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This report summarises the findings from a recent data gathering survey of Community Food Services in Oxfordshire.

Between the end of November 2022 and mid-January 2023, 33 community food services responded to Good Food Oxfordshire's survey "Oxfordshire CFN Survey 2023".

The survey asked questions about:

- The number of beneficiaries
- The frequency of visits and/or deliveries
- The proportion of food supplied that is fresh fruit and vegetables.
- The resilience of CFN's considering increases in demand and reduction in supplies currently being experienced.

We need to be clear that this is a snapshot of responses received and does not present a complete picture of the aggregated provision or supply via the Community Food Networks. ¹

¹ We have avoided double counting SOFEA larder memberships from the data supplied by the larders direct and that from SOFEA.

Key findings

The 33 respondents to the survey are collectively supporting over **11,000 service users each month representing 20,000-25,000 beneficiaries.**

Of the 33 respondents, we have data from 22 on the number of people using their service each month for 2021 compared to 2022.

This data shows that the **number of service users has nearly tripled between 2021 and 2022.**

78% of services offer fruit and vegetables as standard.

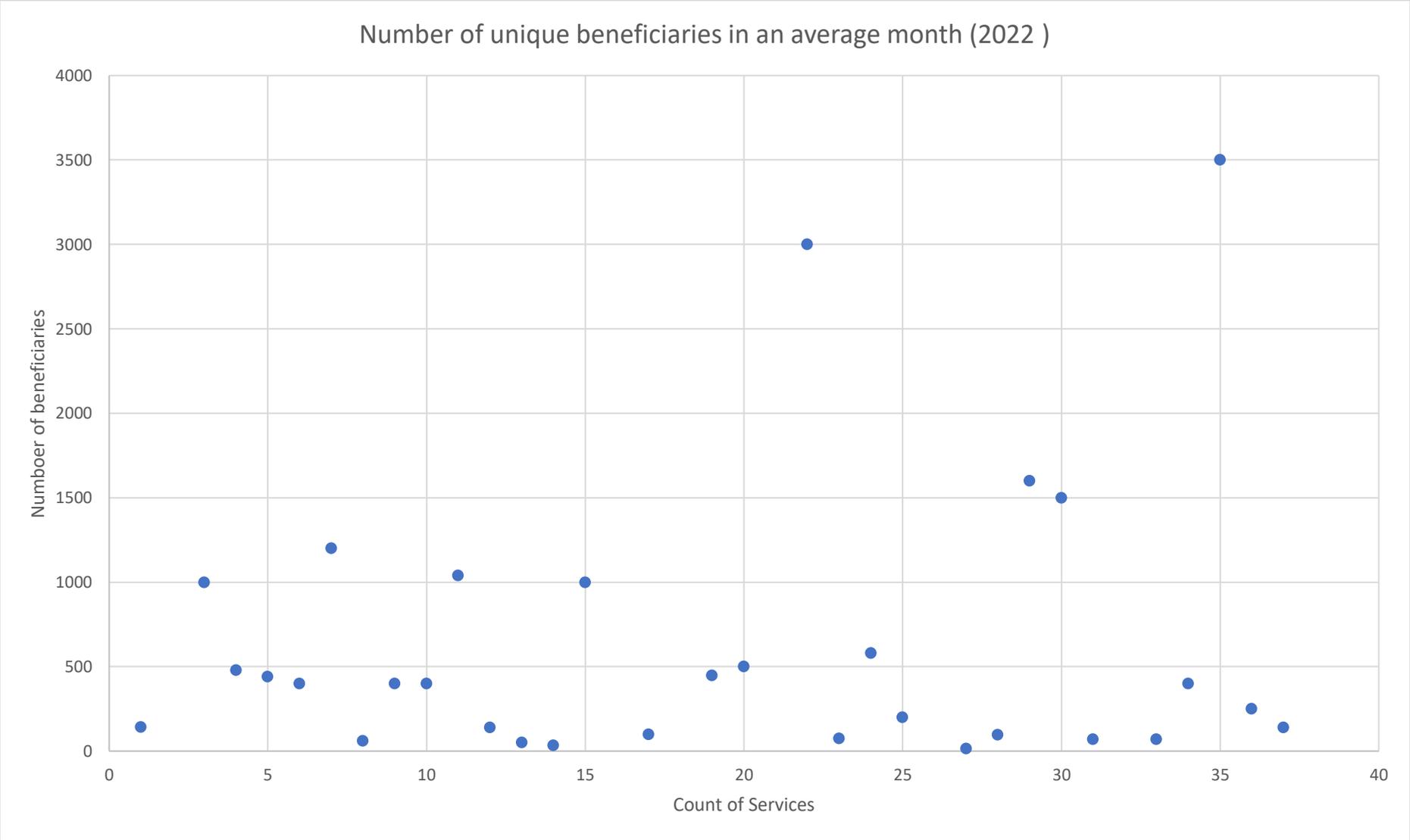
42% of the food provided via responding CFNs is fresh fruit and vegetables²

