We are pleased to gather today with our donors, grantees, volunteers and friends to present the results of a unique year, a year that marked us all, the year that a deadly virus struck the world: COVID-19. We believe that gaps of inequality can be bridged by acts of humanity. We saw how the generosity of thousands of people made the unthinkable possible, in the most difficult year we have ever experienced.

We have set an example of efficiency in this year of pandemic, exceeding all expectations. Between January and December 2020, we delivered 29,731,119 kilos of products, we managed to help more than 1,500,000 people and we converted into fraternal actions, the monetary commitment of thousands of generous people like you, who want to help those who need it the most today.

In 2020, thanks to your donations, we were able to reach more than just Bogotá and its surroundings. The needs were all over the country and we wanted to go where our help was needed. We reached Quibdó, San Vicente del Caguán, Cúcuta, Riohacha, El Salado, Cartagena, Mampuján, Leticia, San Andrés, Providencia and Buenaventura, to name a few municipalities. At the end of the year, winter came with a new challenge and our task was to reach the places where the passage of nature had left a very large impact. We not only concluded the year with the best results in our history, but also with clearer and more efficient processes, adapting to the needs of the moment, always guaranteeing our donors impeccable management of resources.

Year after year, and especially in 2020, the Bank works to ensure that the invisible and silent virus of hunger does not spread further in Colombia. Side by side with dozens of companies that believe and trust in our work, as you will see in this report, we are reaching the most vulnerable.

We saw how this year, in many companies, employees and employers came together to make a real impact with their donations. We multiplied our efforts with 1,150 students from 40 universities, and thanks to the energy of more than 3,900 kind-hearted volunteers, we were able to sustain a challenging year in the logistics sector. The energy of our 130 employees who, day in and day out, not only move food but also transform wills, made the difference and made us stronger every time.

Once again, we rely on the audit services of Ernst & Young in a year of financial challenges and learning. We have no outstanding claims and have complied with all labor, legal, business and tax regulations. We had no significant events after the close of fiscal year 2020.

Under the leadership of the Association of Food Banks of Colombia -ABACO-, which includes more than 22 banks, we have redoubled our efforts throughout the country. Their support and generosity have been crucial to the success of our operation and we are grateful for it. Together with them and other allies such as the Global Foodbanking Network and GlobalGiving, we want to continue to reach out to that forgotten Colombia that needs our help to eradicate - once and for all - hunger in our country.

Let this be an opportunity to thank the trust and commitment of our Board of Directors, without whose guidance our work would not be what it is. The leadership and guidance of the Archbishop of Bogotá and Primate of Colombia, Luis José Rueda Aparicio, has been essential in demonstrating that what we have accomplished is possible.

As Pope Francis recently stated, “in the service of charity, it is the vision of man that is at stake”. The generosity of thousands of people, allows us today to post an unprecedented year for the Food Bank of Bogotá and imposes new and even more ambitious challenges for 2021, when we will celebrate our 20 years of existence.

I invite you to continue this crusade against hunger together. We do not need exceptional acts to be exceptional.

Praying for you,

Daniel Saldarriaga Molina, Pbto.
HUNGER IS A VIRUS THAT ALREADY HAS A VACCINE

OUR NUMBERS IN 2020

130 Employees

40 Universities

+15,000 Donors

1,552,346 Population

3,952 Volunteers

1,610 Beneficiary Organizations

1,153 Students

29,731,119 kg Delivered to those in need

YOUR GENEROSITY
¿What do we do?  
We articulate the efforts of private companies, the public and academical sectors, for the benefit of legally constituted, non-profit social organizations that do social work with vulnerable population groups.

¿How do we do it?  
We receive food and goods, we sort, store and distribute them in an orderly, responsible, efficient and fair manner. We save food from being wasted and becoming waste.

¿Who do we do it with?  
Through our network of social organizations and in alliance with civil society, the academic sector and our volunteers, we align expectations and achievement of our goals and objectives.

¿How do we support?  
We not only deliver food, but also work to develop the skills and abilities of the organizations involved. Our commitment is to the most transformative capital: human capital.

