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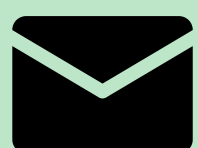
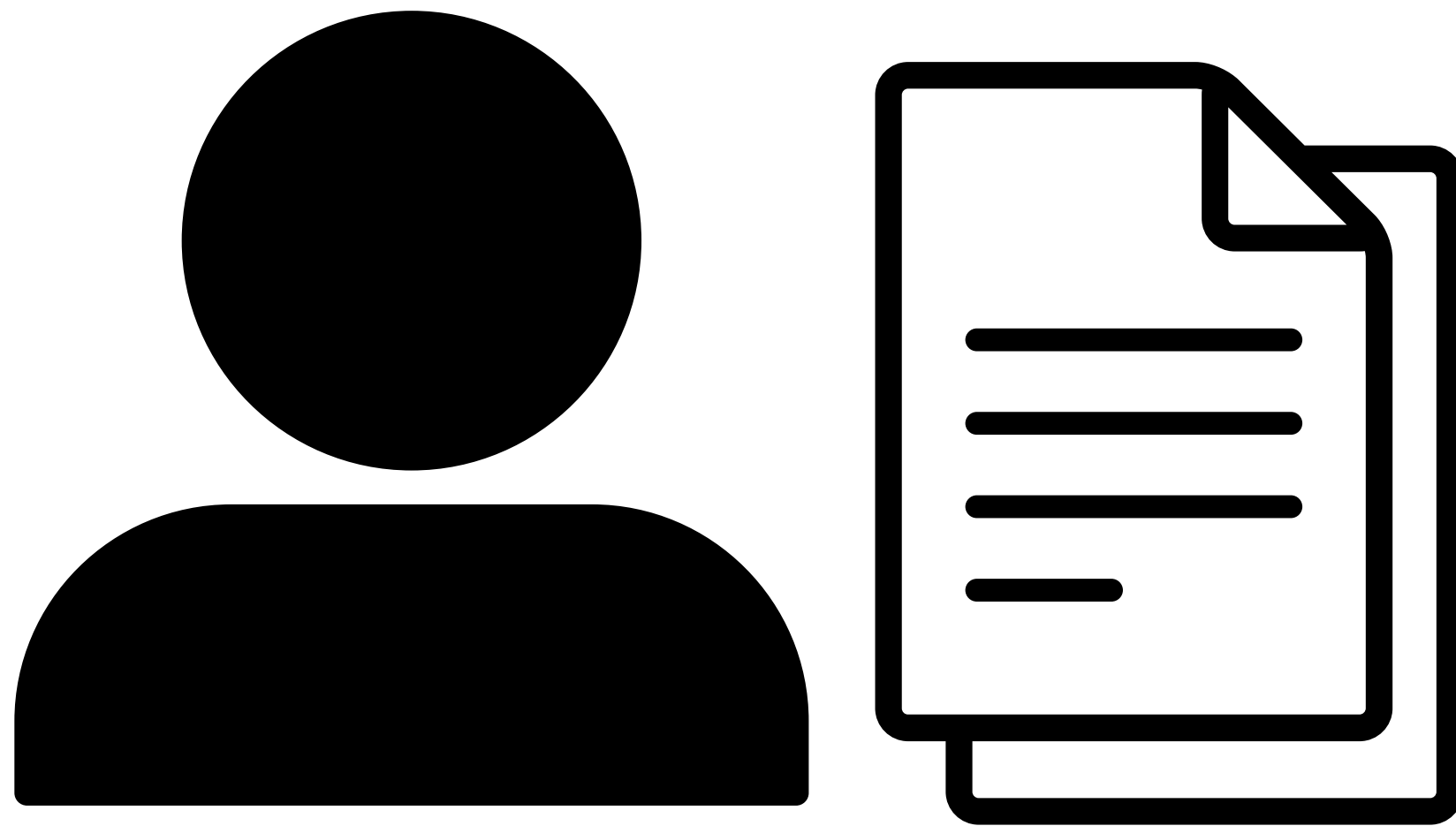
FoodCommunity

working together to improve food security

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SOUTH WEST FOOD COMMUNITY

‘Address’ Stage Briefing Paper



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South West Food Community project

