



This morning, the Formentera Council and the Formenterers Solidaris organisation signed an accord to fund and coordinate, in 2015, outreach work in Formentera and collaborative projects in developing countries.

At the signing, CiF president Jaume Ferrer – alongside councillor of social welfare Dolores Fernández – thanked the Formentera NGO for its work and noted that “if every population of 12,000 did for the world what this organisation does, the world would be a lot better place”. From Formenterers Solidaris, the group's president Maria Costa and secretary Teresa Costa also attended.

Teresa Costa reported that in 2014, resources obtained by the group assured the reconstruction of ten homes damaged by cyclones in the West Godavari district of Adhra Pradesh (India) and funding for a hearing aid in Honduras. In addition, Formenterers Solidaris paid for two intercontinental plane tickets for individuals left without resources after acts of force majeure as well as a university grant for a family without resources. In addition, with the support of the Formentera Council, the organisation coordinated a second-hand market and distributed food bank products to local families, a particular point of pride for Councillor Fernández.

### Food bank

Teresa Costa, reporting on the 63 families reached by the food bank in 2014, expressed her thanks “for the interest the Formentera Council has shown in our work and for all its help”. In 2015, the number of families having received help is 42 so far. Costa explained that the “degree of help received by families is often different – some receive food bank products just once, while for others the need is more frequent”.

Collaboration between the Formentera Council and Formenterers Solidaris began in 2010 with a promise of €1,200 in funding from the local administration. Over the next three years, assistance increased to its current amount: three thousand euros. Formenterers Solidaris currently has 35 members on the island, and as Teresa Costa boasted, “the people of

Formentera have a profound sense of solidarity. Calls for help are always answered by a great deal of generosity. We are very grateful”.