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# FOOD INSECURITY ON CAMPUSES

## **Is this a problem you are aware of at your school?**

No, this is not a problem I or my classmates were aware of at my school. We are really fortunate to attend a private school in Colombia where we have to pay a certain amount of money to have some services. This includes, eating in the cafeteria or buying food in what we call the "Snack Shack". Even though, we have these services available to us, we acknowledge that the public school services are not good and that many people that attend them have jobs or have to take care of their families making the food school's offer really important for their development and their performance in their activities.

## **How does food insecurity interact with identities such as race, gender, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status? What does this reveal about the intersection between food and justice?**

Specially in Colombia, food insecurity has a big correlation with the socioeconomic status. Colombia suffers from big levels of inequality which influence and determine the type of education and access of food students have. Now, during the pandemic, many Colombians have lost their jobs and are needed of food banks. But, as the demand increased, more food is needed, making it difficult for the food banks to distribute it along all of the vulnerable communities. This affects millions of children who can't have access to education because of the several barriers and on top, can't have a proper alimentation. This reveals a lot about the interaction between food and justice because food is a right, and not all of the people have it guaranteed. In Colombia where there is high rates of corruption these problems are ignored by the government. For us as a school and as a group it is our goal to contribute and volunteer to organizations to help combat such problems.

## Organization in our country

Even though, food insecurity in schools is a big problem in Colombia, there aren't a lot of organizations that fight or combat against it. Instead, there is one organization that combats food insecurity for homeless people (big problem). It is estimated that, 662,146 families are homeless, or 5% of the population. Because of this, the following organization helps combat this problem:



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### What is it?

The Food Bank is an articulator of the efforts of private companies, the public sector, academia and non-profit organizations, that works to help populations in vulnerable conditions that suffer from food insecurity and undernutrition. To do this, it receives food and goods, classifies, stores and distributes them responsibly, efficiently and equitably.

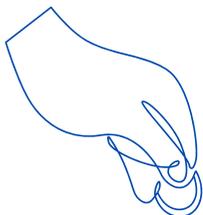
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What can we do to help?

**Our help is always needed!**

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