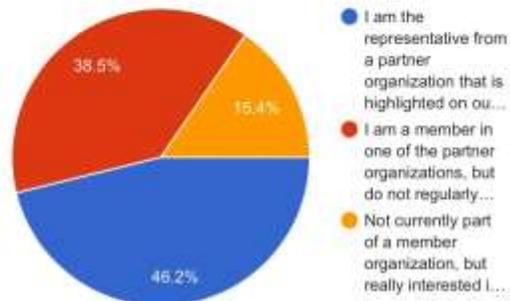


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Thank you so much for time, ideas and feedback you will share in the following questions. To help us better understand your answers, please let us know about you (the only identifying question on the survey!):

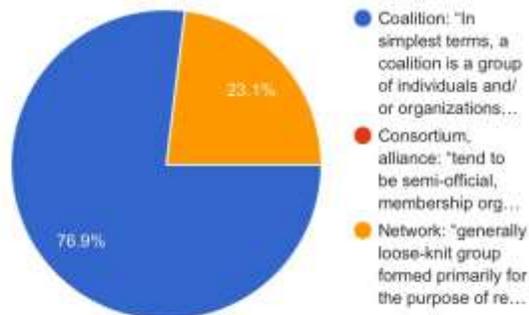
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As currently operating, the CHFND Coalition is best described as a

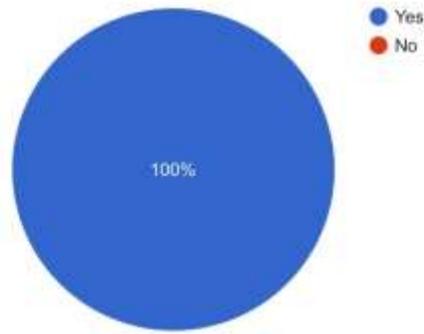


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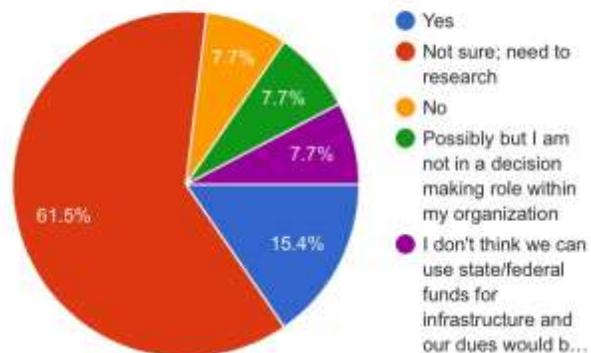
I think it important that our organizations remain connected to identify and address the unmet food needs and their underlying causes.

13 responses



Would your organization be willing to support with dues, funds or in-kind resources to support the infrastructure (website, social media sites) and/or coordination/facilitation time, expertise?

13 responses



What are the benefits of the partner organizations being brought together to work toward the common vision of “a hunger-free state”?

This is an important issue that doesn't regularly get the attention that it deserves. The coalition is a way to shine a light on hunger in ND and begin to address the causes/find solutions.

Information sharing and increased awareness of the good work other groups are doing

Idea sharing, new program/program change updates, partnerships/collaboration

avoid duplicating efforts; collective impact

a better idea of the resources available

It's better to work together on issues like this -- we can make a difference together.

attempts to defeat the "silo" work, partnership opportunities, shared resources/networks

Support in the common mission shared; sharing ideas; expanding our knowledge about what is going on in our state and nationally around food insecurity- like other services, studies, legislation, etc.

Compliment services by another provider. Measure results together. Reduce duplication of services. Move the needle on ending hunger.

the connections and ideas of others with the same goal

Hear what other organizations are doing and potential for collaboration on specific projects

Sharing what others across the state are doing to prevent duplication of efforts. Find ways to align work.

How has the Creating a Hunger Free North Dakota coalition helped you/your organization carry out your work?

This is an issue with the pediatric population, which is a focus of the NDAAP. The Coalition puts a focus on and works to end a problem that our Association feels is very important but doesn't have the resources to address at this time.

