



Baja California Sur Community Alliance (BCSAC) – FAQs

1. What is the Baja California Sur Community Alliance (BCSCA)?

The Baja California Sur Community Alliance (BCSCA) is a coalition of 191 philanthropic private assistance organizations and the business sector with civil society, working in coordination with state and municipal authorities and the armed forces from the state's safety board. The Alliance has achieved results through integrity, respect, leadership, transparency, and collaborative problem solving with the private, public and nonprofit sectors. The Alliance (BCSCA) is a citizens' initiative without any affiliation to political parties, which arises in response to the crisis caused by the effects of the presence of COVID-19 in our state and meets the needs of equipment and resources for health institutions and the food crisis that thousands of families go through in BCS.

2. Who heads this Alliance?

The Board is made up of Los Cabos Children's Foundation (LCC), International Community Foundation (ICF), El Dorado & Chileno Bay Foundations (EDCBF), Como Vamos La Paz (CVLP), Alianza Para La Seguridad Alimentaria BCS (ASA – BCS Food Security Alliance) and Registro de Cancer de Baja California Sur (RCBCS – BCS Cancer Registry). There is also representation of BCS's nonprofit and philanthropic organizations, along with several businesses.

3. How are decisions made?

The Board and its committees make decisions by consensus. Representatives of the Board are in constant communication with community leaders and government officials. Los Cabos Children Foundation (LCCF) manages all requests and identifies needs in the medical sector and Como Vamos La Paz (CVLP) does the same for food aid needs.

4. What are the donations for?

Donations collected from April to December 2020 were assigned to:

The purchase of 216,123 pantries or basic food basket and 495,775 medical supplies and supplies for personal protection for personnel in the health sector.

\$ 235,000 pesos were allocated to subsidize the operation of the Red Cross in La Paz, Ciudad Constitución and Loreto.

\$ 180,977 were allocated to subsidize the work of the BCS Food Security Alliance from October 2020 to October 2022 to continue serving food aid needs in the state.



\$12,000 were allocated to cover 50% of the purchase of an ambulance equipped for cardiopulmonary emergencies. Currently there is a donation campaign made to reach the goal of \$ 230,000 pesos – another \$12,000 needed to complete this purchase.

5. Where do you buy the food & medical supplies?

All purchases are decided based on a competitive bidding process. All bids are analyzed by the Board. Purchase decisions are made based on both the competitive bid process and the designation of top priority areas for aid requirements.

6. How is transparency being assured?

While the Board is made up of established foundations with spotless track records, with ample experience in abiding by established transparency best practices, The Board has established a permanent audit by Kreston BSG, an accounting firm with international backing, affiliated to the Mexican Institute of Public Accountants.

7. How is money being destined between the different municipalities and cities?

Funds and their resulting benefit are being allocated by the Board based on the needs that are communicated by the government, community leaders and the nonprofits tasked with each area.

8. Can I mandate what my donation goes towards?

Yes, funds can be labeled to be used for Food or Medical Equipment or can be destined to help a specific municipality in BCS.

9. What do I do if I need food aid?

The Alliance continues to work hand in hand with the BCS Food Safety Alliance (ASA). Currently it is supporting ASA to establish the first food bank in BCS and their continuous work with community kitchens and food producers to respond to the food needs of the people who need it the most in the state of BCS.

10. What do I do if I am part of an institution that needs medical equipment support?

If you are part of a frontline health institution and require personal protection equipment, and medical supplies please send your request for aid via email to: salud@acbcs.org.mx

11. Where can I deliver an in-kind medical supply donation?

Please contact Los Cabos Children's Foundation by sending an email to: acbcs@loscaboschildren.org



12. Where can I make a donation?

For donations in MEXICO:

Account Name: Los Cabos Children's Foundation AC

Donation in Pesos: BBVA Bancomer. Cuenta: 0115289386. Clabe: 012045001152893861

Donation in USD: BBVA Bancomer. Cuenta: 0115289475. Clabe: 012045001152894750

To donate with a credit card in the USA visit acbcs.org.mx/donate

For donations in the USA

For Domestic U.S. Dollar Wire:

Beneficiary Bank: MidWestOne Bank

Bank Address: 102 S. Clinton St., Iowa City, Iowa 52244

ABA # 073901233

Beneficiary Name: Los Cabos Children's Foundation

Beneficiary Address: 1585 Thomas Center Dr., Suite 101, Eagan, MN 55122

Beneficiary Account Number: 4355102

Notify Corey Riggs at korey@loscaboschildren.org to inform him of the wire to receive a tax receipt.

For US checks, make them payable to: Los Cabos Children's Foundation and mail to: 1585 Thomas Center Drive, Suite 101, Eagan, MN 55122. **Please indicate on the Check that it is for the BCSCA.**

13. How can I obtain a tax-deductible receipt for my donation?

Please write acbcs@loscaboschildren.org to get your receipt processed.

14. How can I become a volunteer?

Currently we have all volunteering positions filled. We are very grateful for all the support we have received. As volunteering opportunities become available, we will post them in our website (<https://www.acbcs.org.mx/volunteers>)

Thank you very much for your support!

15. How can a business or organization join forces with the Alliance and why is this important?

Please email acbcs@loscaboschildren.org, including your organization's name, point person, logo, and where we can reach you to follow up.



16. What happens with all the information that is given to BCSCA by any person, volunteer, organization or business?

BCSCA is responsible to treat all personal data in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Law on Protection of Personal Data Held by Individuals, such information will be safeguarded.

To learn more about our privacy notice, please visit: acbcs.org.mx

If you want to stay up to date on the activities and progress of the Alliance, please visit acbcs.org.mx and official social networks ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) e [Instagram](#): @ACBajaSur).

