

An interview with...

## Marie Castagne

## FEAD Network



We interviewed Marie Castagne from the French Federation of Food Banks, to tell us more about their inspiring work.

### Can you tell us a little bit about yourself and the kind of work that you do?

I am Marie Castagné and I work for the French Federation of Food Banks which is led by the Paris Food Bank.

The Paris Food Bank was the first food bank founded in France. Today the Paris and Ile de France Food Bank provides over 5300 tons of food to 280 partner associations. Every day the Food Bank team works to collect, sort and stock food products. Next, the team distributes food to partner associations.

### Can you tell us about your project and the issues you wanted to address with it?

During a visit to the Paris Food Bank we demonstrate the flow of food package distribution and show how independent associations participate in the FEAD implementation in France.

The idea behind our project is also to show how the food-aid distribution by the Food Bank helps partner association in collecting food and give the association more time for accompanying measures.

### What are some of the bigger challenges you faced during your project and how did you overcome them?

One of the main challenges faced by our project is to provide quality food and diverse products for our beneficiaries every day.

The FEAD products are basic need products, which are essential to the missions of the Food Banks. The FEAD allows for year round procurements of food products that are not available through collections. Food banks seek optimal nutritional balance for the beneficiaries of food aid. The team works on this everyday with different sources of supply.

### What do you hope to get out of the FEAD Network?

I hope that food aid in its whole approach will be a highlight within the FEAD Network.

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