

ANNUAL REPORT

2020

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Mensajeros de la Paz



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Dear friends,

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, 2020 has been an unprecedented year. However, Mensajeros de la Paz has worked tirelessly, showing its solidarity, working day and night with the people in situations of vulnerability all over the world.

Mensajeros has worked relentlessly in Spain and in more than fifty countries to reinforce the different projects and to assist specially the elderly. Moreover, we have assisted children, young people and families, trying to promote and protect their fundamental rights.

I would like to express my gratitude and hope for the big Mensajeros de la Paz family, formed by various companies and institutions, volunteers, contributors and workers who strengthened their compromise to achieve social inclusion.

I wish this year 2021 find us united and strong, because now more than ever, we have the certainty that creating a better world is possible if we work for it.

Padre Ángel

President and founder of Mensajeros de la Paz

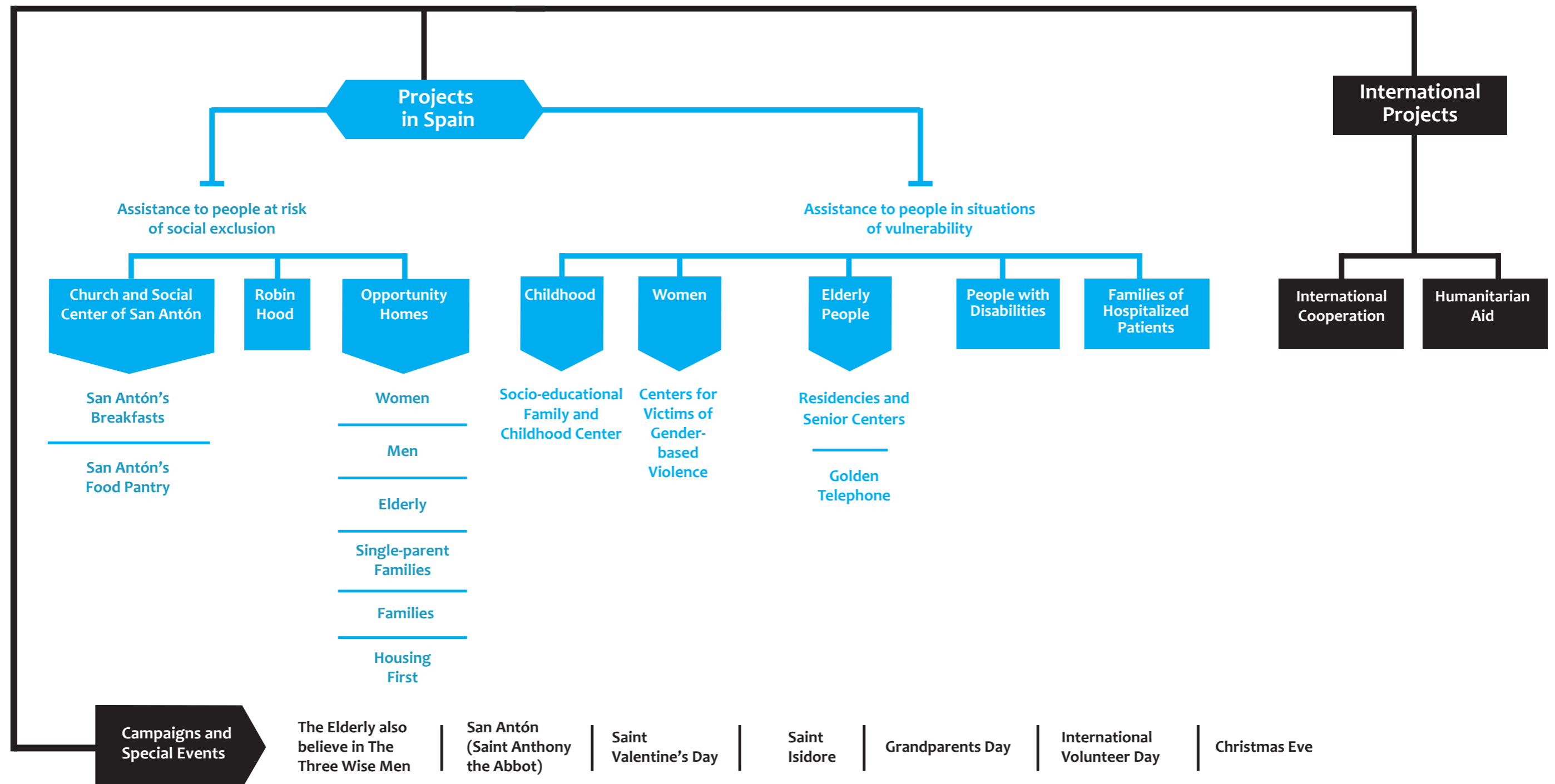
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ABOUT US

