



MEDITERRÁNEA NGO

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2010

In 2010 the ONG Mediterránea received funds from the following sources: membership subscriptions; fundraising events (sale of calendars, raffle tickets, second-hand markets, etc.) and specific donations.

The total income was 115.233,38 €, to which the amount of 451,83 € can be added by way of financial revenue from the banks.

True to its philosophy of being a real “non-governmental organisation”, ONG Mediterránea has not requested any aid or funding from any Public Entity.

The number of members at the beginning of the financial year was 214, which increased to 284 at the end of the year.

The activities of ONG Mediterránea have focused on:

- Third World (Ethiopia, Ghana)
- Programme to bring sick children from Ethiopia to be operated on in Spain
- Fourth World in Palma de Mallorca

ETHIOPIA

Mediterránea’s main activity in this country is centered around the organisation, financial support and maintenance of various schools.

*** Abugida Nursery and Infant School**

At this school we offer education, breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack along with medical assistance to 215 children between the ages of 1 to 6 years.

The children and their families are selected as being those most in need of help in the town where the school is based.

The school facilities are also used in the afternoon to give literacy classes to 70 adult women.

All the staff are Ethiopian: we provide stable jobs for 41 people. Whenever feasible, we select the staff from amongst the most needy of the local population.

During the year 2010 the extension works at the school were completed, with the inauguration of a new outdoor dining area; new classrooms for the children aged 4 to 5; the new nursery for toddlers of 1 to 2 years and living accommodation (bedroom and bathroom) for the voluntary helpers who can now stay at Abugida.

* Fitawrari Primary and Infant School

We offer breakfast to the 160 infants (this allows us to give them milk which otherwise they are unable to have), and breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack to 116 primary pupils who have been selected as they are orphans, HIV positive or in a situation of extreme risk. In addition, we have a programme of grants to provide books and school uniforms to the poorest children at this state school.

We also funded and supervised the development of an infant playground at the school.

The school has been equipped with eight computers (donated to Mediterraneana) and an IT room has been set up. The computers have the Linux operating system which uses free software.

Mediterranea has cooperated in the (necessary) surfacing of the access road to the school (which was inaccessible in the rainy season), the construction of a new toilet and a new kitchen (including utensils and fittings) and dining room.

* Entry course for the Fitawrari primary school

The hiring of two teachers, together with the provision of the necessary school material were fundamental in enabling 50 teenagers, who couldn't attend the children's school, to take the entry course so that they can now receive an education.

* Biruhe Tesfa Infant School

We will start collaborating with this infant school in December with the aim of providing breakfast and lunch to 190 children.

* Fruit and vegetable garden of the Akaki Mengist School

An investment of just 300 € has enabled us to create a fruit and veg garden in the Akaki Mengist School for the mentally handicapped, the pupils being in charge of its maintenance and cultivation: this money was used to set up this fruit and veg garden which will provide employment and income to its pupils as well as being an example of a self-sustainable project.

Furthermore they will also be provided with a new wheelchair (a donation) and numerous crutches which are essential for many of the pupils and otherwise unaffordable.

* Programme of aid for elderly people in need

After reviewing each individual case of elderly people in need as proposed by the local authorities of the Akaki district, where the schools are located, we started up an aid programme for 15 elderly people. In many cases they are grandparents with small grandchildren to look after or people with no means of support, who, with the bit of help they receive from Mediterranea (which is established according to their individual needs) are able to live with dignity.

* Sponsorship Programme

2010 saw this programme grow to reach a total of 42 child sponsorships. Although the sponsorship focuses on individual children, the whole family also benefits from this economic support.

The children are chosen from amongst the poorest of all the children who attend the schools and before they are accepted we carry out visits to their homes and we speak to the local authorities in order to get a true evaluation of their situation.

* Birhan School

We are very sad to communicate that we have withdrawn our support from the Birhan Infant School, in which we were operating a similar project to the one in Abugida – providing food, education and medical assistance to the children. Regrettably, however, we were forced to give up due to the impossibility of continuing with the project without giving in to the blackmail or fraudulent intents of the other party (in spite of our countless attempts to find diverse means of support).

It was a very sad and upsetting episode but Mediterranea was in no way prepared to become an accomplice to corruption.

The money invested in the running of the schools, help for the elderly and sponsorships is 91.340,85 €.
The building costs were 42.207,92 €.

GHANA

Mediterranea's main activity in Ghana is centered around the Dangme East Hospital, which is under the excellent management of Dr. Philip Nahr, who, despite having scarce or non-existent resources, carries out exceptional work which we are delighted to be able to support. This hospital tends to 180.000 people as it's the only one within several kilometres.

* Setting up a Physiotherapy Service in Ghana.

After all the work on this project which began in 2009, obtaining materials and applications for free transport, we finally managed to get the medical supplies shipped over in a container and installed in the new Physiotherapy Unit at the Dangme East Hospital.

Thanks to the transport company Global Specialised Services LLP and the haulage contractor Antonio Fuster, this shipment was completely free of charge.

The physiotherapy materials (valued at almost 30.000 €) were donated by an individual.

PROGRAMME TO OPERATE ON SICK CHILDREN FROM THE THIRD WORLD

* In 2010 Martha Haylejuesus returned to Spain to be operated on again for her severe kyphoscoliosis, because her bones were weakened by the poor nutrition in Ethiopia and couldn't withstand the braces. As she is just a child, Martha was accompanied by her father. We mustn't fail to mention the care and devotion shown by this man: both Martha and her father have stolen our hearts because of their courage, affection and just for being the way they are.

