



This morning, Formentera Council president Jaume Ferrer signed a collaborative agreement between the island council and the local association Formenterers Solidaris.

The act became official following signatures by association president Maria Costa Costa and Dolores Fernández, Formentera's councilor of Social Welfare, Youth Services and Equality, the office most closely tied to Formenterers Solidaris.

The accord signed with Formenterers Solidaris has a value of 3,000€ (the same figure as last year) and establishes the use of this aid toward funding cooperative and developmental projects in developing countries, programming informative lectures, round-table discussions, forums, exhibitions and conferences, and in the organization of awareness-raising projects in Formentera over the course of 2014, of waste-collection campaigns and of international fundraising for places in need.

The subvention will cover costs associated with the facilities, material and utilities required for daily operations at the NGO, but it will also cover the administration costs of the Council's food voucher programme.

Among the different actions carried out by the Formenterers Solidaris NGO, of particular significance have been the shipment in 2007 and 2008 of toys and children's clothing to Casa Mantay (a halfway house for single mothers) in Cuzco, Peru, and a food drive at different Formentera schools to provide food to 36 area families (approximately 135 people) in need.

Formenterers Solidaris

Formenterers Solidaris came about as a way for island residents to respond to the plight of different groups on the island. Toward the end of helping these marginalised groups, the fledgling collective took steps in 2008 to gain status as a non-governmental organisation.

The group operates at both the local and international level to meet any number of different needs on an ad hoc basis. This can include working with public administrations or other associations.