**Instructions**: Please adapt this survey to meet the needs of your food bank or food pantry using the directions in blue text. Be sure to delete the blue text before distributing.

You can add these questions to another survey that you would like to distribute or use them as a standalone survey.

Once you have gathered your data using this survey, you can create a report using our Canva template. To get started, just click [this link](https://www.canva.com/design/DAF_540zinw/TcNPjk2Rhp6EgzrcSVVwvw/view?utm_content=DAF_540zinw&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=publishsharelink&mode=preview), then click on the “Use template” button that appears when the page loads. [These tutorial videos](https://www.canva.com/designschool/courses/canva-101/?lesson=opening-canva-for-the-first-time) will help if you are new to using Canva.

**Neighbor Survey**

**This survey is intended to gather data from food pantries’ neighbors.**

* We recommend using this survey for neighbors who have already visited your pantry at least once. Many of the questions on this survey will not be applicable to first-time visitors (e.g., “Are the foods available at your food pantry relevant to your culture?”).
* It may be helpful to survey neighbors after they have finished shopping in the pantry so that their experiences in the pantry are fresh on their minds.
* Providing incentives for neighbors to participate in the survey can dramatically increase the response rate. Consider offering incentives like $5 or $10 gift cards to grocery stores, gas stations, or popular restaurant chains.

This survey is to help us learn more about your culture and food preferences related to your culture. It will take you about 5 to 10 minutes to finish the survey. No information from this survey will be shared with anyone outside of this pantry.

Tell us about yourself.

1. What county/town/zip code/neighborhood do you live in?

* Note: Adapt this question to the clients in your area by choosing “county,” “town,” “zip code,” or “neighborhood.” Choose the wording that is most useful for your pantry.
* Using “county” might make more sense if you’re in a rural area where clients come from multiple counties. Using “town” might make more sense if you’re in an area that has lots of small towns. Using “zip code” might make more sense if you’re in a suburban area and your clients come from multiple zip codes. Using “neighborhoods” might make more sense if you’re in an urban area where clients come from a few neighborhoods but are generally within a single county or zip code.

We’d like to learn more about your cultural identity and food preferences that are related to your culture so we can learn how we can best serve this community. Your voice will help us make decisions about what to offer so that we can meet the needs of this community. We can’t be sure that we will be able to get everything, but your responses will help us learn about the foods that are important to our neighbors’ cultures and traditions.

1. What is your country of birth? (Open-ended)
2. What is your cultural background? (Open-ended)
3. What languages do you speak at home? (Open-ended)
4. Are the foods available at your food pantry relevant to your culture? (Choose one)
5. Yes
6. No
7. Sometimes
8. I don’t know
9. *(If yes to question 5)* What are some examples of foods you get at the food pantry that are relevant to your culture?
10. *(If No or Sometimes to question 5)* What foods that are relevant to your culture are missing from the food pantry?
11. What foods do you still need to buy after a food pantry visit? (Open-ended)
12. Where do you find foods relevant to your culture to purchase? (Open-ended)
13. What are some foods that you often make for breakfast, lunch, and dinner? (Open-ended)

Please help us understand your preferences for different types of foods.

The lists in the following questions can be left as-is or modified to focus on foods that are commonly eaten among the cultural groups that are served by your pantry if this information is already known.

Says Katie Martin of More Than Food Consulting: “There are so many of these beautiful resources already available. If a pantry could identify ‘These are the countries and regions where most of our client base is coming from,’ and then they can access some of... the lists that have already been developed by Gleaners, by Houston Foodbank, by Foodbank of the Rockies. If you already know you’ve got folks that are primarily coming from Puerto Rico and from Jamaica, maybe you start there and say, ‘Which items would you most prefer?’”

1. What are the most important kinds of meat or meat alternatives for you to have in your home? (Choose all that apply)
2. Beef
3. Chicken
4. Fish
5. Goat
6. Lamb
7. Organ meat
8. Pork
9. Seitan
10. Tempeh
11. Tofu
12. Turkey
13. Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What are the most important kinds of flour for you to have in your home? (Choose all that apply)
2. All-purpose flour
3. Cassava flour
4. Foufou flour
5. Masa flour
6. Rice flour
7. Rye flour
8. Semolina/durum flour
9. Sorghum flour
10. Teff flour
11. Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What are the most important kinds of grains for you to have in your home? (Choose all that apply)
2. Barley
3. Brown rice
4. Bulgur
5. Couscous
6. Jasmine rice
7. Millet
8. Oats
9. Pasta
10. Red rice
11. White rice
12. Whole grain pasta
13. Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What are the most important kinds of beans/lentils/peas for you to have in your home? (Choose all that apply)
2. Black beans
3. Black lentils
4. Chickpeas/garbanzo beans
5. Fava beans
6. Mung beans
7. Pinto beans
8. Red lentils
9. Yellow split peas
10. Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What are the most important kinds of fruits for you to have in your home? (Open-ended)
2. What are the most important kinds of vegetables for you to have in your home? (Open-ended)
3. What are the most important kinds of spices or herbs for you to have in your home? (Open-ended)
4. Do you have any dietary requirements? (Choose all that apply)
5. None
6. Diabetic diet
7. Gluten-free diet
8. Vegetarian diet
9. Vegan or plant-based diet
10. Kosher
11. Halal
12. I prefer foods that do not need to be refrigerated
13. I prefer ready-prepared foods instead of ingredients
14. Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you have other food suggestions relevant to your culture you’d like to see at the pantry? (Open-ended)
2. What are 3 foods you would like to see more of at the food pantry?
   * 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
     2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
     3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. What would you like to see more: [Food 1] or [Food 2]? (Pick one)
   * 1. Note: Specify two foods that may be of interest to neighbors based on previous feedback or staff perceptions of neighbors’ food needs; for example: pineapple or mango?
4. Is there anything that we have not asked about that you would like to share?