

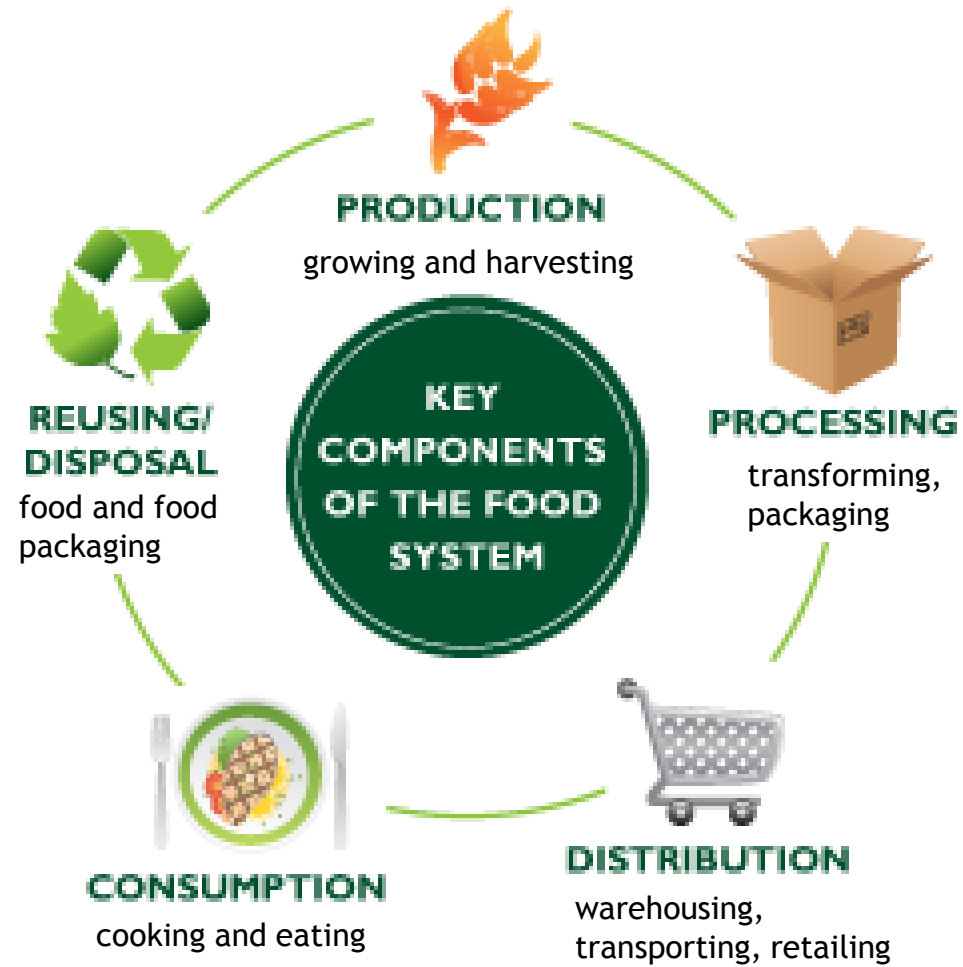
# FOOD SECURITY FORUM

GROWING COMMUNITY AND HOUSEHOLD FOOD SECURITY



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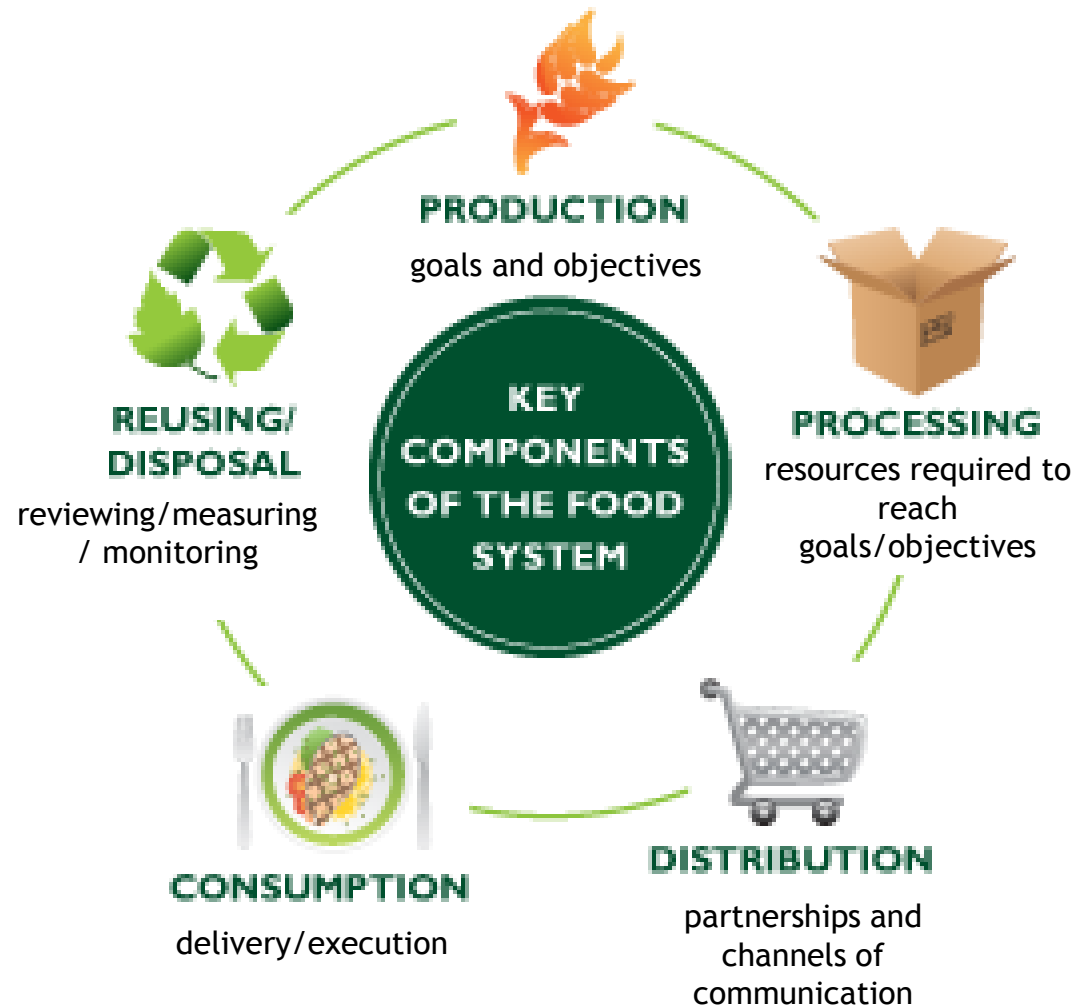
# The Food System



