

OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Mensajeros de la Paz

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Introduction

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.

This document provides a first approach to the way our institution fulfills the SDGs, emphasizing and analyzing on the objectives accomplished by each of our projects – either realized on our own or with the support of other entities¹– carried out in 2020 and the first semester of 2021.

Throughout this report, **we have found that our organization contributes to all 17 SDGs, specially to the SDGS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 16 y 17.**



¹ This report includes projects carried out by Mensajeros de la Paz Association (Madrid), along with the Edad Dorada Mensajeros de la Paz Association, Edad Dorada Mensajeros de la Paz Madrid, allied NGOs and other entities from Mensajeros de la Paz at an international level.

About Mensajeros de la Paz

Mensajeros de la Paz Association (Messengers of Peace) was founded in 1962 by Padre 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.

Based in Madrid (Spain), the organization works in more than 50 countries, promoting the human and social development of society's most underprivileged populations and adapting to all the different social realities. To know more about our work, you can visit our website: www.mensajerosdelapaz.com.

Mensajeros de la Paz Association is the main entity founded by Padre Ángel and it is currently the main headquarter within the conforming group of social organizations created by him, which share the same values and aims. This group is also constituted by the different entities of the Autonomous Communities, the local headquarters from different countries, the Edad Dorada (Golden Age) Association and the Mensajeros de la Paz Foundation. Together with these organizations, we collaborate and develop projects.



Sustainable Development Goals

In 2015, all the States members of the United Nations approved the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) as part of the United Nation's 2030 Agenda, which set up a 15-year plan to achieve these goals.

The Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face, including poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice.

With just under ten years left to achieve the SDGs, it is necessary that the different actors in society mobilize and join efforts to find solutions and achieve each one of these Goals.

Methodology

- To create this document, a working plan has been prepared and developed throughout three months (from May to July 2021), including meetings and participatory spaces for analysis held in Mensajeros de la Paz Association, and involving workers from different areas (General Manager, Volunteering, Global Development) and volunteers.
- The main goals of the various projects and campaigns carried out during 2020 and the first semester of 2021 have been analyzed. These projects were accomplished through the action of our entity, the Edad Dorada Mensajeros de la Paz Association, the Edad Dorada Mensajeros de la Paz Association Madrid and our alliances with other NGOs. This report does not include the projects performed by the other entities' members of the Mensajeros de la Paz group.
- Complementary, a detailed analysis of the 17 SDGs and its goals has been done in order to have a better understanding of the priorities clearly defined by the United Nations.
- Finally, similarities have been looked for between the main goals of the different projects carried out by Mensajeros de la Paz and the SDGs with the aim of finding improvement and collaboration areas by generating recommendations in the short, medium and long-term.

Our Contribution to the SDG

Below, the 17 SDGs will be presented and analyzed, mentioning the projects and campaigns carried out by Mensajeros de la Paz, that contribute directly to one or several of the goal's objectives.



End poverty in all its forms everywhere.

This **goal** aims at guaranteeing the social protection of people living in poverty or in vulnerable situation, increasing the access to basic social services and helping those affected by climate-related extreme events, as well as facing economic, social and environmental issues.

Below you will find the main projects of Mensajeros de la Paz which contribute to this SDG on a national as well as an international level. These projects have been associated to this SDG due to their significant role towards the achievement of the targets set by it, mainly through the following strategies:

- Reduce extreme poverty.
- Implement appropriate social protection measures for the vulnerable.
- Ensure access to basic services.
- Reduce the effects of climate-related extreme events and other economic, social and environmental shocks and disasters.
- Enhance development cooperation, in order to provide adequate and predictable means for developing countries.

In Spain:

- Socio-educational family and childhood center (Madrid).
- Robin Hood Solidarity Restaurant (Madrid).
- Church and social center of San Antón (Madrid).
- San Anton's Food Pantry (Madrid).

