



Boroume

Sustainability Impact Assessment Report

2025

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1. INTRODUCTION

This Sustainability Impact Assessment (SIA) report presents the impacts of Boroume. This report was created using SHARING SOLUTIONS – the SHARING SOLUTIONS Impact Assessment Toolkit.

SHARING SOLUTIONS was designed to illustrate the broad spectrum of impacts that food sharing initiatives have on the sustainability of food systems. Any initiative engaged in such activities around food can be classed as a food sharing initiative. Food sharing can be growing, cooking and eating together or redistributing surplus food to others.

The SHARING SOLUTIONS framework contains 34 sustainability indicators that initiatives can select from as relevant to their specific activities. An indicator can be a quantitative or qualitative factor or variable. An indicator provides a simple and reliable means to capture information at a particular point and which can be used over time to identify changes. The indicators cover four pillars of sustainability for our food systems – Social, Environmental, Economic and Governance. Within these pillars, indicators are organised into 13 impact areas. For each indicator, initiatives are provided with several options to demonstrate their impact using quantitative and/or qualitative evidence.

For more information about the SHARING SOLUTIONS tool including the SIA framework please refer to the SHARING SOLUTIONS webpage: <https://app.sharingsolutions.eu>

2. IMPACT SUMMARY REPORT

WHO WE ARE

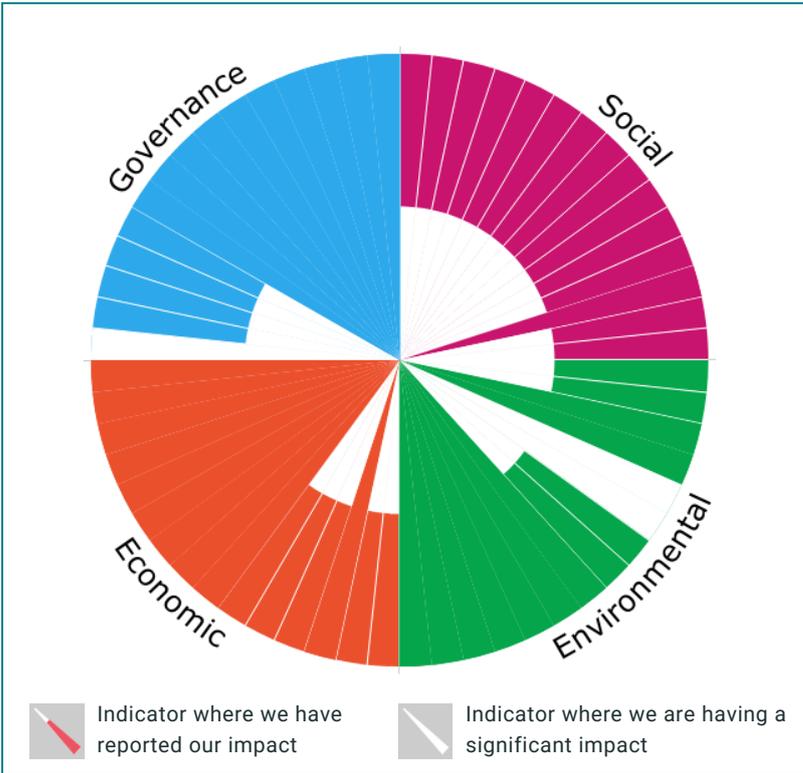
Name: Boroume
Location: ATHENS

GOALS AND ACTIVITIES

Goals: Non profit with mission to reduce food waste & food insecurity in Greece.

Activities: Cooking Or Eating Food Together, Redistributing Surplus Food, Multifunctional

IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS



- Our key areas of significant impact are**
- Food waste reduction
 - Reducing the carbon footprint of the food system
 - Contributing to policy development



KEY IMPACTS



20046226

meals were distributed by our initiative



5000000

kg of food diverted from landfill



52500000

kg of CO2 emissions avoided



The mentioned metrics are from 2024. Boroume is a non-profit organization with the aim to reduce food waste and food insecurity in Greece. Within 13 years we have managed to save and donate more than 105.000.000 in total and at this time, we save more than 55.000 portions of food daily. In 2024 only, we saved in total 20.046.226 portions of food.