It has increased my awareness of resources and projects that impact communities around ND, meaning that I am able to share this information with my colleagues and stakeholders.

We share information we learn with our hospital facilities when we visit and with our other partners.

network for connecting; resources

It has identified opportunities I was unaware of.

We don't have lots of resources for hunger work, but this allows us to help in a small way and be involved.

Sharing Extension purpose, programs, resources

I think it has helped keep food insecurity in focus. As a public health issue it affects the populations we serve in so many ways and that awareness is vital.

It hasn't.

provided volunteers for new partners

Keep updated on what other organizations are doing

I am new to the Creating a Hunger Free ND coalition but joining calls and knowing there is a coalition who has connections to partners all across the state, and national resources, to learn from has been helpful.

How can you/your organization help this network carry out our mutual work?

TBD

Continue to bring issues of food access up during conversations where it may not rise to the top as a priority. Once suggested though food access and hunger are often identified as a clear issue in many communities.

Information sharing, grant funding, special projects

provide resource and connection to services in our community

Stay involved and participate as much as possible.

Not sure, open to feedback!

We will continue to try to offer financial resources; we will offer staff resources and other support as we can

Help to identify goals and action steps, hold each other accountable.

provide volunteers

Continue to participate and incorporate ideas into state level work as able.

Would your organization be willing to support with dues, funds or in-kind resources to support the infrastructure (website, social media sites) and/or coordination/facilitation time, expertise?

Possibly but I am not in a decision making role within my organization

I don't think we can use state/federal funds for infrastructure and our dues would be a personal expense.

Yes X 2

Not sure; need to research X 8

No X 1

At the national/federal level, these are challenges and trends we face:

funding

increasing income inequality, decreasing social safety net, stigma associated with poverty and hunger, consolidation of corporations, capitalist economic system that prioritizes access to food that results in the greatest profit rather than the most healthful food, consolidation of farming operations that make it hard for smaller, more localized farming operations to compete.

WIC limitations on formula amounts (especially for children who require specialty formulas)

funding

negative public and political perceptions of the causes of poverty, continual attempted erosion to funding

Reduced SNAP benefits

Continual threat/actual decrease in federal funding, lack of support of programs

Clearly, the current political leadership is hostile towards those who struggle and continue to pass legislation that only makes it harder to access life necessary resources (by cutting programs, passing burdensome requirements, etc.)

Changes to federal assistance

We are a government organization that cannot lobby so I do get concerned sometimes when I see the coalition sent out letter that could be viewed as lobbying since we are associated with the coalition.

Unsure.

On the state level, these are challenges and trends we face:

funding

Lack of empathy for people living in poverty or with limited means, many isolated rural communities, lack of state support for rural grocery stores, state government that doesn't seem to want to fund social services, consolidation of grocery stores, income inequality, poverty but a myth that everyone in our state is financially/economically successful

ND Medicaid does not cover the cost of Metabolic foods/formulas for people who need this for a healthy life. Truly rural folks need to have time and transportation to obtain fresh food (food deserts)

funding

negative public perceptions of the causes of poverty, challenges with coordination of benefits

Seniors not applying for SNAP benefits - more awareness and less stigma.

Lack of support/prioritization of programs/efforts

Lack of political will - there is little support to do anything to offer help to the poorest in our state.

Growing population, rural areas lacking resources

Awareness.

At the national/federal level, these are conditions and trends that support our work:

Growing interest in and support for local/healthy food,

Uncertain. Unsure.

programs available

Health and nutrition needs

National advocates that continue to shine a light on this shameful national condition and offer ideas to help address the issue- like Feeding America, FRAC, CBPC, NWA

On the state level, these are conditions and trends that support our work:

Growing awareness of the struggle and importance of rural grocery stores, strengthening local food network, Great Plains Food Bank is an amazing successful organization.

Great Plains Food Bank, First Link, community dinners, school lunch programs, etc?

coalition work

Health and nutrition needs

Partners/networks are supportive and complementary

Good people who recognize the importance of this work and engage.