



## Summary of Queensland Remote Food Security Strategy 2023-2032

### Vision

Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander peoples living in remote  
communities are food secure.

### Goal

Increase the availability, accessibility  
and use of healthy food in remote  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander  
communities.

Health and  
Wellbeing  
Queensland

Community

External  
partners

### Action Plan 1

#### Plant, 2023-2026

##### *Establish fertile ground*

Cultivate collective leadership and  
vision to enable system change.



### Action Plan 2

#### Nurture, 2026-2029

##### *Support budding change*

Test, trial and evaluate place-based  
solutions to support change.



### Action Plan 3

#### Grow, 2029-2032

##### *Embed and sustain growth*

Sustain growth by upscaling and  
embedding effective solutions.



### Definition

**Food security** ensures people and  
communities have reliable access to a  
range of healthy food and drinks that are  
affordable and acceptable to their cultural  
needs at all times.

## Key priorities



### Logistics and supply chain

Work to ensure the supply chain is performing to the best of its ability to supply quality, affordable and healthy food all year-round.



### Local food production

Improve healthy food availability and access by creating supportive ways food can be grown locally.



### Healthy communities

Empower communities to understand the importance of healthy eating by improving access.



### Healthy homes

Ensure homes have reliable cooking facilities that will support healthy food preparation, storage and consumption.

## What we seek to achieve



### Availability

*Food is available in communities.*



### Access

*Food is affordable and accessible in communities.*



### Use

*Food choices and preparation support good health in communities.*

## What we need

### To succeed, we need:



**Collective leadership:** By working together across government, community, industry and others to share solutions, implementation and ownership.



**Knowledge translation:** By recognising the importance of everyone's knowledge so that decision-making is evidence-based and community led.



**Solution-driven investment:** By ensuring there is enough investment to support implementation and evaluation, resulting in long term outcomes.



**Strengths-based approaches:** By building on the strengths, resilience and leadership within communities.

## How we work — our shared commitment

### Community-centred

Ensure communities are at the centre of decision-making.

### Equity

Ensure approaches are fair and take into consideration the unique needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

### Sustainability

Drive solutions that support outcomes now and into the future.

### Systems thinking

Look at the whole picture to understand where the challenges and opportunities exist to address food security.

### Respect

Commit to learning from history and culture, and respecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of knowing, being and doing.

## Summary of the Gather + Grow Queensland Remote Food Security Action Plan



### Plant, 2023-2026

#### Establish fertile ground

The Gather + Grow Action Plan 2023-2026 is the first Action Plan related to Gather + Grow 2023-2032. This Action Plan focusses on creating shared leadership to establish a strong foundation for change by testing actions and understanding the current state.



### Action to be taken



#### Logistics and supply chain

These actions will involve understanding current challenges and opportunities within the supply chain in order to identify improvements and/or new solutions. For example, by partnering with key stakeholders to design solutions that will support improvements across the supply chain, and by investigating opportunities to pool procurement across government and community settings to reduce the freight cost of food.



#### Local food production

These actions will focus on understanding if food can be grown closer to remote communities. For example, by developing a criterion to inform investment decisions, and conducting feasibility studies, to determine critical inputs and infrastructure required by communities.



#### Healthy communities

These actions will focus on promoting the use of healthy food across community settings to make healthy choices easier. For example, by enhancing the capability of remote stores to achieve healthy retail environments and by mapping local food systems to understand where there are opportunities to promote healthy eating in communities.



#### Healthy homes

These actions will focus on the challenges and opportunities to ensure homes have reliable kitchen facilities and equipment to allow healthy food to be cooked, eaten and stored.

This plan has...  
**23 actions**

Delivered by...  
**17 agencies**  
...across local, state  
and federal government

Focussed on...  
**Far North Queensland  
& the Lower Gulf**  
...Aboriginal and Torres  
Strait Islander communities.