The Association Mensajeros de la Paz (Messengers of Peace) was founded in 1962 by Father Ángel García Rodríguez. It is a non-governmental organization, declared of public utility, that works at a national and international level and has been awarded the Prince of Asturias Award for Concord, among other distinctions.

Mensajeros works in over 50 countries, promoting the human and social development of society's most underprivileged populations and adapting to all the different social realities.

Our projects and campaigns are organized as follows:





Our impact in 2020 and contribution to the SDGs.

Presence in more than **50 countries.**

Over **2,400 daily participants** in our projects in Spain

More than **9,200 participants in special aid campaigns** related to the Pandemic in support of other organizations in Spain.

Over 18,000 participants in different parts of the world.

40 projects in Spain.

Over **1,000 workers** in Spain

Over **300 volunteers** in Spain

5.173.905€ allocated to national and international social projects

Since 2020, Mensajeros de la Paz has begun to align its work with the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) included in the United Nations's 2030 agenda.

The SDGs ask governments, companies and society to take action in order to end poverty and promote a dignified life with opportunities for everyone.

We have discovered that our organization contributes to all 17 SDGs. Throughout this annual report, the goals to which each project contributes will be specified.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Projects and Campaigns

In Spain

Assistance to people in situations of vulnerability
Assistance to people at risk of social exclusion

International Projects
Sensitization Campaigns



In Spain Assistance to people in situations of vulnerability

CHILDHOOD

Socio-educational family and childhood center:

In Madrid, we accompany children, from their first days of life up to the age of 16, that, along with their families, find themselves in a position of social vulnerability.

We promote equal opportunities by facilitating the socio-educational development and social inclusion process.

During 2020, this project assisted 40 children daily. Furthermore, we provided them with tablets to reduce the digital divide.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this project is temporally closed. This project mainly contributes to the following SDGs



VICTIMS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Mensajeros runs two emergency centers for women victims of gender-based violence and their children. We seek to provide urgent protection, psychological and social attention to contribute to their empowerment and social reintegration.

During 2020, 25 people were assisted daily in both center.

This project mainly contributes to the following SDGs:



ELDERLY PEOPLE

In 2020, we assisted the elderly more than ever through the following projects and campaigns:

- Residences and Senior Centers.
- Golden Telephone Program
- Special Campaigns due to the Pandemic



Residences and Senior Centers:

Our residential model is conceived as a socio-sanitary service aimed at the elderly with different degrees of self-sufficiency. We focus on their basic needs, either therapeutic or social, and encourage their autonomy to ensure they can continue being the masters of their lives.

In 2020, we strengthened our cares to protect the health of the elder people living in the different residences and senior centers.



Mensajeros de la Paz supervises, through the different offices, 104 residencies for elderly people in Spain. From Madrid, we run the following residencies:



Credit: María Aceitero

- Residence and Municipal Senior Center in Campo Real
- Dolores Soria Residence and Senior Center in Pinto
- Getafe Alzheimer Residence in Getafe
- Villaverde Alzheimer Residence, Senior Center and Respite Center in Madrid
- Montserrat Caballé Residence and Senior Center in Barajas, Madrid
- Don Bosco Residence in Barajas
- Isla Taray Residence in Morata in Tajuña, Madrid
- Parque Coimbra Residence and Senior Center in Móstoles, Madrid
- Marqués de Santillana Residence in Buitrago de Lozoya, Madrid
- Edad Dorada Senior Center in Madrid
- Mensajeros de la Paz Residential Complex in La Bañeza, León
- Villa de Alija Residence in Alija del Infantado, León
- San Pedro de Alcántara Residence in Arenas de San Pedro, Ávila
- La Piedad Residence in Palencia
- Virgen del Carbayu Residence in Ciaño, Asturias
- El Salvador Residence in Lagartera, Toledo
- San Prudencio Assisted Housing in Nájera, La Rioja

In the residencies, we take care of over 100 elderly people in situation of social emergency. Most of them are referred from Madrid's Social Services Organization SAMUR SOCIAL.