- Daily breakfast delivery for people at risk of social exclusion (Madrid).
- Opportunity homes (Madrid).
- Places in residences for elderly people in social emergency situations (partnership with Madrid's Social Services Organization SAMUR SOCIAL).
- Collaboration with Santa Anna's church (Barcelona).
- Soup kitchen, with Take Away service, Food Pantry and Solidarity Wardrobe (Valencia).
- Food Pantry (Castellón).
- Partnership with companies that offer job opportunities for people in situations of vulnerability: *Shukran, Grupo La Ancha, Clínicas Neuron*.

International Projects:

- Delivery of breakfasts and meals at Santa Lucía's Church (Rome, Italy).
- Collaboration with Mensajeros de la Paz Argentina in homes and senior centers for children and elderly.
- Collaboration with Fundación Hermanos de la Calle (Brothers of the Street Foundation) in Miami, EEUU.



Breakfast delivery (Madrid, Spain).

- Collaboration with a soup kitchen through Saint Rita's Church in Bronx, NY, EEUU.
- Collaboration in the maintenance of a home for mentally and physically disable people in Honduras.
- Food and training support to families alongside Fundación Niños de Guarataro (Children of Guarataro Foundation) in El Progreso community in Honduras.
- Emergency aid to hundreds of families, providing food and warm clothing, with the aim of dealing with the damage caused by the hurricanes in Honduras.
- Collaboration with a residence for elderly people with no resources in Asunción, Paraguay.
- Support in the building of a new residence for social excluded elderly people alongside Fundación Promete in Guatemala.
- Support to Mensajeros de la Paz Uruguay through two Early Childhood Centers in Montevideo.
- Support to Santa Rosa de Sala church to carry out feeding projects to families living in poverty in Bolivia.
- Emergency food aid to refugee families in Lebanon.
- Collaboration with the NGO Mirando por África (Looking after Africa) on a project aimed at children with functional diversity in Douala, Cameroon.
- Collaboration with projects in Mexico: 24-hr church, children's homes, a senior center and a retirement home for sex worker women.



End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.

This **goal** aims at improving nutrition through the access by all to a healthy, nutritious and sufficient diet, eradicating all forms of malnutrition, and also improving food production, agriculture and the food system in general.

Below you will find the main projects of Mensajeros de la Paz which contribute to this SDG on a national as well as an international level. These projects have been associated to this SDG due to their significant role towards the achievement of the targets set by it, mainly through the following strategies:

- End hunger and ensure access by all people to safe, nutritious and sufficient food all year around.
- End all forms of malnutrition.

In Spain:

- Church and social center of San Antón (Madrid).
- Daily breakfast delivery for people at risk of social exclusion (Madrid).
- Robin Hood Solidarity Restaurant (Madrid).
- Socio-educational family and childhood center (Madrid)
- Collaboration with the breakfast delivery in Santa Anna's Church (Barcelona).
- Soup kitchen, with Take Away service, Food Pantry and Solidarity Wardrobe (Valencia).
- Food Pantry (Castellón).

International Projects:

- Delivery of breakfasts and meals at Santa Lucía's Church (Rome, Italy).
- Support to Mensajeros de la Paz Uruguay through two Early Childhood Centers in Montevideo.

- Food and training support to families alongside Fundación Niños de Guarataro (Children of Guarataro Foundation) in El Progreso community in Honduras.
- Collaboration with the residence for elderly people with no resources in Asunción, Paraguay.
- Support to Santa Rosa de Sala church to carry out feeding projects to families living in poverty in Bolivia.
- Collaboration with Fundación Hermanos de la Calle (Brothers of the Street Foundation) in Miami, EEUU.
- Collaboration with a soup kitchen through Saint Rita's Church in Bronx, NY, EEUU.
- Emergency food aid to refugee families in Lebanon.
- Collaboration in the maintenance of a home for mentally and physically disable people and emergency aid with the aim of dealing with the damage caused by the hurricanes in Honduras.
- Collaboration with projects in Mexico: 24-hr church with free health service, senior center, a retirement home for sex worker women, elderly residence and food pantry.



