



BEGINNING TO END HUNGER: LESSONS ON FOOD SECURITY, TRANSFORMATION, AND SOLIDARITY FROM BELO HORIZONTE, BRAZIL

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SPEAKER:

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SPEAKER BIO:

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PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION:

This presentation will recount the story of the Brazilian city, Belo Horizonte, that became a testing ground for several innovative social policies after the end of the country's dictatorship. Founded in 1993, Belo's Secretariat of Food Security has overseen dramatic decreases in diabetes, infant malnutrition, and infant mortality as well as increases in fruit and vegetable consumption. The Secretariat runs over 20 programs that directly impact a third of Belo Horizonte's 2.5 million citizens. The programs also work with small, local family farmers to allow them to sell directly to consumers in the city in an attempt to improve rural livelihoods, slow rural-urban migration, and support an alternative, sustainable local food chain. **How did this holistic approach to food security come to be, and how has it survived and changed since 1993?** This presentation will review how the merging of movement and political party activities led to innovative social programs across Brazil. It will also lay out tentative lessons on how food systems can continue to transform for the better, in Belo Horizonte and beyond.

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