The Aotearoa Food Rescue Alliance (AFRA) supports food rescue organisations through capacity building, encouraging best practice, enhancing collaboration and advocating for the interests of the food rescue sector in Aotearoa, New Zealand.

• **Capacity building:** involves increasing the capacity of food rescue organisations to collect and distribute more volumes of food;
• **Best practice:** involves the sharing of ‘best practice’ policies and data methodology among food rescue organisations, and research;
• **Collaboration:** means working together to provide coherent sector representation, especially to government, industry, funders, research institutions and the wider public; and
• **Advocacy:** involves communicating the value of the food rescue sector and advocating for enabling conditions, especially to government, industry funders and the wider public.

Members of the alliance are “food rescue” organisations across Aotearoa, New Zealand, that prevent food from being wasted by collecting and redistributing food to people in need. Members will be supported by a governance board, with sector representation, and a small team of staff.

We expect to be up and running by October 2020. In the meantime, contact Tessa Vincent on nzchampions123@gmail.com. AFRA will be a registered charity, supported at the outset through a Ministry of Social Development grant.