* This year the little boy Mikias Dejene also arrived in Palma de Mallorca for an operation on the chronic osteomyelitis in his arm. Despite the critical state he was in when he arrived, they not only managed to save his life but also his right arm. Mikias came with his father but due to the long duration of his stay for medical reasons, he ended up staying with voluntary helpers.

Mediterránea helped in these cases by providing volunteers who gave accommodation and food to these families; we also arranged for the visas; we obtained permission from Son Dureta Hospital and the Ministry of

Health; we paid for the air fares and their accommodation outside the hospital when necessary.

FOURTH WORLD IN PALMA DE MALLORCA

Distribution of food

Area Palma 1:

We continued with the weekly distribution of food as we realised that there was a definite need to maintain this project which was started in 2009.

Basic food supplies have been distributed (rice, milk, oil, sugar, etc.) to an average of between 40 and 50 people each week. As many of these people have families to maintain or live in shared accommodation, we calculate that an average of 150 to 200 people benefit from this food network each week, covering their daily needs.

240 kilos of food was distributed per week.

We also handed out sanitary supplies (soap, nappies); clothes for adults and children; blankets; household items and mattresses.

Spanish and English Classes

The programme of language classes was set up in addition to the Food Distribution. It started in October 2009 and continued until June 2010. It consisted of two weekly classes, both Spanish and English. The average attendance was 30 pupils who also received free educational material.

The aim of these classes was to make the most of the “word-of-mouth effect” of the Food Distribution in order to improve possibilities for integration into society and employment opportunities of those who took part in the programme.

Both the food distribution and the classes took place at the premises of the Malinese Association of Baleares, which they let us use for this purpose with attendance being mainly, but not exclusively, by people belonging to this group.

Area Palma 2 (in collaboration with ONG Zaqueo)

We donated food, clothing, sleeping bags and personal hygiene supplies to the homeless population with assistance from the Zaqueo centre.

Area Palma Nova

We continued with the programme of food distribution in collaboration with the church of Palmanova and Caritas, which started in 2009. We also handed out personal hygiene supplies, clothing, blankets, mattresses and household items.

Basic food supplies such as rice, milk, oil and sugar were distributed to around 269 adults and 96 children, mainly from Senegal, Morocco, Romania and Spain.

We continued with the Spanish, English, IT and literacy classes which finished in June 2010. As with the classes covering the Palma area, with these classes we aim to improve the pupils’ prospects for the future.

Due to the fact that employment in this area tends to be seasonal, we put the classes on hold during the summer and started them again in October 2010, although we only continued with the Spanish classes this time.

The distribution of food and the classes have taken place at the Palmanova Church with the collaboration of the Church and the charity Cáritas.

A total of 17.554,96 € was spent on the distribution of food.

* Support for Can Gaza

We maintained our support of Can Gaza, a refuge for some of Mallorca's poorest population, providing food, clothes, furniture and other items suitable for them to sell in their shop.

VARIOUS

Thanks to our solidarity visits, we have managed to continue taking pairs of glasses to Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, India, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Guinea and Burkina Faso. This small gesture on our part has given sight to people who have no access to optician services.

Last but not least we would like to give our grateful thanks to the writers for their time, effort and talent in publishing their articles and also to the translators who dedicate their knowledge and time to translate these articles into various languages. Our Mediterránea blogs continue to be a success in Catalan, Gallego, German, English and Castilian Spanish and attract more and more visitors each time - and from all over the world!

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

The philosophy of Mediterránea is "Direct Help": every euro donated goes towards our projects and we make every effort to achieve this.

However, there are certain expenses which are essential so that we can fulfil our projects as well as complying with the philosophy of transparency of ONG Mediterránea. They are:

Bank commissions and interests.....	1.815,09 €
Ethiopian Auditor.....	735,34 €
Communication	466,80 €
Taxes	246,28 €
Various (notary, photocopying, transport, etc.)	186,34 €
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Total.....	3.449,85 €

SUMMARY

During the financial year 2010 we have spent 42.431,04 € more than what we have raised.

Therefore, the net wealth of ONG Mediterránea has been reduced and the figure at the end of the financial year is 86.439,60 €.

The year 2010 saw the beginning of the long process of application to be recognised as an Organisation of Public Utility by the Ministry of the Interior, which culminated in success when we received the honour by Ministerial Order on 1-07-2011. We can therefore be assured of the control of the administration so that we can offer our members and donors more reliability and transparency as well as tax relief on donations and subscriptions. Three years ago, there were 28.519 associations in Spain, of which only 333 are designated public utilities.

This has been an extremely productive year for Mediterránea: not only have we seen an increase in membership in spite of the current economic climate, but the commitment and dedication of our volunteers has also grown. Despite upsetting situations such as the closing of the Birhan School or having to operate on Martha again, the final outcome is very positive. The projects have stabilised and grown. We are delighted to see that in Ethiopia, a country with such a high infant mortality rate, all the children at our schools are alive and well and extremely happy! We rely on the support of the location population where we work and although daily life is never easy, it makes us really happy to look back and see how much we have all achieved. We believe that not being part of the solution is being part of the problem. So we are really pleased to see how all the members and collaborators of Mediterránea make up a platform of realistic and efficient solutions.

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