

Fondation Eagle

Report Form

Fondation Eagle reference: FF 0545-020

Name of charity: Association Entraide La Manga

Introduction: Emergency aid for 35 workers in La Manga Club. The project was accepted on April 28th 2020 for a total amount of € 20'000. The Emergency aid was successfully completed between April and July of this year.

Details of the project: Following the outbreak of the Covid pandemic, Spain imposed a quasi-total lockdown of all non-essential activities, which led to the closure of all the facilities in La Manga area. If the government agreed an emergency package for the employees of most companies to the tune of 70% of their salaries (ERTE), on the condition that these employees would not be laid off, it took the government over 3 months to get the funds to the workers.

In our particular case, the principal employers stopped paying its employees altogether already by mid-January. This led to the situation where the employees did not receive a penny during more than 3 months.

When you realize that the average monthly salary varies between € 1200 – 1400 (after deductions this leaves an average of just over € 1'000 to sustain a family) the impact on the workers and their families was immediate and very dire. The workers had nobody to turn to, the state government was totally overwhelmed and what little saving they had was used up very quickly.

As always in these cases, we could not help everyone so we decided to seek help for a limited group of 35 workers whom we knew quite well and whose situation we were familiar with. We subsequently carefully analyzed the personal situation of each family and narrowed the number down to 28 as we decided to help only the ones in desperate need. We excluded a few younger workers who could go and live with a relative and another who was better off and could probably live through the crisis. We then sought the help from the Eagle Foundation which accepted our project.

We added another €10'000 from our personal funds and received another € 5'000 from a close friend of ours. As such we had a total of € 35'000.

The funds were distributed in two tranches, the first on April 29th (our personal and friend's moneys) Euros 15,000 and the second on July 29th (moneys received from the Foundation), euros 20,000

Each beneficiary signed a receipt which included their NIE (Spanish ID number), address and phone numbers. The list of names, ID numbers and amounts distributed are attached with this report in pdf form.

Project beneficiaries: 52 people in all, 28 adults and 24 children.

Expenditure summary: The amount granted by the Foundation was distributed in its entirety on July 29th.

Results: this action was very successful and allowed the families to buy urgent food and medicaments and to get them through a very critical period of total chaos. Spanish people are very proud and it was very moving to see them often crying, accompanied by their young children and desperate family members.

Conclusion: In such circumstances it is impossible to help everyone, but we managed to help people in distress and who are our immediate neighbors.

The situation today from a pandemic point of view is no better for them. Despite the reopening of some of the facilities, very few are presently working, only 5 of the 28 we helped, but they are receiving the emergency aid from the Government (ERTE) for the moment. Thanks to the Foundation we managed to keep them and their families afloat until the arrival of the Government's aid. We don't know what they would have done without it.

We reiterate our sincere thanks to the Eagle Foundation for their rapid intervention. Time was of the essence.

Signature and date:

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