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**WORK & FOOD -
FOOD AID ACTIVITY CHAIN AS A PLATFORM FOR A LOW-TRESHOLD EMPLOYMENT**



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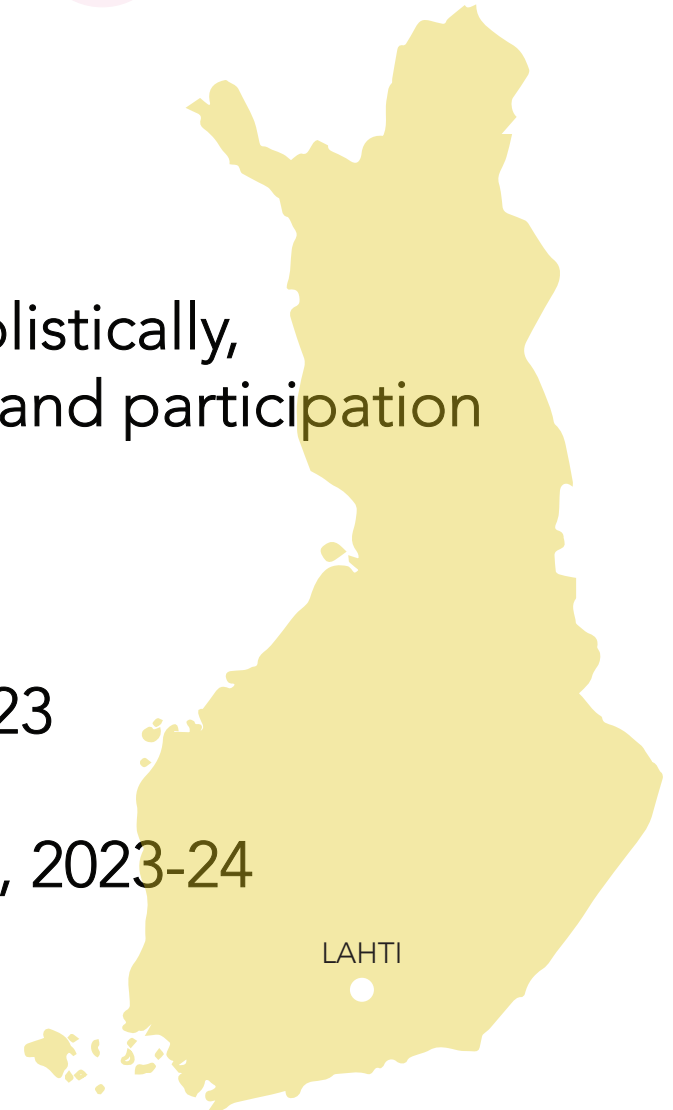
THE STARTING POINT

**The Lahti Diaconia Institute, Dila
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lahti
Lahti City**

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- Challenging employment situation in Lahti.
- Food aid operations should be considered holistically, responsibly, taking into account employment and participation aspects and respecting human dignity.
- Project report - Food aid operations in Lahti
-Dila / Dr. Hannele Poutiainen, 2022-23
- More research by the project working group, 2023-24



FOOD AID IN LAHTI AREA

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- About 30 food distributors
 - community meals & a few waste food distributions, food queues
 - relying on volunteers -->commitment to activities
 - Logistic center Operation Open Door Association.
 - acquires and distributes wasted food to its partners from southern Finland and locally

CHALLENGES IN FOOD AID

- The world situation, the volunteers' ability to cope, the increase of customers and accessibility, **reducing food waste**, artificial intelligence and laws, rising costs, cuts in subsidies, inequality creates deep gaps.



Helps the situation of those in a long-term unemployment in Lahti area, for 16-64 year olds
-> 80 unemployed.

Recruitment and integration of foreign-speaking workforce.
-> 40 with a foreign background.

Giving young people and recent graduates a chance as part of food aid activity chain and strengthen one's work and operational capacity.

We support the continuity and long-term work of food aid operations in Lahti, as a workplace for people with precise work skills.
-> Network of food aid operators.

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**Starting
point
11/2023**

**Online pilot
Community
meals
5-6/2024**

**Online
laanguage
versions
1/2025**

**Food aid
MODEL
Lahti
12/2025**

**Long-term
unempolyed
1/2024**

**Logistic
chain
9/2024**

**Development
& design
6/2025**



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