



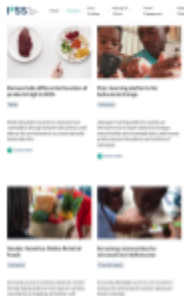
IMPACT SUMMARY

Co-creating food systems change to improve human & planetary health in more equitable ways

The Innovative Food Systems Solutions (IFSS) portal initiative is an **ongoing, open and collaborative effort** launched in 2021 between groups working at the intersection of nutrition, sustainable agriculture, development economics, policy studies and environmental health. The core team includes the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), the Alliance of Bioversity International-CIAT and Glocolearning. **Our mission is to support key food system actors in working with innovative solutions and help to move ideas towards action for impact.**



Open-Access Resources & Platform



The IFSS portal **database of innovative solutions** continues to grow, with 120+ solutions spanning the food supply chain -- policies, technologies, nature-based innovations, public/private collaborations, financial innovations, education, and social equity approaches. Solution profiles include examples in real-world settings (with an emphasis on vulnerable communities and LMICs) that have impact on both dietary health and planetary health. The rich criteria filters and searchable content help users find what they're interested in, allowing individuals and teams to evaluate "good fit" solutions for actionable uptake of innovations to meet their priorities.

The portal also includes a searchable **directory of investors, funders and donors** with 210+ funding sources actively looking to support up-and-coming innovative food system solutions. Connecting innovators to investors helps to make mutually beneficial matches to move solutions towards having meaningful uptake and impact in the near future.



Food system transformation requires urgent actions across many sectors. **20+ guides and resources** are shared to support actors across the food system in taking meaningful steps to help solutions move towards action and gain traction in different ways.

The core team has developed a unique tool kit to help users imagine and describe how a specific solution could have major positive impact(s) in the future in their setting. The **Backcasting Pathway-to-Impact builder** is a critical thinking and planning method that starts with a future vision of an innovation's potential impact on the food system and helps individuals and teams to ask: **What is possible? How to make that vision more likely? What are potential barriers and trade-offs and how to manage those along the way? Where to start? Who to involve?** This considers multiple goals and complexities, and helps to create an adaptable action pathway embracing a level of complexity and uncertainty.