Credit: María Aceitero

Golden Telephone Program:

Through active listening, we accompany the people calling in a situation of unwanted loneliness and isolation.

Throughout 2020, we received 12,075 calls and, thanks to the help of 85 volunteers, we were able to attend 53 users daily. Furthermore, we have signed an agreement with La Barandilla Association to refer to them the calls of those people in need of counselling for preventing suicide.

Special Campaigns due to the Pandemic

- We have assisted over 5,000 elderly people by buying and conducting more than 4,000 detection tests.
- We have distributed thousands of hygiene items, 9 ozone generators and 110 disinfectant spray machines suitable for sanitizing large areas.
- We have implemented mental health helplines.
- We have distributed 600 tablets to the 104 residencies under the care of Mensajeros de la Paz in order to assure the elderly's communication with their families.

FAMILIES OF HOSPITALIZED PATIENTS

We have a residence to accommodate the family of patients hospitalized in the National Hospital for Paraplegics of Toledo. We provide them with a housing solution at a social cost and we carry out a psycho-social and socio-cultural accompaniment process.

Throughout 2020, this residence assisted 12 people daily.

This project mainly contributes to the following SDGs:



This year, the project turned 25 years!

The assistance to the elderly projects contribute to the following SDGs:



PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

We collaborate with the Prominfas Foundation to promote the rights of people with disabilities.



In 2020, we accompanied more than 30 people.

This project contributes to the following SDGs



ASSISTANCE TO PEOPLE AT RISK OF SOCIAL EXCLUSION

CHURCH AND SOCIAL CENTER OF SAN ANTÓN

Located in Madrid, this project began in 2015 and, despite the difficult time during the Pandemic, it has maintained its pastoral and social spirit. Furthermore, it ensures the participant's right to food. Its main courses of action are the following:

1- Pastoral activities:

We have carried out prays and daily streaming masses, along with collaborative and sensitization campaigns with the neighbors and faithful church members.

2- Social intervention:

Daily, we coordinate our activities with the local social services to help people in need of shelter to sleep, as well as providing hairdressing services ("Pelo Bus") and showers.



Access the 24-hr streaming www.sananton.net

3- Activities to ensure the right to food:

SAN ANTÓN'S BREAKFASTS.

With the volunteers' help, we bring breakfasts every day to over 150 people who find themselves in a situation of homelessness and loneliness. In 2020, this project had to be adapted to the new sanitary situation derived from the Pandemic, and breakfasts were given as a takeaway option alongside with a hot cup of coffee.



SAN ANTÓN'S FOOD PANTRY

This project was launched in 2020 as a way of reinforcing our commitment with the families at risk of poverty due to the COVID-19 crisis.

We handed solidarity emergency food baskets and provided accompaniment. Moreover, we worked along with other organizations to find the best solution for each case.



We supported and co-financed Santa Anna's Church in Barcelona, open 24 hours to assist homeless and people at risk of social exclusion. We also run a voluntary campaign with neighbors from the Justicia quarter to help the elderly people from the area go shopping and to assist them with their needs.

In 2020, we assisted over 450 people daily through the three courses of action.

This project mainly contributes to the following SDGs:



ROBIN HOOD

This solidarity restaurant has been operating since 2016 with the main goal of dignifying peoples' right to food. With the support of volunteers, we offer daily dinners in a relaxed friendly atmosphere. Due to the Pandemic, meals were offered as take-away.



In 2020, we provided over 50 people with dinner every day.