Food security is having regular

physical

social

economic

access to healthy food that meets people's needs for a healthy life

Key determinants of food security:



The Food Community Project aims to:



Identify



Map



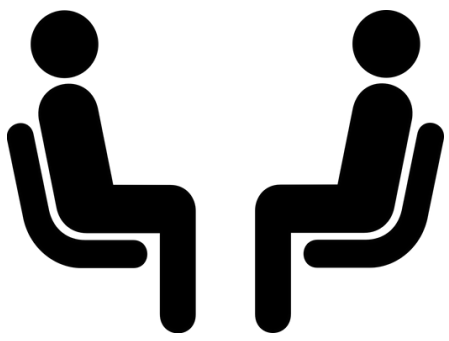
Evaluate



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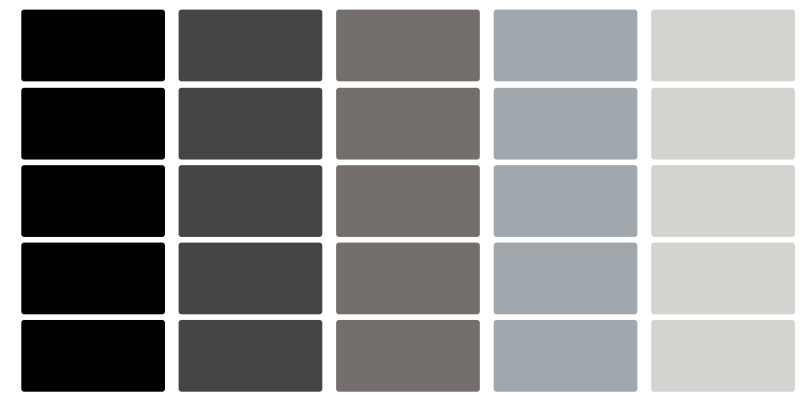
food security initiatives across WA regions, to support food security action.

Address Stage



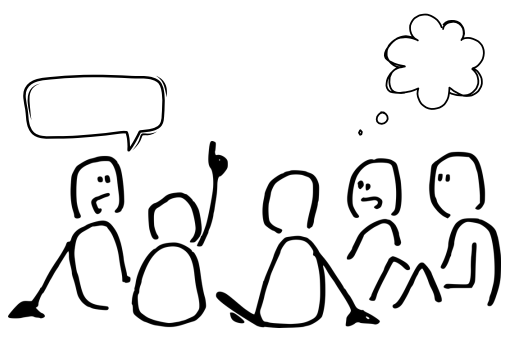
51 initiative interviews explored 52 initiatives

Government and community initiative staff/volunteers participated in an interview, to understand how their work contributed to systems change. It's all about facilitating a transition to a more effective way of supporting food security, across the whole system of initiatives.



Systems Change Map

A map was created to show how the initiatives contributed to systems change, across nine Focus Areas. The map was used to identify key Focus Areas, and 'windows of opportunity' to strengthen with people running food security initiatives.



Action Planning Workshop

Participants were invited to a results-sharing and action planning workshop in December 2018. During the workshop, interviewed participants co-designed individual action plans for their initiatives, with the Food Community team.

Participants were supported to identify actions they could undertake to strengthen their initiative's contribution to food security in the South West region. Participants also brainstormed potential new food security initiatives to fill service provision gaps in the current system.