Robin Hood Solidarity Restaurant (Madrid)

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

This **goal** aims at maintaining a universal, public and free healthcare system, as well as guaranteeing its sustainability, promoting disability prevention measures, reducing the impact on a person's health, their life quality and their integration in social activities.

Below you will find the main projects of Mensajeros de la Paz which contribute to this SDG on a national as well as an international level. These projects have been associated to this SDG due to their significant role towards the achievement of the targets set by it, mainly through the following strategies:

- Reduce the global maternal mortality ratio and end preventable deaths of newborns and children under 5 years of age.
- Strengthen the prevention and treatment of substance abuse.
- Achieve universal health coverage, including access to quality essential health-care services, medicines and vaccines.
- Health financing and the recruitment, development and training of the health workforce in developing countries.

In Spain:

- Socio-educational family and childhood center (Madrid).
- Emergency centers for gender-based violence victims (Madrid and Alicante).
- Care for the elderly: residences and senior centers, places in residences for elderly people in social emergency situations (partnership with SAMUR SOCIAL), the Golden Telephone, specific campaigns (ex. special campaigns due to COVID19 or the awareness campaign 'The Elderly believe in the Three Wise Men too').
- Residence to accommodate the family of patients hospitalized in the National Hospital for Paraplegics of Toledo.

- Health and medical assistance in the church and social center of San Antón (Madrid).
- Robin Hood Solidarity Restaurant (Madrid)
- Opportunity homes (Madrid).
- Hairdressing service “PeloBus” (Madrid).

International Projects:

- Santa Lucía's Church in Rome, Italy.
- Pro Venezuela campaign to send medicines through Caritas.
- Support to Mensajeros de la Paz Uruguay through two Early Childhood Centers in Montevideo.
- Collaboration with a residence for elderly people with no resources in Asunción, Paraguay.
- Collaboration with Fundación Hermanos de la Calle (Brothers of the Street Foundation) in Miami, EEUU.
- Collaboration with a soup kitchen through Saint Rita’s Church in Bronx, NY, EEUU.
- Rainwater harvesting project through Misioneros de África Padres Blancos (White Fathers Missionaries of Africa) in Burundi.



One of Mensajeros' residences, 'Montserrat Caballé'

- Collaboration with the NGO Mirando por África (Looking after Africa) on a project aimed at children with functional diversity in Douala, Cameroon.
- Collaboration with the NGO AYME to build and maintain the Mulu Maternity Center and to help a shelter for women with HIV in Gondar, Ethiopia.
- Collaboration in the rehabilitation of the University Hospital's Orphan Residence in the city of Gondar (Ethiopia), as well as obtaining the funding for their higher education.
- Collaboration in the construction of a Health Center alongside the Avinum Organization in Medina Sering Mass, Gambia.
- Collaboration with Mensajeros de la Paz Argentina in homes and senior centers for children and elderly.
- Collaboration in the maintenance of a home for mentally and physically disabled people and emergency aid with the aim of dealing with the damage caused by the hurricanes in Honduras.
- Collaboration with projects in Mexico: 24-hr church with free health service, senior center, a retirement home for sex worker women, elderly residence and food pantry.

4 QUALITY EDUCATION



Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

This **goal** aims at increasing the efforts to support the role of education in the full realization of human rights, peace, the responsible exercise of local and global citizenship, gender equality, sustainable development, and health.

Below you will find the main projects of Mensajeros de la Paz which contribute to this SDG on a national as well as an international level. These projects have been associated to this SDG due to their significant role towards the achievement of the targets set by it, mainly through the following strategies:

- Ensure access to quality early childhood development, care and preprimary education.
- Ensure equal access to all levels of education and vocational training for the vulnerable, including persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and children in vulnerable situations.
- Expand the number of scholarships available to students in developing countries for enrolment in higher education.