¿Why do we do it?  
We want to promote integral development without generating a culture of begging, reaching those who need it most. Thus, we are committed to the fight against waste and the eradication of extreme poverty.

Our goal  
We encourage the consumption of healthy and nutritious products, offering balanced baskets in optimal condition, contributing to the food and nutritional security of our beneficiaries.

Follow-up  
We keep in touch with the organizations, aligning the processes that allow us to guarantee the traceability, the good use and exploitation of the delivered products, as well as a good service to the beneficiary population.
In 2020 we delivered food all around Colombia.

Total 29,731,119 kg delivered

Benefiting 1,552,346 persons
The numbers are frightening worldwide: one in three people suffer from some form of malnutrition. In Colombia, there are five million people today who do not have enough to eat, many of them children who wake up every day looking for food to live. 54.2% of the country's households suffer from chronic malnutrition and 7 out of every 100,000 children die of hunger.

On the other hand, the impact of COVID-19 on the world has been of such magnitude that we may not yet understand it. The UN estimates that 90 to 120 million people have fallen into extreme poverty and that by the end of 2020, more than 300 million people will be food insecure.

We will never get tired of repeating that this should not happen in a world that produces enough food for all. Unlike other viruses or chronic diseases, malnutrition is a wake-up call to those of us who want life to be respected in Colombia. While hunger denounces inequality and is a heartbreaking image of extreme poverty, it is also true that in Colombia there are active citizens who want to contribute to social justice. Guaranteeing life is an act of generosity, responsibility and solidarity, not only of the State towards its citizens, but of all of us as a society.
The fight against hunger, this silent and invisible evil that affects the vulnerable, requires the effort of some, the support of many and the social determination of all. That is why, at the Bogotá Food Bank, we don’t only feed bodies and hopes, but we also mobilize all people of good heart and social conscience. We are convinced that guaranteeing adequate food is a commitment for those of us who want a Colombia that progresses towards equity. When the forecasts for the pandemic were unfavorable and the challenges were multiplying day after day, we realized the unthinkable. We will continue to appeal to the social responsibility of all, thanking you and inviting you to continue to eradicate hunger together.

The pandemic did not stop us, but rather accelerated our work to mobilize heroes to save others. In 2020, we managed to deliver more than 29,731,119 kilos of food and converted the generosity of more than 15,000 donors into action.

The truth is that, thanks to your efforts and ours, thousands of Colombians are getting up today with energy to go to work or school. Our goal is for all of us to share the same passion: that malnutrition in Colombia must be fought with visible action.
The fight against hunger requires many allies. They are all in society, some help us to exist and others allow us to function. In the gardens and fields, there are hundreds of peasants and farmers who, through their work, give us access to a wide range of products. Surplus potatoes, liters of milk or kilos of meat products, to name a few, are transported on our roads to become food for hundreds of people.

Ensuring food security is an environmental challenge. First of all, we have to fight against waste, it is well known that there is enough food in the world for everyone if only it was used responsibly. On the other hand, the fight against hunger requires a good organic use of food produced under ideal basic sanitary conditions. Reducing hunger means progress for the countryside. Fighting against the lack of food not only increases the production capacity of our Colombian countryside, but also allows producers to develop, to access technical assistance programs and to apply for credit lines.

Starting with the agricultural producer who participates in our Program for the Recovery of Agricultural Surpluses “PREA”, we build a network of partners. This same network brings together efforts, federates talents and mobilizes those who are willing to put their desire to help and their spirit of solidarity at the service of others.
With a strategy to establish a clear CSR policy and a solid legal and financial framework, we are increasingly consolidating our position as the best partner for your CSR tasks. Ensuring food security is an act of generosity and solidarity, not only on the part of the state towards its citizens, but also on the part of all of us as a society.

We link your products, services and hidden assets to the fight against hunger, inequality and social injustice.

Your contribution has a significant impact on your area of influence and on food insecure people.

We commend your generosity and social commitment throughout Colombia.

Donations to food banks benefit from a tax reduction of 25% of net income, in accordance with Article 125 of the tax statute. In addition, the food donated to the food banks is exempt from VAT.