57% of services reported that the supply of food was insufficient to meet the demand they are experiencing.

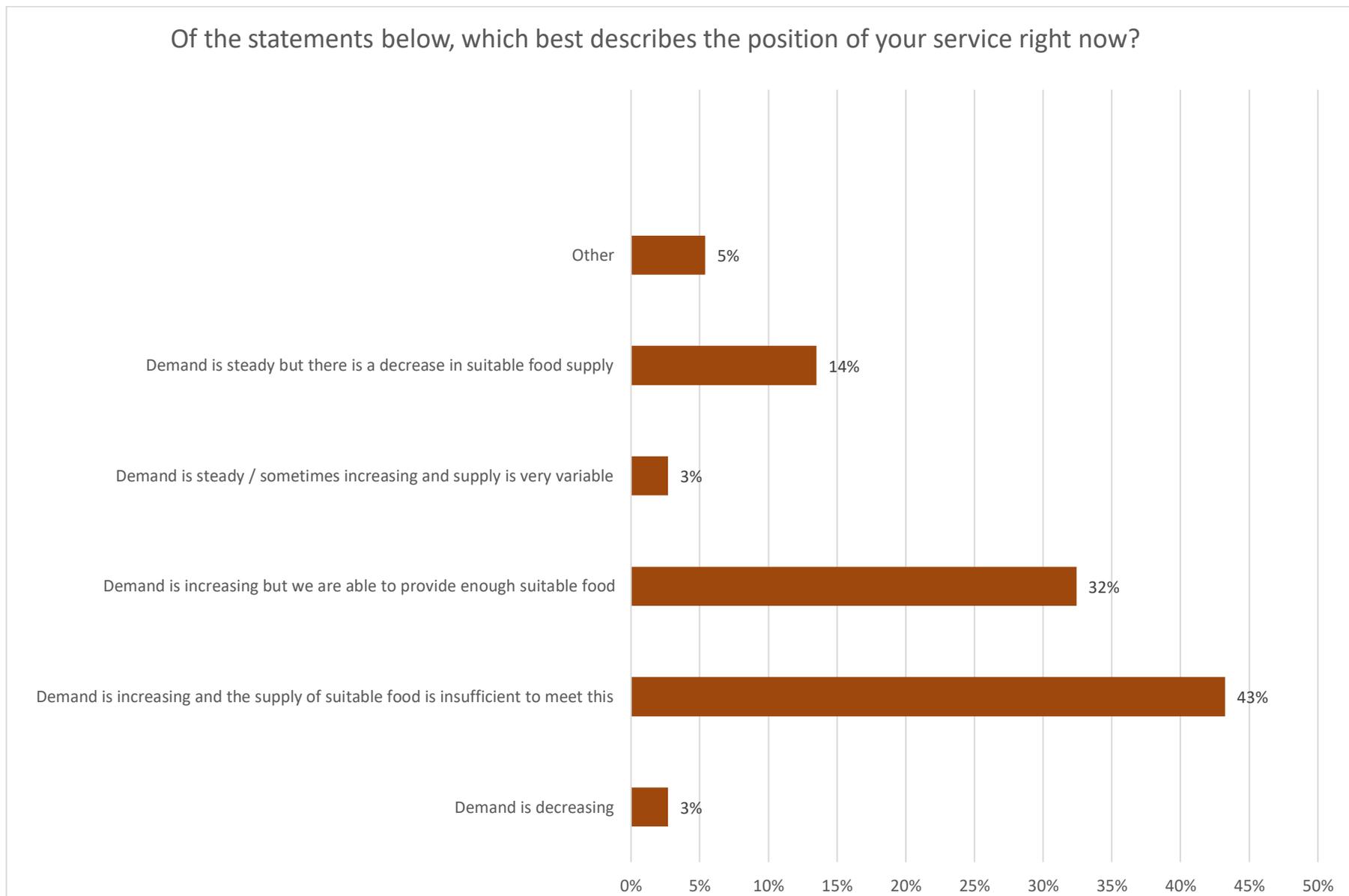
57% of services reported that they were 'unsure' or 'not confident' that they could meet the needs of their community given the cost-of-living crisis.