In Spain:

- Socio-educational family and childhood center (Madrid).
- Emergency centers for gender-based violence victims (Madrid and Alicante).
- Collaboration in shared projects alongside Fundación Tres Árboles (Three Trees Foundation), which works with people with disabilities.
- Church and social center of San Antón's cultural agenda (Madrid): concerts, book launches, movie screenings.
- Partnerships with educational centers that offer free studies.
- Partnerships with universities and Secondary Education Centers for internships.

- Training of volunteers.
- Awareness campaign: Grandparents Day (26th July)
- Participation in the Training Program “Digital Knowledge for religious men in contemplative life”
- Project “Coles Solidarios” (Solidary Schools).
- Partnership with UCAM (Catholic University of Murcia) for the creation of a Chair in Development Cooperation.

International Projects:

- Higher education scholarships for particularly vulnerable young people who have participated in our project “Casa de la Paz” (House of Peace) in Nakuru, Kenia.
- Collaboration with the NGO Mirando por África (Looking after Africa) on a project aimed at children with functional diversity in Douala, Cameroon.
- Collaboration with Mensajeros de la Paz Argentina in homes and senior centers for children and elderly.
- Support to Mensajeros de la Paz Uruguay through two Early Childhood Centers in Montevideo.



One of the Early Childhood Centers in Montevideo, Uruguay.

- Schoolbooks' translations to promote the education of the indigenous community alongside Mensajeros de la Paz Paraguay.
- Socio-Educational community in Guarataro, Honduras.



Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

This **goal** aims at motivating the international community to work towards real and effective gender equality, through a specific goal and across the other goals.

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- End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere.
- Recognize unpaid care and domestic work and the promotion of shared responsibility withing the household and the family.

In Spain:

- Support to campaigns related to May 8th, International Women's Day.
- Emergency centers for gender-based violence victims (Madrid and Alicante)
- Opportunity homes for women (Madrid).
- Socio-educational family and childhood center (Madrid)
- Participation in platforms that promote women's rights (ex: UNAF - "Unión Nacional de Asociaciones Familiares").
- Equality plan created for Mensajeros de la Paz association, Edad Dorada association and Edad Dorada Madrid association.

International Projects:

- Support to Mensajeros de la Paz Uruguay through two Early Childhood Centers in Montevideo.
- Socio-Educational community in Guarataro, Honduras.
- Collaboration with Mensajeros de la Paz Argentina in homes and senior centers for children and elderly.



One of our emergency centers for gender-based violence victims in Spain.



Ensure access to water and sanitation for all.

This **goal** aims at guaranteeing water supply, a fundamental resource for sustainable development at an economic, social and environmental level, in enough quantity and quality for the development of society and the fight against poverty and diseases anywhere in the world.

Below you will find the main projects of Mensajeros de la Paz which contribute to this SDG on a national as well as an international level. These projects have been associated to this SDG due to their significant role towards the achievement of the targets set by it, mainly through the following strategies:

- Achieve universal and equitable access to drinking water.
- Achieve access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all, especially for women and those in vulnerable situations.
- Expand international cooperation and capacity-building support to developing countries in water- and sanitation-related activities and programmes.

In Spain:

- Personal hygiene service, water fountain and distribution of water bottles on hot days in the church and social center of San Antón (Madrid).

International Projects:

- Rainwater harvesting project through Misioneros de África Padres Blancos in Burundi.



Rainwater harvesting project in Burundi.

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy.

This **goal** aims at guaranteeing universal access to sustainable energy, in that way achieving not only environmental benefits (emission reduction) but economic too (employment creation, creation of a new business sector, reduction of external dependence and improvement of the balance of payments).

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- Increase the share of renewable energy.
- Improve the rates of energy efficiency.

In Spain:

- Use of solar energy thanks to the installation of solar panels in our residences in Spain.
- Devising of an energy transition plan with volunteers of Fundación Repsol (Repsol Foundation) in 2021.
- Use of energy-saving lightbulbs in all of our resources.
- Awareness-raising of the need for saving energy within our staff and the users of our resources.

International Projects:

- Circular economy plan with Fundación Niños de Guarataro (Children of Guarataro Foundation) in Honduras.



