

## **Baja California Sur Community Alliance (BCSCA) has Distributed 12,941 Food and Basic Needs Baskets in 2 weeks**

La Paz, BCS, May 3, 2020 – A total of 12,941 food and basic needs baskets were distributed by the BCSCA brigades by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Of those 6,630 despensas were delivered in the municipality of La Paz and 6,311 in the municipality of Los Cabos.

The Citizens Watch Network (ROC for its acronym in Spanish) joined the Alianza and they have delivered despensas to Espíritu Santo and San José islands, as well as to smaller nearby islands and areas north of La Paz. Reported the spokesperson for the BCSCA

Currently there are 30,738 homes registered to receive food aid throughout the state, with most of those registered located in the municipality of Los Cabos, where there are 15,193 families in the registry and the numbers continue to grow.

For these despensas to reach the families in need of aid; an entire logistical process takes place. Starting with proper **registration** through the BCSCA website ([www.acbcs.org.mx](http://www.acbcs.org.mx)). Once a family is registered, the information is transferred to the Information, **Registration and Analysis** areas with the georeferential data for each beneficiary in order to define corresponding **Distribution** route. Once the despensas are ready, the Volunteers, who have received Safety and Sanitation training, along with BCSCA coordinators and support from the Operating Forces of the Safety Board for the state of BCS, go door to door to deliver the despensas, while using the information registration App.

In regards to medical supplies \$1,124,906 pesos worth of medical supplies have been delivered to 12 institutions including; the Secretary of Health for the state of BCS, Los Cabos and La Paz Red Cross, La Paz Civil Protection, La Paz Public Services, Santa Rosalia Hospital, East Cape Community Urgent Care Clinic, La Paz Municipal Police, IMSS Clinic 1 in La Paz, 26 in Cabo San Lucas and 38 in San José del Cabo.

In order to guarantee total transparency in the allocation of funds, the Board of Directors for the BCS Community Alliance has secured the services of an auditing company with international recognition and registered with the Public Accountants Guild of BCS, which is governed by the Mexican Public Accountants Institute.

### **ABOUT THE BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR COMMUNITY ALLIANCE:**

The **Baja California Sur Community Alliance (BCSCA)** is a coalition of Baja California Sur nonprofit and philanthropic organizations, along with several businesses working in coordination with the local and state government and the armed forces in charge of maintaining public safety and order in BCS, in response to the medical supply shortage and food crisis caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Alliance seeks to achieve three objectives:

1. No person in BCS goes without food during the period of the Pandemic.
2. Support medical services by providing the tools necessary to effectively treat patients during the crisis.
3. Become a permanent network of support that is able to be activated in future emergencies.

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