**FOOD WASTE FACT SHEET**

**FOOD WASTE IN FIGURES**

* The amount of food wasted in UK homes each year is **7.2 million tonnes.**
* The value of the food households throw away every year reaches **£2.5 billion.**
* **Around 19 per cent** of the overall food bought by households is wasted.
* **68 per cent** of bagged salad is wasted every year, including salads that never leave the farm, that are damaged during the packing stage, or thrown away by retailers and householder
* **One in four** apples in fridges and fruitbowls is thrown away.
* The amount of “ugly” fruit and vegetables sold in supermarkets last autumn after rules were relaxed about standards of fresh produce reached **300,000 tonnes.**
* **42% of UK families** struggle to live on their income with 22% of the parents in those families going without so their children can eat. But 75% of Brits throw away food that could be eaten.
* **Nearly 100 million tonnes of food are wasted annually in the EU** (estimate for 2012). If nothing is done, food waste could rise to **over 120 million tonnes by 2020**.
* **About a third** of all food produced globally for human consumption is lost or wasted- **around 1.3 billion tonnes per year**, according to the Food and Agriculture Organisation.
* In developing countries, **over 40%** of food losses happen after harvest and during processing.
* In industrialised countries, **over 40%** of food losses occur at retail and consumer level.
* Food is lost or wasted **along the whole food supply chain**: on the farm, in processing and manufacture, in shops, in restaurants and canteens and in the home.