This project mainly contributes to the following SDGs:



OPPORTUNITY HOMES

This is a housing service aimed at people in socio-residential exclusion or living in the street. It offers a personalized comprehensive intervention to improve their situation.

Currently, in Madrid, we have 12 homes for different profiles:

- Home destined to men.
- Home destined to women.
- Home destined to autonomous elderly people.
- Home with a capacity for three families destined to Single-Parent Families.
- 3 homes for families at risk of social exclusion.
- 5 homes named "Housing First", aimed at people that used to live in the street.



In 2020, we assisted more than 80 people daily. Furthermore, we have strengthened the psychological support and provided our homes with over 100 tablets to reinforce distance education.

This project mainly contributes to the following SDGs:





International Projects

We work in over 50 countries through our own offices and partner organizations, with the aim of contributing to the improvement of people's standard of living, regardless of their location.

In 2020, we have reinforced the cooperation with different countries around the world in order to fight the sanitary crisis caused by Covid-19. The main countries in which we have cooperated are:

THE AMERICAS:	ARGENTINA – GUATEMALA – HONDURAS – MEXICO PARAGUAY – UNITED STATES – URUGUAY – VENEZUELA
AFRICA:	BURUNDI – CAMEROON – ETHIOPIA – KENYA – THE GAMBIA
EUROPE:	ITALY
ASIA-MIDDLE EAST:	JORDAN – LEBANON



THE AMERICAS

ARGENTINA

We supported our local office to face the sanitary crisis and strengthened the care of children, young and elderly people through centers, homes, residencies as well as artistic and educative projects.



Over 1,000 people benefited from this help.

In Argentina, we mainly contribute to the following SDGs:



GUATAMELA

We rendered emergency relief through Bomberos Unidos Sin Fronteras (United Firefighters Without Borders) to deal with the damage caused by hurricanes Eta and Iota.



Hundreds of people were assisted thanks to this campaign.

In Guatemala, we mainly contribute to the following SDGs:



HONDURAS

We have helped our local office with their Guarataro Socio-educational Community by guaranteeing food and promoting health, education and hygiene to the participants. Moreover, we have rendered emergency aid to hundreds of families, providing food and warm clothing, with the aim of dealing with the damage caused by the hurricanes.

In 2020, we assisted over 500 children and their families.

In Honduras, we mainly contribute to the following SDGs:



MEXICO

We have rendered food aid to hundreds of people in our 24-hr church. What is more, we continued supporting the children's homes, a senior center and a retirement home for sex worker women.

In 2020, we accompanied over 1,000 people.

In Mexico, we mainly contribute to the following SDGs:



THE AMERICAS

PARAGUAY

In Asunción, we continued helping a residence for elderly people with no resources with their daily and maintenance needs. Besides, we have supported schoolbooks' translations to promote the education of the indigenous community.



Over 6,700 children and families participated in our projects in Paraguay.

In Paraguay, we mainly contribute to the following SDGs:



UNITED STATES

We collaborated with Fundación Hermanos de la Calle (Brothers of the Street Foundation) to create care homes for people living in the streets of Miami. Furthermore, we are helping a soup kitchen in New York through Saint Rita's Church in Bronx.

Throughout 2020, we attended over 400 people.

Our projects in the United States contribute to the following SDGs:



URUGUAY

We continued supporting our office through two Early Childhood Centers, providing a comprehensive assistance to the children and their families in Montevideo.



In 2020, we assisted 250 children and their families.

In Uruguay, we mainly contribute to the following SDGs:



VENEZUELA

We organized the Pro Venezuela campaign to send medicine through Caritas.

We helped over 50 people with this campaign.

This campaign mainly contributed to the following SDGs:



AFRICA

BURUNDI

Through Misioneros de África Padres Blancos (White Fathers Missionaries of Africa), we carried a rainwater harvesting project to facilitate access to irrigation water to the community. In this way, we encouraged the development and cooperation among the local people.

This project assisted hundreds of people.

In Burundi, we mainly contribute to the following SDGs:



CAMEROON

Alongside the NGO Mirando por África (Looking after Africa), we collaborated on funding for housing and occupational therapy aimed at children with functional diversity in Douala.



Thanks to this project, we have helped over 25 people.

