

Following the efforts of a government committee, the Consell de Formentera green-lighted €30,000 for the local association Formenterers Solidaris. Made possible by a collaborative agreement between the two parties and happening in coordination with the Formentera Department of Social Welfare, the assistance will go to food packages for vulnerable families and individuals on the island.

Alejandra Ferrer pointed out the figures marked a ten-fold uptick compared to other years (in 2019 funding for the group totalled €3,000), explaining the increase was about “supporting the group’s efforts to extend a helping hand to some of Formentera’s most at-risk—work that is now, in the midst of the Covid-19 crisis, more important than ever”.

After emergency orders aimed at tackling the coronavirus public health crisis and in light of the significant toll the situation has already taken on the economy, particularly local families, urgent coordinated action to address social needs is crucial.

Formenterers Solidaris is the only locally-based non-profit group devoted to helping Formentera residents facing poverty and other social hardships. Operating chiefly thanks to donations, the group works to connect underprivileged Formentera people and families with food and clothes, namely through the food bank initiative, El Banc d’Aliments. Care packages include essential, non-perishable goods and things like baby formula and nappies.

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