

## Problem Statement Template

**Health Department:** [insert name]

**Description:** Use the table below to brainstorm and develop your problem statement. The red text is an example.

**Population of Focus:** [insert a description]

What is the problem?	Who is affected?	What contributes to the problem?	When and where is the problem most likely to occur?	Other contextual information not otherwise covered?
<i>Lack of access to healthy and sufficient food sources.</i>	<i>MCH populations in ZIP codes 12345, 23456, 34567, who are more than 1.2 miles from a grocery store (urban environment).</i>	<i>Lack of public transportation to grocery stores and no farmers markets.</i>  <i>Inability to afford healthier food sources.</i>  <i>30% of residents in these zip codes utilize subsidized housing. 80% of students access subsidized school food programs. The Social Vulnerability Index of the county is .723.</i>	<i>Underinvested neighborhoods where there are no grocery stores or farmers markets for MCH populations to access sufficient, healthy foods.</i>	<i>Although there is not an accessible grocery store in these ZIP codes, there are corner markets, liquor stores, and other fast/convenient markets.</i>

**Problem Statement:** [insert]. *Maternal and Child health populations in ZIP codes 12345, 23456, 34567 do not have accessible grocery stores and must travel at least 30 minutes for fresh produce, resulting in 12,000 people without sufficient nutritious food sources to support healthy and thriving families.*