banks have only a 10–14 day supply of food, with food donations steeply dropping off.
- Limiting volunteers to try to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic has meant the loss of **1,600-1,800 volunteer hours a month** at the Saskatoon Food Bank & Learning Centre.
- Regina has shifted to volunteers supporting their call center and delivery operations only. Resulting in a loss of over 1000 volunteer hours a month.
- Saskatoon Food Bank & Learning Centre staff are preparing hampers which are easy for clients to grab and go to limit the time in the building.
 Part of the food bank's focus has shifted to deliveries to minimize people's need to leave their homes.
- Regina is sending out up to 450 hampers a
 day for contact-free delivery. Ensuring that they
 are maintaining social distancing while getting
 food to those in need.

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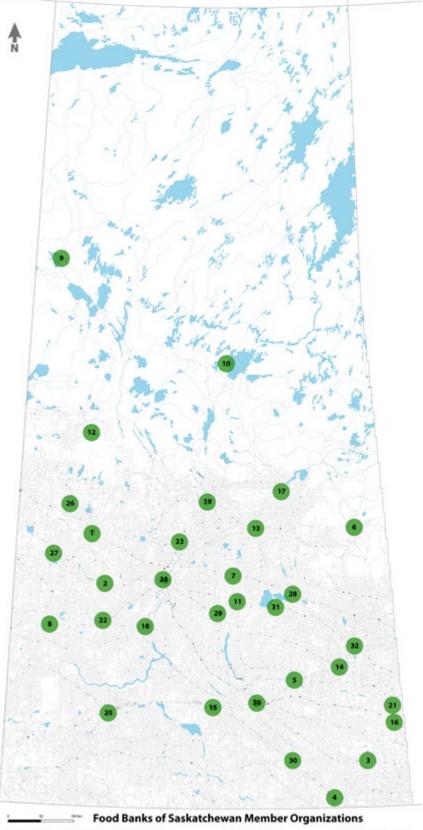


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