Solar panels in one of our residences (Don Bosco Residence, Madrid).

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all.

This **goal** aims at reducing the unemployment levels, especially for those without professional training; improving working conditions and work productivity; and improving the access to services and financial benefit.

Below you will find the main projects of Mensajeros de la Paz which contribute to this SDG on a national as well as an international level. These projects have been associated to this SDG due to their significant role towards the achievement of the targets set by it, mainly through the following strategies:

- Achieve full employment and decent work for all.
- Reduce the proportion of youth not in employment, education or training.
- Protect labor rights and promote safe and secure working environments.

In Spain:

- Opportunity homes (Madrid).
- Workshops for and support to vulnerable people so as to facilitate labor inclusion processes (for instance, the PeloBus project or training workshops in different projects and homes).
- Job offers for users of our resources in certain companies.
- All our employers are paid according to the applicable labor agreement.
- We encourage job stability: 90% of our staff has an indefinite contract, and more than 88% work full-time. Moreover, 93% are women.



One of our opportunity homes in Spain.

International Projects:

- International cooperation in more than 50 countries throughout our history since the establishment of Mensajeros de la Paz in 1962.

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



Build resilient infrastructure, promote sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.

This **goal** aims at developing quality, reliable and sustainable infrastructures, to stimulate economic recovery, life quality and employment creation and that will also form a guarantee of territorial structuring, social cohesion and equal opportunity.

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- Increase access to information and communications technology and strive to provide universal and affordable access to the Internet.

In Spain:

- Free WiFi in and 24h web connection of the church and social center of San Antón (Madrid).
- Supply of equipment in residences and senior centers to reduce the digital divide of vulnerable people through mobile phones, computers, tablets and Internet access.
- Development of new technologies to facilitate communication and access to information (for example, through mobile apps or online volunteers).



Supply of a videocall system in the 14 residences managed by MdP Extremadura.

International Projects:

- Supply of equipment (computers) to reduce the digital divide in Benin and Honduras.
- Supply of equipment (telephones and computers) to reduce the digital divide in Ethiopia.
- Project to provide access to education through digital tools for refugee children, in collaboration with Fundación Profuturo in Jordan.



Reduce inequality within and among countries.

This **goal** aims at reducing sex, age, disability, race, ethnicity or religion inequality within and between countries, by promoting appropriate politics and legislation.

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- Promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all.
- Ensure equal opportunity and reduce inequality of outcome.
- Encourage development assistance to States where the need is greatest.

In Spain:

- Opportunity homes (Madrid).
- Care for the elderly: residences and senior centers, places in residences for elderly people in social emergency situations (partnership with SAMUR SOCIAL), the Golden Telephone, specific campaigns (ex. special campaigns

due to COVID19 or the awareness campaign ‘The Elderly believe in the Three Wise Men too’).

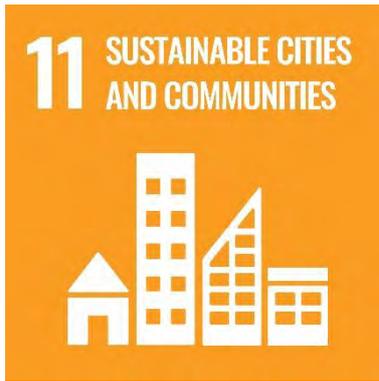
- Socio-educational family and childhood center (Madrid).
- Legal counseling in the church and social center of San Antón (Madrid).
- Employment creation.
- Supply of technological equipment to families to reduce the digital divide.
- Job offers for users of our resources in certain companies.

International Projects:

- Higher education scholarships for particularly vulnerable young people who have participated in our project “Casa de la Paz” in Nakuru, Kenia.
- Support to Mensajeros de la Paz Uruguay through two Early Childhood Centers in Montevideo.



One of the Early Childhood Centers in Uruguay.



Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

This **goal** aims at creating inclusive cities, which may create a mutual support link between urbanization and development, and forming human settlements based on equity, justice and peace, under the global principle of not letting anyone behind.