In Cameroon, we mainly contribute to the following SDGs:



ETHIOPIA

In the city of Gondar, we collaborated with the NGO AYME to continue supporting the Maternity Center, and to help a shelter for women with HIV. Furthermore, we cooperated rehabilitating the University Hospital's Orphan Residence in the city, as well as obtaining the funding for their higher education.

Over 6,000 people benefited from this project.

In Ethiopia, we mainly contribute to the following SDGs:



KENIA

We awarded scholarships to encourage the educational process of children that had participated in our project "Casa de la Paz" (House of Peace).

In 2020, five people benefited from this project.

In Kenya, we mainly contribute to the following SDGs:



THE GAMBIA

In the village Medina Sering Mass, we supported the construction of a Health Center alongside the Avinum Organization.

This project benefited 5,000 inhabitants.

This project mainly contributes to the following SDGs:





EUROPE

ITALY

The Golden Telephone Project also operates in Rome. Moreover, in 2020 we continued to support the Chiesa delle Santissime Stimate di San Francesco (Holy Stigmata of St. Francis' Church), providing breakfast and counselling for people living in the street.

More than 100 people were assisted with this project.

In Rome we mainly contribute to the following SDGs:



ASIA

JORDAN

In Amman, alongside other collaborators and the Profuturo Foundation, we continued supporting the access to education of over 200 children through the use of technological devices.

In 2020, we accompanied more than 200 children and families.

This project mainly contributes to the following SDGs:



LEBANON

We provide aid for refugee families facing food emergencies.

In 2020, more than 200 people were assisted.

This project mainly contributes to the following SDGs:



Campaigns and special events

JANUARY

The Elderly also believe in The Three Wise

San Antón's day

FEBRUARY

Saint Valentin's day

MAY

Saint Isidore's "Cocido" (stew)

JULY

Grandparent's Day

Visit from the European Parliament President, David-María Sassoli, to San Antón's Church

OCTOBER

58th Anniversary of Mensajeros de la Paz

25th Anniversary of the Golden Telephone Project

DECEMBER

International Volunteer Day
Christmas Eve's dinner in the Congress for people in situation of vulnerability

Acknowledgments

Mensajeros de la Paz works alongside national, autonomic and local public administrations, companies, international cooperation agencies, NGOs, contributors, volunteers and many other people compromised with the fulfilment of human rights.

“I really appreciate the trust people placed in Mensajeros de la Paz during 2020. Teamwork is our greatest tool. This year has not been easy, and for that, I highly value our workers’ superb performance, who made taking care of others their top priority, placing people’s health even above their own. They have our most profound and sincere trust during this encouraging 2021, that will bring new challenges and opportunities. Such is the case of the brand-new project to provide home care to the elderly.”

Sergio Mella
General Director



OUR VOLUNTEERS

The volunteers are one of our main pillars as an organization. **They are essential to reach more places and cover the necessities of more people.**

In 2020, over 300 volunteers participated in the different projects in Spain, being more than 30% of them corporate volunteers.

All of them have demonstrated, either face-to-face or virtually, their support, comprehension and capacity of adaptation to develop their work wherever needed.

“Thank you for being such good role models and for having the strength to keep the various projects on track, despite the difficulties. Your support has also been essential to aid those volunteers affected by the crisis, who needed the help of Mensajeros de la Paz too.”

Blanca Diez
Volunteer Program Coordinator



CORPORATE PARTNERS

Thanks to the support, trust and generosity of many companies, we were able to adapt our projects to the needs and emergences derived from the pandemic and poverty.

In 2020, over 50 companies have worked together with Mensajeros de la Paz through donating funds, making in-kind donations, participating in solidary campaigns and offering corporate volunteering.

