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The UAE Food Bank, which falls under the umbrella of the Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Global Initiatives, announced its annual results for 2023, highlighting impactful programmes and initiatives that benefited over 18.6 million people worldwide.

Established to distribute surplus food to those in need and reduce food waste, the UAE Food Bank received support from 800 donors in 2023, including local and international charities and food establishments. In the same year, the Bank organised 105 awareness programmes, engaging nearly 9,843 participants and involving 1,800 volunteers.

Furthermore, the UAE Food Bank's annual results revealed that it received approximately AED14.7 million in funds and made a significant positive environmental impact by diverting 6,000 tonnes of food from landfills. Aligned with its goal to achieve a 30 per cent reduction in food waste by 2027, these endeavours contributed to lowering environmental pollution and emissions associated with food waste.

Manal Bin Yaroorf, Head of the Executive Team of the UAE Food Bank, highlighted that the results for 2023 surpassed the performance indicators by 100 per cent of the set targets. The Bank distributed over 18.6 million meals, exceeding the target of 12 million meals. Additionally, the percentage of volunteers participating in the bank's initiatives and activities surpassed 100 per cent, with the engagement of 1,800 volunteers.