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- Ensure access for all to adequate housing and basic services.
- Provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all.
- Protect the cultural and natural heritage.
- Support least developed countries in building sustainable and resilient buildings.

In Spain:

- Opportunity homes (Madrid).
- The maintenance of the church and social center of San Antón (Madrid), so as to protect its cultural heritage.
- Support and promotion of the European Mobility Week.
- Donation of public transport cards (collaboration partnership with the Madrid Subway), also available for the users of the opportunity homes.
- We encourage the use of clean means of transport (for example, we use bicycles in our Take Away service in Valencia).

International Projects:

- Collaboration for the construction of a residence for the elderly in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- Rainwater harvesting project through Misioneros de África Padres Blancos in Burundi.
- Socio-educational Community Niños de Guarataro (Children of Guarataro Foundation) in Honduras.



Church and Social Centre of San Antón, Madrid.



Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.

This **goal** aims at promoting sustainable management and use of natural resources, reducing waste generation and food waste, and encouraging an environmentally rational management of chemical products. Moreover, it aims to encourage companies to adopt sustainable practices and to ensure that everyone has the information for lifestyles in harmony with nature.

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- Sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources.
- Reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse.

In Spain:

- Devising of an energy transition plan with volunteers of Fundación Repsol (Repsol Foundation) in 2021.
- Recycling project and responsible use of paper in all of our resources.

International Projects:

- Rainwater harvesting project through Misioneros de África Padres Blancos in Burundi.
- Circular economy plan with Fundación Niños de Guarataro (Children of Guarataro Foundation) in Honduras.



Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

This **goal** aims at preparing ourselves to face the impact of climate change, laying the foundations for an emissions-neutral economy and assisting vulnerable collectives in the transition process.

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- Integrate climate change measures.
- Improve education and awareness-raising on climate change and its mitigation.

In Spain:

- Devising of an energy transition plan with volunteers of Fundación Repsol (Repsol Foundation) in 2021.
- Recycling project in all of our resources.
- Collaboration and campaign “Regalamos Oxígeno” (We Gift Oxygen) with Asociación Plantamos Árboles (Association We Plant Trees).
- Promotion of the Annual Campaign La Hora del Planeta (The Planet’s Hour).
- Responsible use of paper, as well as use of recycled paper.
- Use of solar energy thanks to the installation of solar panels in our residences in Spain.
- Support and promotion of the European Mobility Week.



Emergency aid after the Iota and Eta hurricanes in Guatemala.

International Projects:

- Emergency aid after the Iota and Eta hurricanes in Guatemala, through Bomberos Unidos Sin Fronteras (United Firefighters Without Borders).



Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources.

This **goal** aims at significantly reducing marine pollution of all kinds, adopting measures to restore marine ecosystems, minimize the impacts of ocean acidification, effectively regulate harvesting and conserving at least 10% of coastal and marine areas.

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- Prevent and reduce marine pollution of all kinds.

In Spain and Internationally:

- Partnerships with NGOs dedicated to environmental issues, participating in campaigns and collaborating with their goals: WWF and Animal Rescue Spain.



Sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation, halt biodiversity loss.

This **goal** aims at promoting the sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems and the sustainable management of forests, fighting against desertification, stopping and reversing the degradation of lands and stopping the loss of biodiversity.

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- Ensure the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of ecosystems, and the protection of biodiversity.



Event celebrating the signing of a partnership with Fundación Arca de Noé.

In Spain:

- Collaboration partnerships with associations that fight against desertification: Asociación Plantamos Árboles (We Plant Trees Association).
- Collaboration with Animal Rescue Spain.
- Collaboration with Fundación Arca de Noé (Noah's Arc Foundation): adoption of cats and dogs.



Promote just, peaceful and inclusive societies.

This **goal** aims at achieving justice, and its corollary, peace, as well as facilitating the fundamental right of access to justice for the most disadvantaged; strengthening the fight against drug trafficking, corruption and transnational organized crime; and applying the new technologies for the administration of justice so that it becomes faster more agile and effective, thus achieving its double work of punishing the guilty and contributing to quickly repair the damage.