² weighted for the number of beneficiaries supported by each service and the % of fruit and veg provided by each service

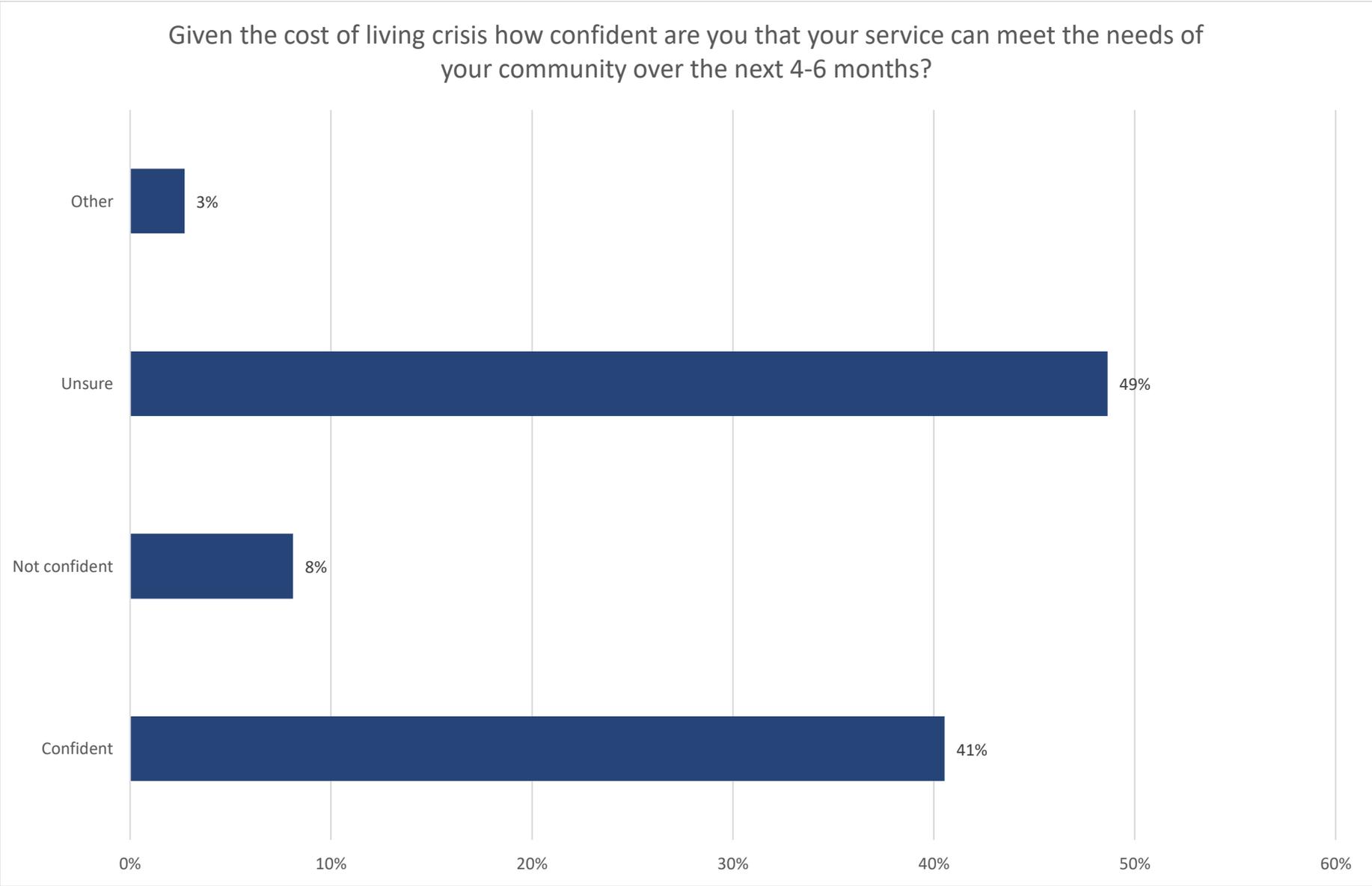
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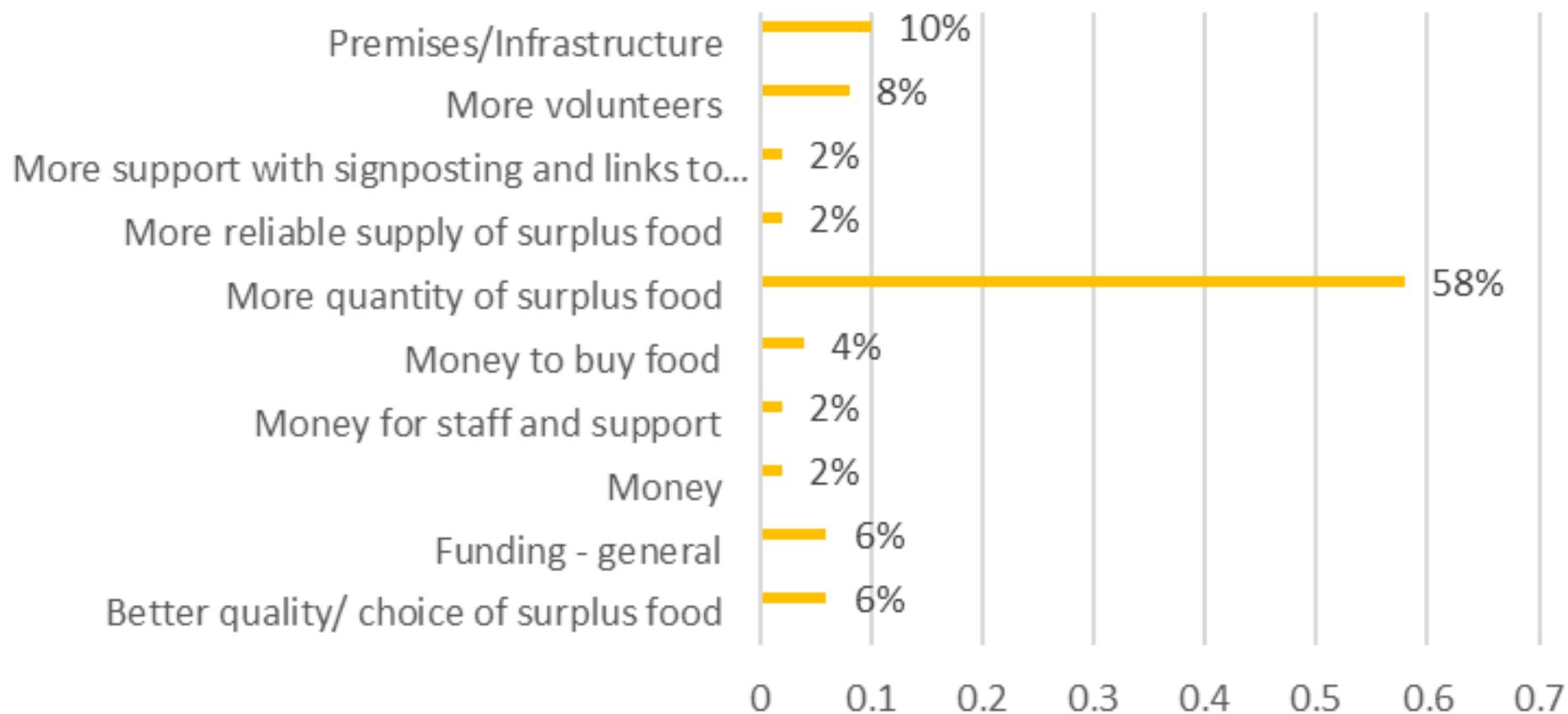
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What does your service need at the moment to be able to meet the needs of your community?



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