The above metrics are from 2024. Food saving is at the core of our organization since it is our mission and reason of existence. Within the 13 years of our operations we have saved more than 105.000.000 portions of food, all over Greece, with tremendous economical, social and environmental impact. In 2024, Boroume has scored a positive environmental impact by saving approximately 52,5m kilos of CO2 that were not emitted in the atmosphere thanks to the food saving activity of Boroume. This CO2 quantity equals to 314.490 trees saving CO2 annually.



Through our Alliance for the Reduction of Food Waste, which operates under the auspices of the Ministry of the Environment, we contribute in the formulation of legislation and the dissemination of good practices towards reducing food waste and loss in the supply chain. With the participation of our dozen partners we share good practices and promote transfer of knowledge among collaborating parties to improve existing policies and formulate new ones.



FOOD SHARING BENEFITS

The sharing element of food sharing creates unique positive benefits like fostering social cohesion and reducing loneliness. The direct and indirect benefits our food sharing generates are indicated below.





HOW WE CONTRIBUTE TO THE UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The United Nations uses a range of impact areas and indicators to measure progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The following graphic shows how our activities are contributing to these goals at three levels by: (1) Contributing to the general ethos of a goal (2) Making a direct impact to an impact area; and (3) Making a major impact by contributing to an indicator.



Legend:

-  Making a major direct impact towards this goal
-  Making a direct impact towards this goal
-  Contributing to the ethos of this goal

3. SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

SOCIAL

COMMUNITY INTEGRATION AND SHARING

Increasing appreciation of different cultures across and within communities

Do any of your activities specifically aim to empower and promote the inclusion of any vulnerable or marginalized groups of people (e.g. youth, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, women, etc)?

Through Boroume's food sharing operations all over the country, many organizations around Greece who support vulnerable or marginalized groups of people (eg. children, refugees, homeless people etc.) are supported with surplus food in order provide better services and care for their beneficiaries. Since more than 35% of Greece's population resides in Athens and the surrounding areas, a large number of beneficiaries is supported by the work of Boroume in the capital of the country.

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative helps empower and promote the inclusion of vulnerable or marginalised groups (e.g. youth, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, women, etc)

Since Boroume is a volunteer organization, there have been occasions where members of marginalized have participated in our Boroume at the Farmers' Market actions as volunteers (eg. Former drug addicts, refugees etc.)

Improving communication skills

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative supports improving communication skills (e.g. supporting social interaction, improving language skills and/or testimonies from participants)

At Boroume we have the opportunity to have dozens of volunteers from abroad participating in our work, mainly in the Boroume at the Farmers' Market program, where knowledge of the Greek language is not a barrier for participation.

Fostering a wider food and sharing culture

How many other food sharing initiatives are you in regular contact with to exchange knowledge or collaborate?

300

How many volunteers and/or employees have moved on to join or establish another food sharing initiative?

10

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative helps foster a wider food and sharing culture (e.g. stories from participants, volunteers, employees, and/or other food sharing initiatives that you collaborate with)

The above mentioned metrics are from 2024. Boroume's mission is, apart from saving food all over Greece, to support people in need through the collaboration with local charities around the country, which basically are food sharing organizations themselves. Therefore, through the participation in the work of Boroume, the hundreds of charities that we are in collaboration with share Boroume's food sharing culture and values.

ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY OF FOOD

Increased access to and consumption of fruit and vegetables

How many portions of fruit and/or vegetables did your initiative distribute to people in the year being reported?

1500000

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative increases access to and consumption of fruit and vegetables (e.g. an awareness campaign you have run about healthy eating)

The above metrics are from 2024. Our Boroume at the Farmers' Market program can be described as one of the best ambassadors to healthy eating and the promotion of consumption of fruits and vegetables. Through the participation in the program around the country, the volunteers (many of which are young students) come across seasonal fruits and vegetables and discuss about their consumption in addition to saving the surplus produce.

Increased access to and consumption of fresh food

How many people did your initiative distribute fresh food to?

150000

How many meals did your initiative distribute?

20046226

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Connecting and creating new support networks within communities

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative supports connecting and creating new support networks within communities (e.g. stories about friendships formed because of engaging with your initiative)

The above metrics are from 2024. The work of Boroume is carried out through synergies. The whole model of Boroume is based on the collaboration between food donors and charity organizations all over Greece. Through these synergies, a comprehensive positive network of support is constructed with purpose to save surplus food and donate it to people need.

