



Dear friends:

I am addressing you one more year to present you the 2020 activity report and the economic information of Social Promotion Foundation in this period.

Undoubtedly, 2020 has been a year of uncertainty and difficulty, in which COVID-19 has unexpectedly upended our way of life and forced us to take drastic and often painful measures to meet its many challenges.

But while the entire world has been affected by this pandemic, the countries that have suffered the most severely from its devastating consequences are certainly those that were already in a situation of vulnerability.

For this reason, the Foundation's work during this period has not only continued, but has also redoubled its efforts to respond to the most pressing needs of the populations we work with, without neglecting those actions already underway that are a guarantee for their development.

Therefore, we have carried out more than twenty-five projects in Palestine, Lebanon, Egypt, Venezuela, El Salvador, Peru, Nicaragua, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia and India. We have focused our efforts on agricultural and fisheries development, access to drinking water and food, education, vocational training and business development, and the real and effective participation of women in society and in decision-making processes. We have also sought to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 through humanitarian projects to help prevent and

control the spread of the virus and reduce its impact on the food security of the population.

Also in Spain, combating the economic and social consequences of the pandemic has been a priority for the Foundation. Thanks to donations received through our campaign in support of the Little Sisters of the Poor of Segovia, we have contributed to the upkeep of their home, where they care for the elderly, many of whom have no resources.

Other humanitarian disasters have also been the subject of our work. Following the explosion in the port of Beirut on August 4, 2020, the Foundation launched three emergency campaigns for the reconstruction of the Litani Cultural Center, the purchase of respirators and the reconstruction of Christian churches, which with the response and generosity of so many people have helped alleviate the difficult situation in the Lebanese capital.

Similarly, in Lebanon, we have continued our support for Syrian refugees and vulnerable local populations with disabilities and mental health problems affected by the Syrian war.

On the other hand, awareness-raising has been an important part of our activity. The work of our Women and Equality Observatory (OMEI), our Center for Middle East Studies (CEMO), or initiatives such as Youth MUN Madrid (YMM) or "EFAS for Sustainable Development", have been able to adapt to the new normality, with the holding of virtual meetings, to continue making known the reality of the countries in which we work, and the causes of poverty, social exclusion or violation of rights..

As always, I invite you to learn more about our work in the pages of our annual report, which is largely supported by the generosity of our funders, partners, donors, volunteers and friends. This year, more than ever, we have seen that solidarity is the key to promoting and preserving the dignity of people in the world and making them the protagonists of their own development.

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