

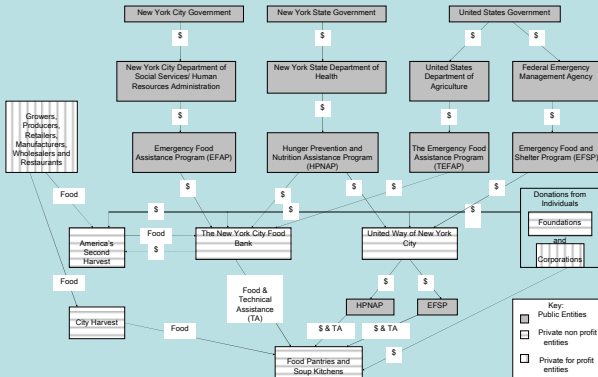
# Evaluating Efficiency in the Food Security Sector in New York City

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## Overview

The nonprofit sector seeks to meet certain needs of the public that are not monetarily driven. Since the sector lacks bottom line indicators, it is hard to tell to what extent organizations meet the needs they seek to meet. This study uses the food security subsector as a case study for evaluating efficiency in the nonprofit sector. First, I created a map of the links of all the ways that government programs and nonprofit programs interact to ultimately address food insecurity. Then I evaluated the nature of the links between these various entities and ultimately observed the effect that this had on soup kitchens and food pantries delivering food to their clientele.

### Resources Available to Private, Non-Profit Food Providers (Soup Kitchens and Food Pantries)



## Analysis

### Issues Regarding Efficiency

- The Metaphorical Leash
- Defining Need
- Small vs. Big Nonprofits
- Redefining Efficiency

### Problem Areas

- Harmful Competitiveness within the Sector
- Overlapping Issues
- Lack of Knowledge of the Infrastructure of the Sector