

FOOD SECURITY WORK GROUP 2015-2016 WORK PLAN REPORT

1) Please identify the Work Group's overall goals for 2015-16:

- Participate in Food Secure Canada's *Eat Think Vote* campaign to make food a federal election issue
- Increase awareness of the link between environmental issues and food insecurity
- Develop collaborative partnerships with other groups and organizations addressing food insecurity and support the work they do
- Increase membership in the FSWG

2) For each goal identified above, please discuss how it aligns with one or more of OPHA's public health issue priorities: chronic disease prevention – with focus on childhood obesity, healthy ageing, health equity/social determinants of health, access, quality, and accountability. Please list the specific deliverable/activities and timelines the work group is committed to achieving. If possible, align each deliverable/activity with one of the goals identified above. Please note that each activity must fall under one of these categories: Advocacy, Knowledge Exchange/Transfer, Resource/Tools Development.

Work Group Goal	Applicable OPHA Priority(ies)	Discuss how the Work Group goal aligns with the OPHA priority(ies):	Key Deliverable(s) and/or Activities	Activity Type	2015-16 Deadline
1. Participate in Food Secure Canada's <i>Eat Think Vote</i> campaign to make food a federal election issue	Chronic disease prevention, healthy ageing, health equity, SDoH	Making food a federal election issue will attract the attention of politicians and policy makers who have the ability to address food insecurity at a national level, which aligns with many of the OPHA's priorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign the <i>Eat Think Vote</i> petition • Use social media to promote the campaign • Participate in events led by <i>Eat Think Vote</i> that engage candidates on the issue of food insecurity 	Advocacy	August 2015 October 2015 October 2015
2. Increase awareness of the link between environmental issues and food insecurity	Chronic disease prevention, health equity, SDoH	Increasing awareness of the link between environmental issues and food insecurity has the potential to strengthen support for actions and policies to address environmental issues especially as they relate to food insecurity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a position paper in support of Canada taking action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in light of the 2015 UN Climate Summit in Paris, France 	Advocacy, knowledge exchange	December 2015

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3. Develop collaborative partnerships with other groups and organizations addressing food insecurity and support the work they do	Health equity, quality	Developing collaborative partnerships will ensure the FSWG's activities are well-informed and are aligned with work being done by relevant groups and will reduce duplication of activities. It will also help to inform others about food insecurity, its underlying causes, and potential solutions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Establish and maintain a connection with the OSNPPH FSWG ● Write a letter of support for the OSNPPH FSWG asking the MOHLTC to review the Nutritious Food Basket supporting documents ● Host a webinar featuring a food security expert 	Knowledge exchange	August 2015 and ongoing Fall 2015 March 2016
4. Increase membership in the FSWG	Accountability	Increased group membership will strengthen the FSWG and will enable the group to have a greater impact on food insecurity and its underlying causes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Draft and circulate an email to current OPHA members to invite new members to join the FSWG ● Re-circulate the email invitation during the OPHA membership drive 	Advocacy	October 2015 March 2016