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- Ensure equal access to justice for all.
- Reduce violence and related death rates, and the abuse of children and elderly people.

In Spain:

- Care for the elderly: residences and senior centers, places in residences for elderly people in social emergency situations (partnership with SAMUR SOCIAL), the Golden Telephone, specific campaigns (ex. special campaigns due to COVID19 or the awareness campaign 'The Elderly believe in the Three Wise Men too').
- Legal counseling in the church and social center of San Ant3n (Madrid).

International Projects:

- Counseling to undocumented people in Miami, EEUU.
- Emergency food aid to refugee families in Lebanon.



Aid to refugee families in Lebanon.

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



Revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

This **goal** aims at mobilizing all the necessary implementation measures (financial, public and private, and others) to strengthen the global partnership for sustainable development.

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- Enhance regional and international cooperation.
- Enhance international support to developing countries for the implementation of the SDG.
- Enhance the global partnership for sustainable development and encourage effective partnerships.

In Spain and Internationally:

- Coordination with other organizations and volunteering platforms, such as Asociación Lares, FEVOCAM, Plataforma de Voluntariado de España (Volunteering Platform of Spain), UNAF, POI España, POI Madrid, CEOMA.
- Online work with the Ministry of Human Rights and the 2030 Agenda, Directorate-General for Social Services and Social Innovation.
- Online work with allied foundation and organizations. For instance, in 2020 we have worked with:

AMICA – Animal Rescue España – APROME – Asociación Plantamos Árboles – Asociación Tierra Sin Males – Avinum – Ayme ONG – Bomberos Unidos Sin Fronteras – Banco de Alimentos – Caritas – Comedor Marcenado – Embajada de El Salvador en España - EMT - Fraternidad Franciscanos de Avilés – Fundación 26 de Diciembre – Fundación Arca de Noé – Fundación Aspais – Fundación Centros Fe Esperanza y Amor – Fundación de la Esperanza y Alegría – Fundación Entre mujeres – Fundación Independiente – Fundación La Barandilla – Fundación Lo que la Verdad Importa – Fundación Madrina – Fundación Mutua Madrileña – Fundación NUR – Fundación Pequeño Deseo – Fundación Tres Árboles – Fundación Vicente Ferrer – Fundación Sonrisas Azules – Fundación Sonrisas Solidarias – Fundación Woman’s Week – Fundación ONCE – Iglesia Ortodoxa - Mirando por África – Mujeres Calderón – Misioneros de África Padres Blancos – NUPA – UNICEF.



Collaboration with United Firefighters Without Borders in the emergency aid after the hurricanes in Guatemala in 2020.

Joint event with EMT 2021



Final Thoughts and Next Steps

One of the main conclusions which we can draw from this document is the undeniable compromise that Mensajeros de la Paz has with the first five goals: **our efforts against poverty, against hunger and for quality food, and the promotion of the well-being of all people, quality universal education and gender equality.** Furthermore, **our daily work includes initiatives that contribute directly to the SDGs 8, 16 and 17:** the improvement and growth of quality employment, the efforts for true and total justice and peace, and the strengthening of the global partnership for sustainable development, through (inter)national collaborations for the achievement of the SDG.

It is our intention to keep deepening and improving our contribution to the SDG and the constant monitoring of our impact and participation on them.

As an advance into our next steps, you can find the following actions:

- Analyzing the detailed contribution of each project to the SDG and their targets.
- Increasing of the number of projects that will be analyzed, including not only those managed by our organization, but those directly implemented by other organizations within the social group of Mensajeros de la Paz, nationally as well as internationally.
- Participating in new analytic spaces and of teamwork for the achievement of the SDG, among which we highlight the platform [ODESIUS](#).

Further Information

- [Our Official Website.](#)
- [Our Projects.](#)
- [The Sustainable Development Goals on the United Nations Development Programme website.](#)



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