

CMT: challenges and actions during the pandemic

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, CMT makes its actions and programs get closer to people so as to contain the effects of this global health crisis

Food security, economic recovery, combat to poverty and strengthening of education are some of the challenges that CMT faced this year, and they are expected to continue in 2021.

Congregación Mariana Trinitaria (CMT), did not stop its actions and programs due to the COVID-19 pandemic, conversely, they were reinforced to contribute to the Welfare Ecosystem with the objective of providing support to the people who need it the most.

“Since the beginning of the pandemic, our task was to use our programs to contain some of the effects caused by COVID-19 specifically the ones related to health issues and food (food basket) due to affectations on the production chain. We are still getting used to the new normal to face social shortcomings, which increased as a consequence of the situation the whole world is facing” said the CMT CEO, David Leyva Mendoza.

Some of the actions performed by CMT since the beginning of pandemic are: supply food to guarantee food security, and support to the program “Alianza Felicidad para el Campo” to allow agricultural producers to work on their crops to get their own food, and sell the surpluses. Due to this, a circular economy was created under the principles of fair trade, sustainability, and ecology; just to mention some of its qualities.



David Leyva mentioned that Congregación Mariana Trinitaria is aware that this pandemic made gaps become bigger in some areas such as poverty, health, and education; and on top of that, we have a deteriorated economy, so the governments have the challenge of reactivating their economies.

Nonetheless, this will be possible only if all the sectors, and of course civil society organizations get together to face the situation we will have in the following months.

In addition, CMT supports the work of migrant groups who had to emigrate to look for opportunities outside Mexico. This way, through different binational and national agencies this sector gets the support it needs to improve the quality of life of their members and their families.

CMT actions during the pandemic



- Supply network and guarantee of distribution
- Reactivation of community economy
- Savings and financial inclusion for productive purposes (urban, rural, and migrant)
- “Zero interest” financing for micro productive sectors in the field and cities
- Financing to develop basic infrastructure in municipalities
- Platforms for distance education and health
- Professional and responsible spread of information about COVID-19 and the suitable ways to prevent more infections

In tandem with these actions, as CMT is committed to technology and education, it implemented since the beginning of this pandemic the Supportive Contribution Program to Technology to use subsidies to provide technology equipment to allow young people to continue their studies.

CMT Solutions

First beneficiaries of the Supportive Contribution Program to Technology

Nava, Coahuila

- 301 students in elementary school, and 154 in secondary school

PREFECO

- 800 students and teachers of this public high school

In the upcoming days benefits will be provided to

Universidad Autónoma de Zacatecas “Francisco García Salinas”

- 100 students will get computers

CONALEP in Sonora

- 200 teachers in charge of different activities in the school

Municipality of Atengo, Jalisco

- 150 students will get tablets and access to connectivity CMT

Municipality of Lagos de Moreno, Jalisco

- 200 tablets will be given

CMT actions for migrant groups

CMT - Fuerza Migrante

CMT and the binational movement “Fuerza Migrante” signed a collaboration to join actions and ideas to benefit Mexican migrants. The main objective is to develop initiatives related to infrastructure and equipment in areas where migrants are excluded.

CMT - Durango

CMT and the “Instituto de Atención y Protección al Migrante y su Familia” in Durango, signed a strategic collaboration agreement to have impact on the 39 municipalities in this state.

CMT - Michoacán

In collaboration with “Secretaría del Migrante” in Michoacán, an initiative was developed to foster community support to migrant housing in this area, which will be available in the 113 municipalities in this state.

CMT - Federación de Clubes Jaliscienses

CMT and “Federación de Clubes Jaliscienses” signed a collaboration agreement to develop actions focused on 3x1 or 4x1 in order to benefit migrants and their families in their communities of origin.

Congregación Mariana Trinitaria temporarily had to stop providing attention to vulnerable groups due to COVID-19 pandemic, as most of the attention was on the main affectations caused by this disease. However, this allowed the professionalization of some CMT areas, besides, we had the capacity of adapting and opening spaces to spend time together as we revalue the time spent with our families.

“Currently, we easily notice the lacks we have, and we have to focus on the most vulnerable people so that they get what they need to develop because the sum of adversities triggers a sparkle called self-improvement. In the areas of health and social development, unfortunately some governments do whatever they want and in their own ways. However, if we want to face the problem, we must be together, we need to avoid divisiveness in order to reach our goals more easily” mentioned the CMT CEO, David Leyva Mendoza.

Resilience and response capacities may contribute to get the trust of people so, they are some of the goals that CMT has for the following year. In the meantime, we want to continue having an impact on people to improve their quality of life, and society will be the center of attention of all the actions and programs.

CMT perspectives for 2021

- Have a meaningful impact to allow people to improve their quality of life
- Show experience, resilience and response capacities to external factors
 - Transform all the actions and citizens initiatives into public policies
 - Encourage economy in people and social economy

With all these actions, CMT wants to make citizens aware of our vulnerability and they need to realize that in order to overcome this situation, we all need to join efforts to get tangible and real results, beyond economic or political interests, just like this institution in Oaxaca has done it for more than 23 years.