Results

52 initiatives explored in interviews

83 partnering organisations

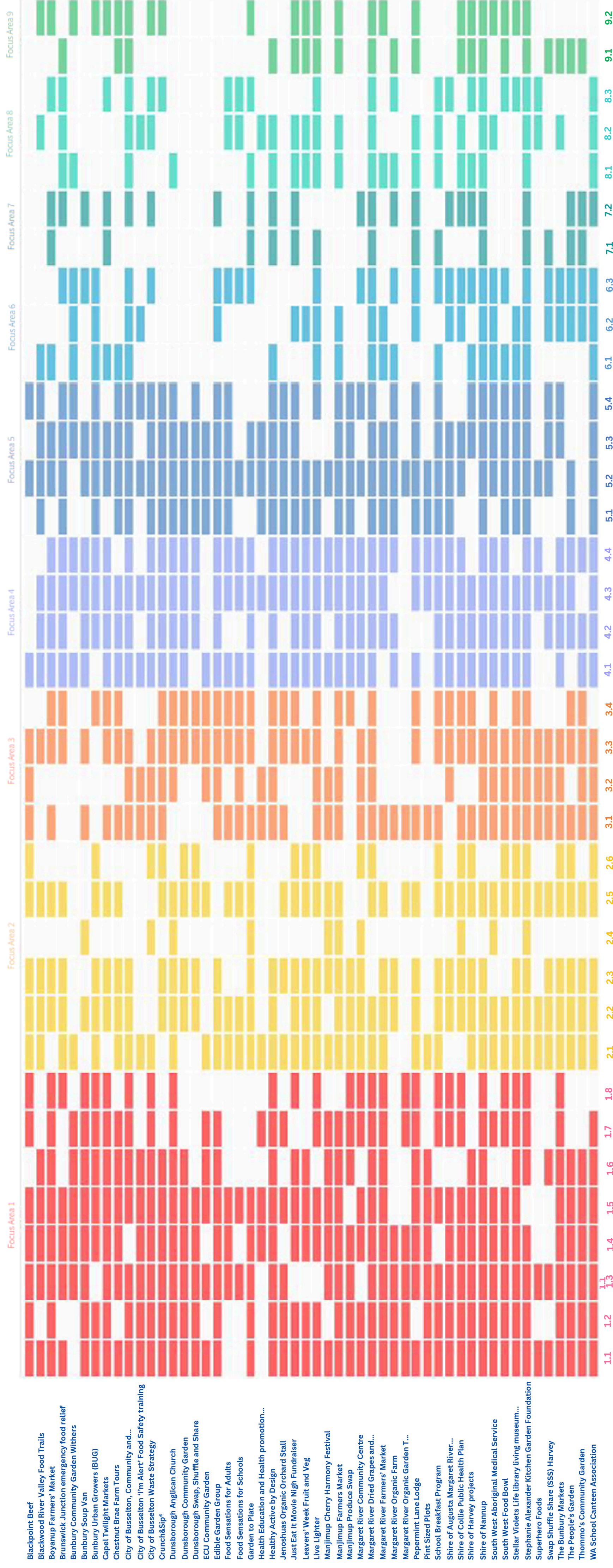
Initiative food security aspects:

35x  food availability

30x  food access

31x  food utilisation

Systems Change Map



Windows of opportunity

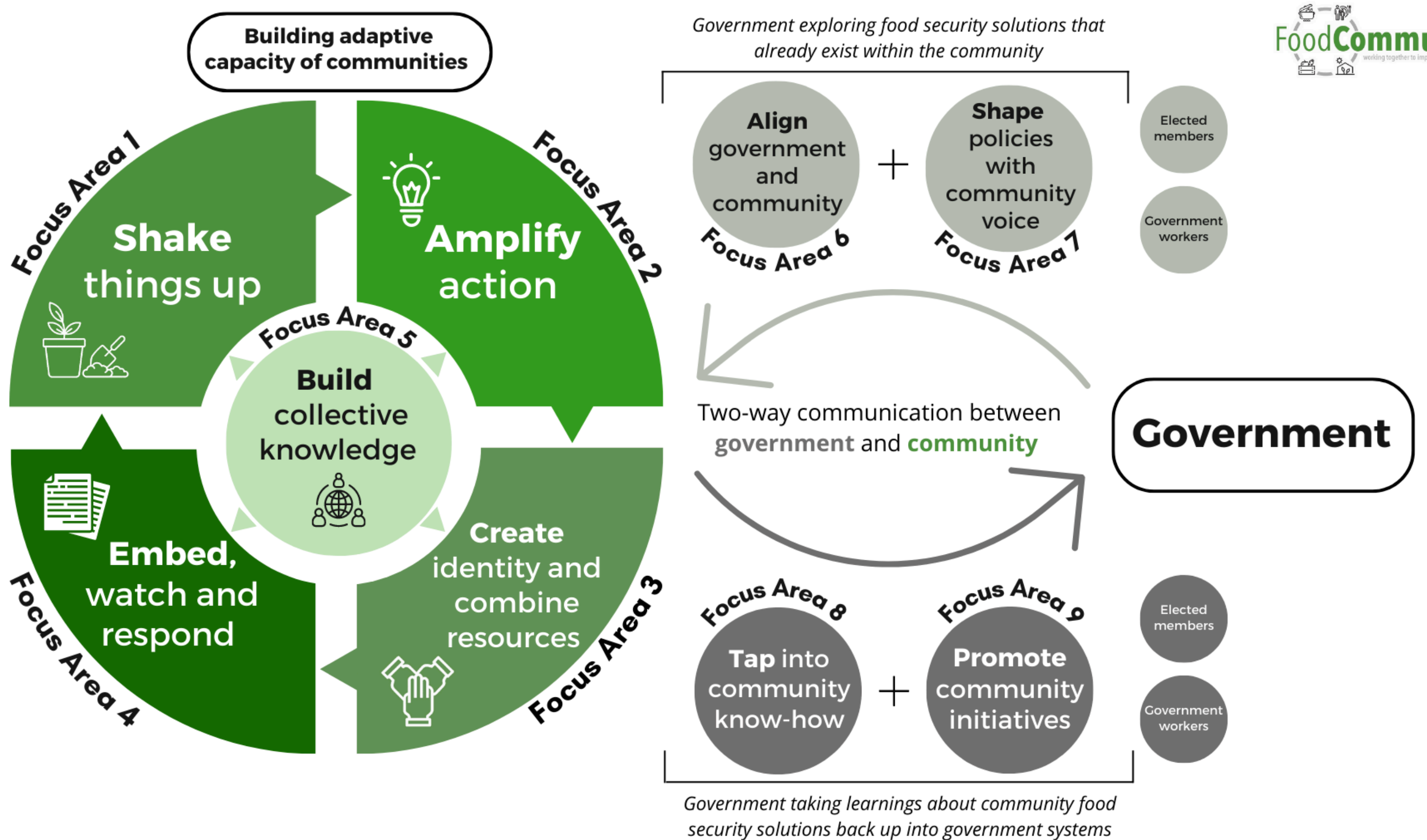
Focus Areas to strengthen:

- 3** Create identity and combine resources
- 6** Align government and community
- 7** Shape policies with community voices
- 8** Tap into community know-how
- 9** Promote community initiatives

Focus Areas initiatives possessed:

- 1** Shake things up
- 2** Join up and ripple out
- 4** Embed, watch and respond
- 5** Build collective knowledge

Food Community Focus Area Framework



Model adapted from Zivkovic, S. (2014). *Determining and increasing the social impact of an active citizenship education program*. [PhD thesis, School of Education, University of South Australia]. Adelaide.. and Green Adelaide. (2021). *Greening Marion pilot*. City of Marion. <https://www.marion.sa.gov.au/services-we-offer/environment/nature-and-biodiversity/greening-marion>

Next steps

Initiative leaders, organisations and government stakeholders will be encouraged to collaborate and identify how current initiatives can be adapted to strengthen their contribution to systems change. These specific adaptations are based on identified windows of opportunity and have been outlined in individual initiative action plans.

The Food Community team will follow up with initiative leaders to progress the actions outlined in their action plans, and the prioritised new food security initiatives.