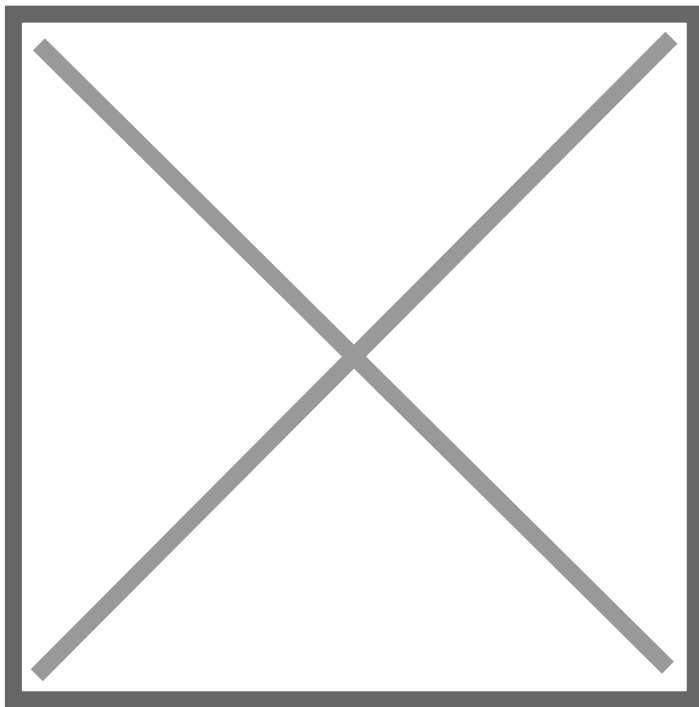


UAE Food Bank partners with National Food Loss and Waste Initiative

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The UAE Food Bank has announced a strategic partnership with the National Initiative to Reduce Food Loss and Waste, "Neâ??ma," aimed at enhancing support for those in need and contributing to environmental sustainability. This partnership will organise two pioneering initiatives focused on managing food surplus, reducing waste, and delivering food to the largest number of targeted beneficiaries across the country. The initiative aligns with charitable and humanitarian efforts during the holy month of Ramadan 2025.

This initiative aims to provide one million meals from surplus food to eligible groups in the community during the holy month of Ramadan, marking the third consecutive year of its implementation. The initiative aligns with the UAE's vision to enhance social and environmental responsibility, especially following the announcement of 2025 as the "Year of the Community."

As part of the partnership between the UAE Food Bank and the National Initiative to Reduce Food Loss and Waste, "Neâ??ma," coordination will take place with over 75 hotel establishments to collect and distribute untouched surplus food to those in need. The initiative will be implemented in Dubai in collaboration with the Dubai Department of Economy and Tourism.

The initiative focuses on managing food surplus safely and efficiently to minimise waste. The UAE Food Bank will collect surplus food fit for consumption and redistribute it to beneficiaries across the country. Meanwhile, inedible food will be

converted into oil and agricultural compost in collaboration with the "Reloop" application by iCycle International, contributing to environmental sustainability and supporting circular economy principles.