# Why Use a Food System?

- ▶ Provides an excellent example of how each task can affect the outcome
  - ▶ Processing + Distribution + Consumption affects cost, taste, and nutritional quality of food.
  - ▶ Distribution + Consumption affects values, knowledge, and purchasing decisions of consumers.
  - ▶ Reusing + Disposal + Production affects soil, water, and future crops
- ▶ Allows us to bring our ideas full circle

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# Worksheets

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NOTES


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# Production

## ▶ Goals and Objectives

- ▶ *What do we want to grow in the community?*  
(Eg: awareness, participation, education/knowledge, empathy, partnership)
- ▶ *What seeds are we planting? What do the fruits of our labour look like?*  
(Eg: a service, an activity, a message, an event, a tool/resource, a place, a product, other outcome)
  - ▶ **CONSIDER:** Crop Rotation—*what have we been doing that works, or doesn't work? What is getting stale/ineffective?*



# Processing

- ▶ Resources Required to Reach Goals and Objectives-
  - ▶ *What resources and tools do we require?*
  - ▶ *Do we have the knowledge/research/understanding required?*
  - ▶ *What process(es) will need to undertake to "transform" our ideas into reality?*
  - ▶ Are the resources to produce, execute and sustain the concept available? Is this an entirely new idea?
  - ▶ Cost to develop? How long is it intended to last? How can we make it sustainable?



# Distribution

- ▶ Partnerships and Channels of Communication
  - ▶ Who are our existing partners?
  - ▶ What new partnerships could we form that would be helpful?
  - ▶ What would we need from this partnership? What could we provide?
  - ▶ How long would this/these partner(s) be needed?
  - ▶ What supports will we need once, sometimes, often, and ongoing?





# Consumption

## ▶ Delivery/Execution

- ▶ How will the event, activity, tool, message, service, product etc. be served to the community? Through what channels? Are these the best channels?
- ▶ Troubleshoot from a variety of lenses - will it be understood or accepted cross culturally, is it easily accessible physically and financially, is it easy for the consumer to use, is it people-centric?



# Reusing/Disposal

- ▶ Reviewing/Measuring/Monitoring
  - ▶ What do we want to report?
  - ▶ What should we recycle/redo?
  - ▶ What should we dispose of?
  - ▶ Results Based Accountability or other frameworks for measuring
  - ▶ Setting baseline indicators to measure

# The Activity

- ▶ Think of the problems and challenges related to household or community food security
  - ▶ Start with the end- what does the fruit of your labour look like?
  - ▶ Start with a question- how do I grow this idea or “seed”?
- ▶ Work your way through the food system wheel to determine what processes, resources, and/or tools would be needed in order to achieve that outcome
- ▶ Think carefully about your delivery method and troubleshoot potential challenges
- ▶ How will you monitor and measure your idea, how will you know if its working?

# Levels of Analysis

Run your idea through various levels of analysis

- ▶ **Macro-level**
  - ▶ Policy level, global, international/national, society
- ▶ **Meso-level**
  - ▶ Community, formal organization, province
- ▶ **Micro-level**
  - ▶ Self, individual, citizen, household

# Reporting Back

- ▶ Each table will choose ONE of its best ideas
- ▶ Write your idea on the food system cards that correspond with your chart
- ▶ Table by table, you will bring them up to the front, present them, and place them in the appropriate space.
- ▶ We will also be collecting the food system wheels at the end of the day as well.