Some of the companies that believed in us during 2020 are:



COLLABORATIVE WORK: PLATFORMS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIONS

We would like to thank the following public administrations for their support during 2020:



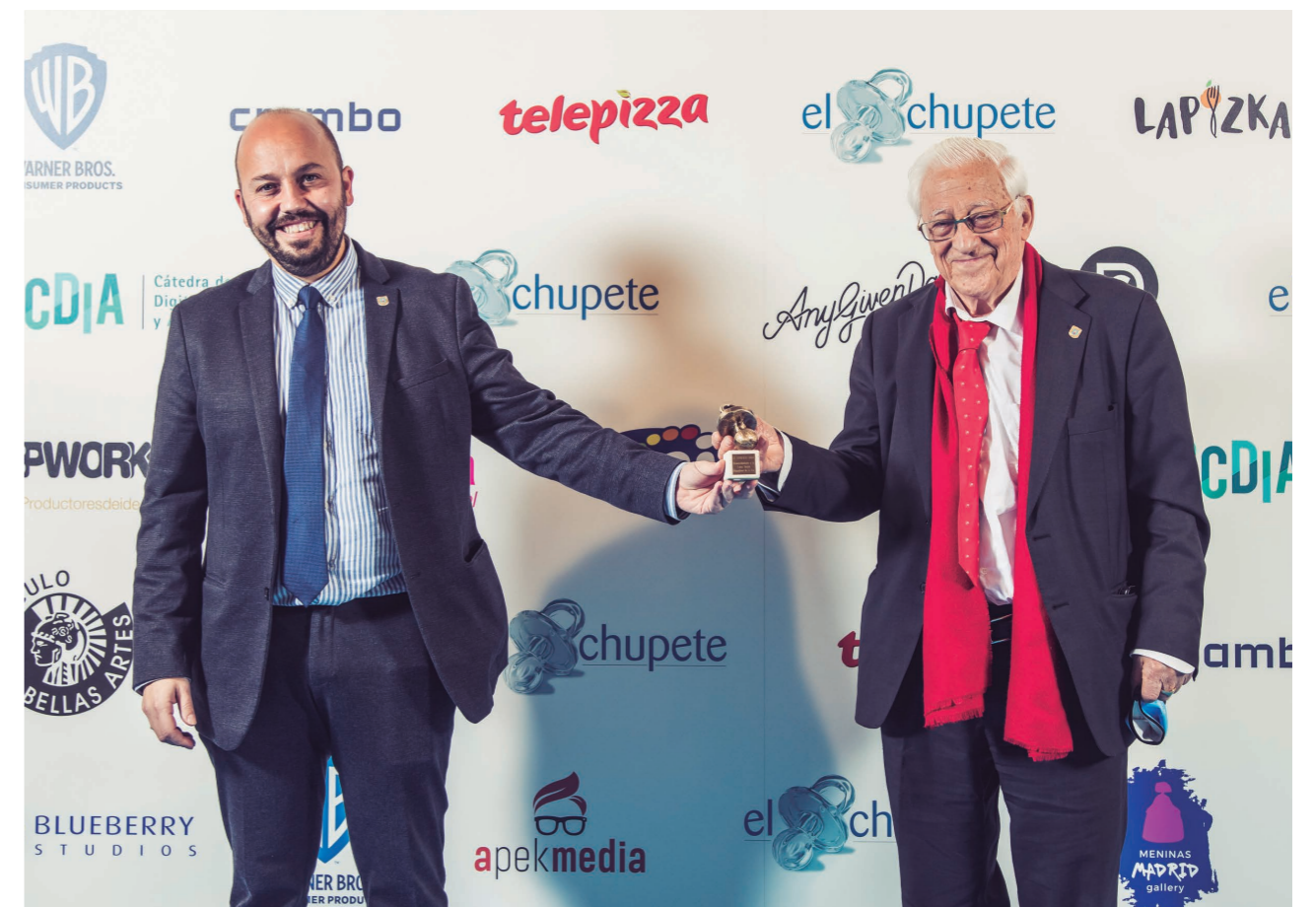
COLLABORATIVE WORK: SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS

Both in Spain and the rest of the world, Mensajeros works in collaboration with other organizations to boost our impact on the communities. Some of the organizations we work with in Spain are:

AMICA, Animal Rescue Spain, APROME, Plantamos Árboles Association, Tierra Sin Males Association, Banco de Alimentos, Caritas, Comedor Marcenado, Fraternidad Franciscanos de Avilés, 26 de Diciembre Foundation, Arca de Noé Foundation, Aspais Foundation, Centros Fe Esperanza y Amor Foundation, Esperanza y Alegría Foundation, Entre mujeres Foundation, Independiente Foundation, La Barandilla Foundation, Lo que la Verdad Importa Foundation, NUR Foundation, Pequeño Deseo Foundation, Sonrisas Azules Foundation, Sonrisas Solidarias Foundation, Woman's Week Foundation, ONCE Foundation, EMT, Iglesia Ortodoxa, Mujeres Calderón, NUPA and UNICEF.