Boosting levels of meal sharing

How many meals has your initiative distributed to other organisations that facilitate people eating together

3000000

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative is boosting levels of meal sharing (e.g. stories from participants about how opportunities to share a meal has improved their wellbeing)

The above metrics are from 2024. Through Boroume's collaboration with hundreds of charities around Greece, thousands of people in need are supported annually and share food in soup kitchens and other charity settings. Since more than 35% of Greece's population resides in Athens and the surrounding areas, a large number of beneficiaries is supported by the work of Boroume in the capital of the country.

Increasing well-being through volunteering

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative is increasing well-being through volunteering (e.g. stories of volunteers making new friends)

Volunteerism is one of the pillars of Boroume's function. Either being actively engaged on a weekly basis in the Boroume at the Farmers' Market program or supporting the work of Boroume through offering expertise and various skills (eg. translations, graphic design etc.) our volunteers feedback is very positive and keep returning to our work.

Improving self-confidence and resilience

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative is improving self-confidence and resilience (e.g. stories of how participants increased their confidence generally or improved their skills and abilities through your programs)

The interns coming from abroad, with who we are collaborating every year, report that by working with us, they improve their soft skills, self confidence and resilience by participating in our Boroume at the Farmers' Market program.

Increasing movement and exercise

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative is increasing movement and exercise (e.g. stories of how participants became more active and/or experienced other health benefits from getting involved in your programs)

The Boroume in the Farmers' Market program engages volunteers in outdoor physical activity in order to collect the surplus of produce from the collaborating farmers' markets in Athens and Thessaloniki. This way, the volunteers are active throughout our actions at Boroume and improve their physical health and well being.

Increasing access to health and well-being services

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative is increasing access to health and well-being services

There has been quite a number of people in need who have reached out to Boroume for support. It is a common practice at Boroume to redirect these people to other organizations who can support their needs and improve their well being.

Thinking about issues beyond price when buying food

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative supports thinking about issues beyond price when buying food

Through our awareness programs, we promote the views that not only price should be a contributing factor to buy food. Poor consumer choices may raise food waste with tremendous environmental, financial and social impact.

Increased confidence and participation in cooking

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative increases confidence and participation in cooking

Through the program Boroume in the Kitchen, we teach participants about how they can reduce food waste in their everyday cooking activities, thus promoting cooking at home with the optimum use of ingredients.

Discovery of new fresh foods

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative helps people discover new fresh foods

Through the Boroume in the Kitchen program, the participants have the opportunity to engage in an educational food saving cooking activity and discover ways and practices to use at home so that they make the most of their raw cooking materials. Through this experience, participants have the opportunity to discover different dishes made with fresh material that would otherwise go to waste.

ENVIRONMENTAL

AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

Diverting organic waste from landfill

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative diverts organic waste from landfill

Through the Boroume at the Farmers' Market program, we repurpose surplus food that would end up in the landfill, by offering it to charities in Athens and Thessaloniki to support their beneficiaries.

Water recovery

How many estimated litres of water has your initiative recovered?

84149149

Describe the system you have in place for water recovery

The above metrics are from 2024. By saving food, one also saves the resources that were used in order to grow that food. Therefore, by saving food, Boroume saves annually many millions of litres of water. In 2024 Boroume has saved 84.149.149 cubic meters of water around Greece.

FOOD WASTE

Food waste reduction

How many people attended your events that were designed to reduce their food waste?

200

How many estimated kg of food waste did your initiative rescue?

5000000

What percentage of food that your initiative handled was wasted?

95

How many estimated kg of rescued food did your initiative use at events?

0

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative reduces food waste

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CARBON FOOTPRINT

Reducing the carbon footprint of the food system

How many people attended your events or received educational materials about reducing the carbon footprint of their food choices?

30000

How many estimated kg of CO2 emissions did your initiative avoid (e.g. by rescuing waste food, reducing fertiliser use, increasing energy efficiency)?

52500000

Select from the following any carbon footprint reducing activities your initiative does (can select multiple options):

Rescuing food that would otherwise have been sent to landfill,Accepting donated food that may otherwise have been sent to landfill

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative reduces its carbon footprint (e.g. stories of your participants being inspired to make changes to reduce their carbon footprint because of your events or programs)

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EDUCATION AND FOOD CHOICES – ENVIRONMENTAL

Increasing preference for vegetarian meals

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative increases preference for vegetarian meals.

Through the Boroume at the Farmers' Market program, volunteers and participants come across fresh produce and often have the opportunity to discuss meals and recipes with the collected produce.

Reducing food packaging

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative reduces food packaging.

