

# American Samoa Food and Nutrition Security Profile

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## Purpose

The purpose of the Food and Nutrition Security Profile (Profile) is to provide an overview of territorial and regional efforts and infrastructure to advance food and nutrition security. Although not exhaustive, the Profile serves as a resource to support greater collaboration across disciplines and sectors to improve equitable access to food. The intended audience includes public health practitioners, food policy councils, community-based organizations, food banks and pantries, school district wellness councils, food sovereignty organizations including Indigenous groups and coalitions, and others with a mission to improve food and nutrition security.

The Profile serves as a companion to the [National Food and Nutrition Security Profile](#) and will be reviewed and updated biennially. If you have any questions or comments about your Profile, please contact the Center for Advancing Healthy Communities at [CAHCinfo@chronicdisease.org](mailto:CAHCinfo@chronicdisease.org).

## Food Banks, Pantries and Feeding Programs

- Contact local churches for food distribution events.

## Select Food and Nutrition Security Programs

### Community Nutrition Education Programs

- [Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program](#) (EFNEP)
  - The implementation agency is the American Samoa Community College.
- [Nutrition Assistance Program](#) (NAP)
  - American Samoa [Department of Human and Social Services](#) administers the NAP program.

### Senior Nutrition Programs

- [Elderly Nutrition Program](#) led by the American Samoa Territorial Administration on Aging.

### Child Nutrition Programs

[United States Department of Agriculture \(USDA\) Child Nutrition Programs](#) contacts for implementing agencies of programs listed below:

- National School Lunch Program
- School Breakfast Program

## Emergency Food Response

- USDA Food and Nutrition Service [State/Territory COVID-19 Waivers and Flexibilities](#)
- [American Samoa Hazard Mitigation Plan](#) (Contact: 684-699-8680)
- [American Red Cross](#) – American Samoa
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency Regional Contact](#) – Region 9

## Other Key Food and Nutrition Security Organizations

- [Department of Agriculture, Public Market Division](#) provides a marketplace for local farmers and fishermen to showcase and sell their fresh produce and fish.

### Data Sources and Resources

- [American Samoa Food Systems Dashboard](#) – Food Systems Dashboard

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