During the Pandemic we also handed food and tablets to 12 convents all around Spain, benefiting over 240 people. Additionally, we provided more than 4,000 Madrina Foundation participants with food, sanitary products and technology.

Through collaborative work, we boost our impact on various SDGs. We can particularly highlight our work on the SDG17, but we also make a complementary contribution to various topics related to inclusive economic growth, technology and innovation development and environmental care and protection. These correspond with the following SDGs:





Received awards

Along with the main awards that Padre Ángel and Mensajeros de la Paz have received in the past, in the last few months we have been awarded the following:

- *Order of Police Merit in the category Cross with white badge. Ministry of Interior.*
- *The designation of a street after Mensajeros de la Paz.*
- *ECOFIN Award to Mensajeros de la Paz Association with the recognition “Imagen de España” (Image of Spain) in the category Non-Profit Organization.*
- *“Mayores en Acción” Award (Elderly in Action) 2019 from CEOMA (Spanish Confederation of Associations for the Elderly).*
- *Special recognition for the Social Initiative in Castilla La Mancha. Department of Social Welfare of Castilla la Mancha.*



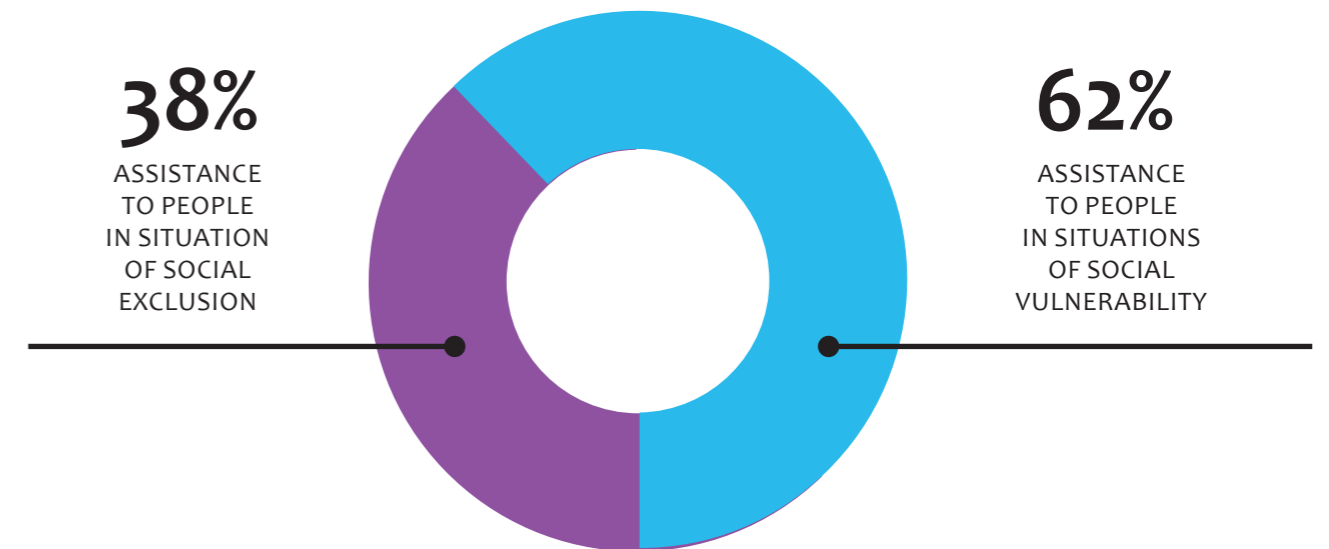
ECONOMIC REPORT

TOTAL INCOMES IN 2020: **5.476.712 €**

Source of funds:



