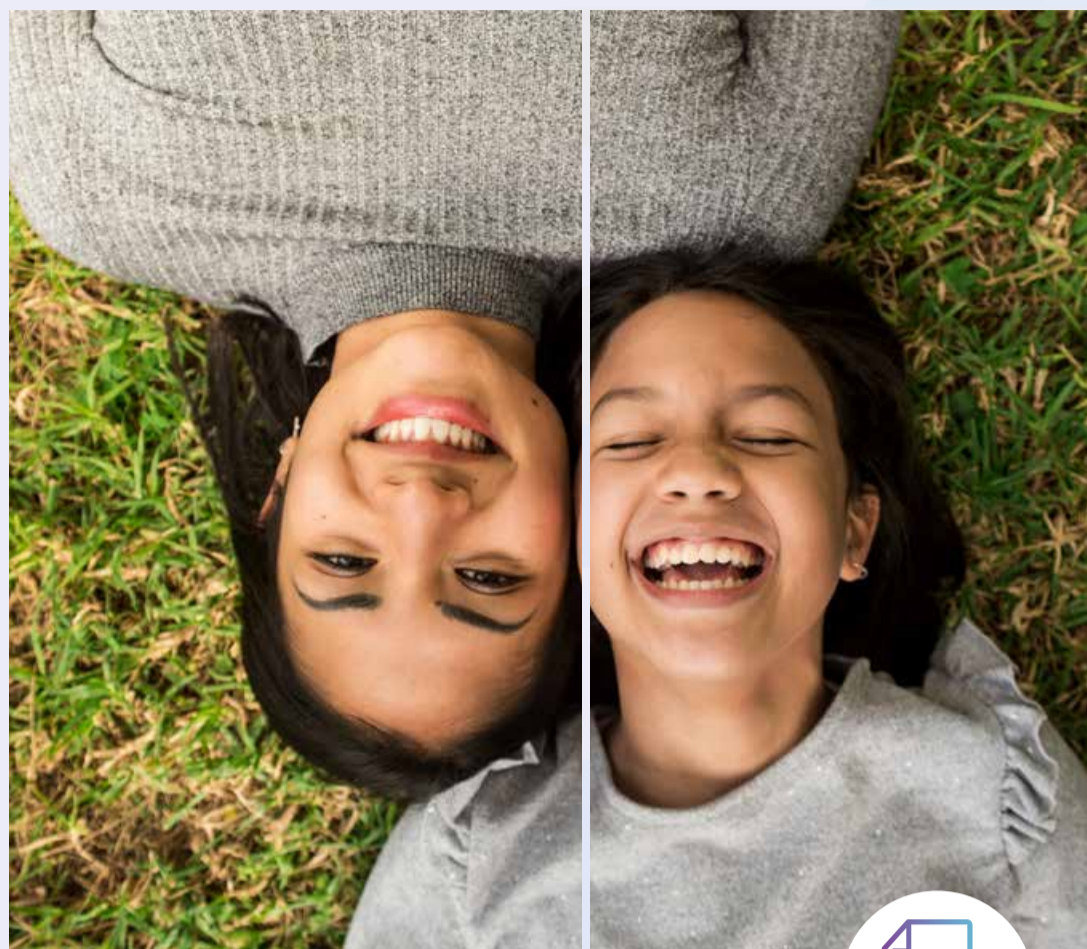


COVID-19 gives us the opportunity to plan a more equal future

The pandemic caused by COVID-19 is a possibility to plan a more equal future in order to combat social deprivations permanently.



SUMMARY

Through activities focused on the protection of people's incomes, food security and the guaranteed access to housing and basic services, we can develop contexts to promote better living conditions for the ones who need it the most, even in the midst of COVID-19.

Protection to food and nutritional security

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the most efficient way to react against an emergency to protect food security is through food transfer programs in order to take care of the products that families eat. However, after some time and the withdrawal of support, the risk of getting food that may cause harm to the organism increases.

To face that problem, programs and actions should be implemented to subsidize and protect people from the increase of the expenses on those matters. This way, we might be able to offer a balanced diet to people with limited resources.

Guaranteed access to housing and basic services

In housing matters, it is very important to promote the management and promotion of policies for decent housing services in order to create safe environments, and to guarantee social promotions despite the adversities.

ding and the lack of access to decent housing must be the main objectives to accomplish. It is necessary to implement programs to make materials and services that decent housing needs, like a firm floor or the storage of water, more accessible for people.

In the face of the evident limitations in economic matters, the combat to overcrow-

Multidimensional challenge, teamwork

It is true that the information explained before may sound like a "magic formula" to fight against inequalities, but it is just the sum of all the recommendations given from different institutions related to the implementation of public policies around the world.

gregación Mariana Trinitaria has implemented actions for 25 years through its Welfare Ecosystem to promote the improvement of the quality of life of the families who most need it.

In local practices; the government, organizations, and civil societies must get together to develop solutions for the social deprivations that affect our contexts.

All over these years, we have emphasized the promotion of housing services through the Network of Housing, and also by means of the constant works made to food protection through integral solutions which are available on the Network of Food.

It is a fact that the solution to the problems is to make the first step, for this reason Con-

The main 3 areas that must be attended for having a better present and future are:

1. Protection to incomes



2. Protection to food and nutritional security



3. Guaranteed access to housing and basic services



Reaction capability some countries are able to have to make prompt decisions lets us know about how ready they are to take risks and to change the institutional mechanisms they own. Nevertheless, the welfare for families is the issue that may suffer the most severe long-term consequences.

The previous data caused a general consensus on the kind of strategies that must be developed in the short, medium, and long terms. Only that way it will be possible to create a future where the reduction of gaps related to social inequality may be a common cause, and primary needs may get all the attention they need.

At the beginning, many countries with markets and economies being developed were not making immediate decisions to respond to the global emergency. Therefore, the "solutions" they came up with were made to react to immediate issues, and they were postponing some other decisions to be made until the end of this year.

In the list of organizations that believe in the implementation of those policies we find: the United Nations (UN), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the

Caribbean (ECLAC), the International Labour Organization (ILO), just to mention the most important ones.

The protection to incomes

It is not necessary to be an expert in Economics to know that you need a basic income to exercise your rights, especially during global emergencies like COVID-19. This protection to incomes must be a priority for families in poverty and extreme poverty because even

after this situation, if their incomes are not protected, they are at risk of stepping back and face socioeconomic vulnerability once more.