We are an environmentally conscious and mindful organization. We make every effort to minimize the usage of single use containers, plastic bags and harmful packaging in general.

ECONOMIC

JOBS

Training and jobs

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative supports training and jobs.

Boroume, as an employer as well, is an inclusive, supporting organization. It promotes the well being of its staff and provides opportunities for further growth and training for its staff.

Fairly paid work

What percentage of your part-time employees are paid a rate 10% or more above the legal minimum wage?

100

What percentage of your full-time employees are paid a rate 10% or more above the legal minimum wage?

100

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative supports fairly paid work.

The above mentioned metrics are from 2024. Boroume salaries are above average compared to other organizations.

AFFORDABILITY OF FOOD

Reducing pressure on food budgets

How much did your initiative save, in total, to local people's food budgets through providing food or meals?

50

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative is reducing pressure on food budgets.

Boroume has introduced in 2024 its new program

Sharing specific skills and knowledge about the food system

How many people attended your events or received educational material specifically aimed at increasing knowledge about food or the food system?

30000

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative shares specific skills and knowledge about food and the food system.

The mentioned metrics are from 2024. Through our Boroume at School and Boroume in the Kitchen programs we raise awareness about the good use of food in order to prevent food waste. Also, through the activities our Alliance for the Reduction of Food Waste, which operates under the auspices of the Ministry of the Environment, we promote raising awareness and sharing good practices with our partners from the whole food supply chain in order to reduce food waste in their working practices.

Formal qualifications

How many people gained formal qualifications relating, at least partially, to food because of participating in your initiative?

0

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative supports formal qualifications.

The dozens of interns from abroad who work with us as coordinators of teams of volunteers in our Boroume in the Farmers' Market program report that by participating in our actions sharpen and develop their soft skills while at the same time acquiring valuable knowledge concerning food waste and its prevention and also the way the charity sector functions.

GOVERNANCE

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Contributing to policy development

List key activities your initiative did to establish more sustainable food policies at the local, regional, or national level.

All the programs of Boroume are aiming to raise awareness, introduce and establish good practices

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative contributes to policy development.

Through our Alliance for the Reduction of Food Waste, which operates under the auspices of the Ministry of the Environment, we contribute in the formulation of legislation and the dissemination of good practices towards reducing food waste and loss in the supply chain. With the participation of our dozen partners we share good practices and promote transfer of knowledge among collaborating parties to improve existing policies and formulate new ones.

Sharing knowledge and good practice

Select from the following any activities your initiative does to share knowledge and best practices.

Hosted events to promote and educate about specialist practices your initiative implements.,Posted online content promoting the use of practices you implement which tackle important issues in the food system.,Participated in relevant region or regional networks for food sharing activities. For example, a community growers network.,Participated in any citizen science or similar programs to improve understanding issues relating to your initiative

Share here any other relevant information about how your initiative shares knowledge and good practice.

It is in the DNA of our work to collaborate, create synergies and share knowledge and good practices. Either by raising awareness through our programs, training volunteers or colleagues about our work or sharing our experience with other organization

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Strategic planning and sustainability

Select from the following the best description of your formal planning processes.

We have a formal sustainability plan, which sets out a strategy to maximise our impact relating to important issues for food sustainability.

Stakeholder engagement

Select from the following the best description of your strategy for identifying, engaging, and managing your relationships with stakeholders.

We have a strategy to identify the relevant stakeholders for our initiative and regularly review them.

Share any other relevant information about how you engage with stakeholders.

Relationship management is at the core of the work of Boroume, since the whole of our work has to do with synergies and collaboration with a very wide range of partners. Our working mindset is positive, aiming towards promoting win-win collaborations for all parties involved. In the event of any conflict, we resolve the situation with a positive spirit keeping in mind all involved parties' interests in order to deliver the best possible results.

RISK CONTROL

Risk control

Select from the following the best description of your current strategy for identifying and reducing risks facing your initiative.

We have successfully implemented a strategy which has already reduced major risks facing our initiative (for example by purchasing a property or securing long term funding)

Provide a summary of any steps you have taken in the last twelve months to minimise the major risks to the viability of your initiative.

Diversify incoming streams of funding. Increase quality of reporting to donors. Increase annual saving percentage as compared to overall expenditure. Start charging for corporate social responsibility programs. Create new corporate responsibility program (Boroume in the Kitchen).

4. Disclaimer

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