Destination of funds: **PROJECTS IN SPAIN**

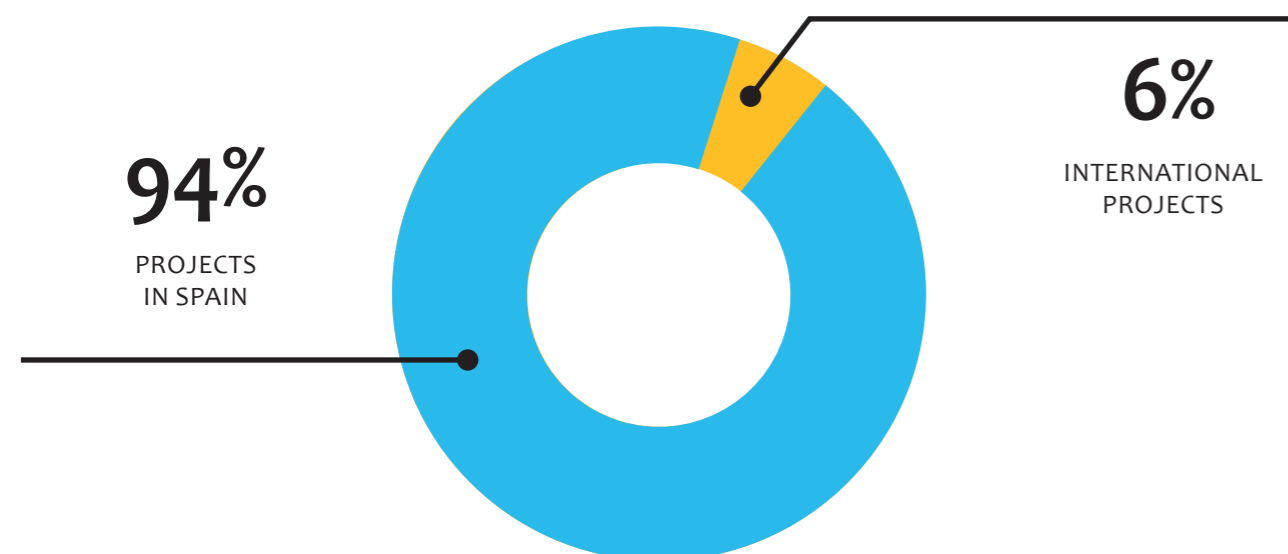


The assistance to people in situation of social exclusion includes the following projects: Church and Social Center of San Antón, Robin Hood Restaurant and Opportunity Homes.

The assistance to people in situations of social vulnerability includes the projects aimed at the following social groups: Infancy, Victims of Gender-based Violence, Families of Hospitalized Patients, the Elderly and People with Disabilities.

TOTAL EXPENSES IN 2020: **5.173.905 €**

Destination of funds:



Destination of funds: **INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS**





GET INVOLVED!

We invite you to be part of the big Mensajeros de la Paz family by donating or volunteering.

If you are interested in making donations for our projects, please do not hesitate to contact us either via email info@mensajerosdelapaz.com or phone number **(+34) 91 364 39 40**.

Our bank account details are:

Account Name: **Asociación Mensajeros de la Paz**

Account Number: **ES72 2038 1005 10 6000737784**

Swift Code: **CAHMESMMXXX**

BIC Code: **737784**

Bank Name: **Bankia**

Bank Address: **Calle de Toledo 77 (28005 Madrid, Spain).**

GlobalGiving: www.globalgiving.org/donate/66148/mensajeros-de-la-paz-spain/

PayPal Account: "Mensajeros de la Paz – Iglesia de San Antón"

If you want to volunteer, please contact us by email: voluntariado@mensajerosdelapaz.com

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[Mensajeros de la Paz España](https://www.youtube.com/Mensajeros-de-la-Paz-Espana)

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We need your support!

For more information about how to help or participate:

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On PayPal: to our account **Mensajeros de la Paz – Iglesia de San Antón**

The sums given are tax-deductible.

If you want to leave your solidarity bequest, you can include our data in your will:

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