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Dear Mayor Espadas:

We hope that you, your relatives and friends are united and in good health.

We would like to thank you and your team's cooperation during the COVID-19 crisis. The scope of the challenge is immense, and it is necessary to recognize the valuable effort that city services are making in order to provide the best possible coverage for the needs of communities and neighborhoods.

We are a group of social and community organizations, judges, and university researchers very concerned about the consequences this crisis is having on our most vulnerable neighbors, especially those living in the settlements of El Vacie, San Rafael, Polígono Sur and Los Pinillos. A large part of this population are Roma families and, in some cases, migrants.

To address the needs of these groups, the European Public Health Association<sup>1</sup> and the European Public Health Alliance<sup>2</sup> have made a series of recommendations that have been adopted by the Spanish government<sup>3</sup> and the Roma State Council<sup>4</sup>. These documents demand that these vulnerable groups be provided with the necessary resources to be able to comply with confinement protocol and face the crisis in dignified conditions.

In relation to the mentioned segregated settlements, we ask you to inform us of the following actions:

1. Protocols to evaluate the needs of this population, as well as the degree of satisfaction and sufficiency of the measures implemented.
2. Concrete measures to offer an alternative housing option to those residents who do not have the necessary conditions to stay in their homes 24 hours a day in accordance with the hygienic-sanitary protocols implemented by the authorities.
3. Measures to guarantee the necessary supplies in substandard housing of those neighbors who cannot decide to abandon their current residences. Specifically, we refer to water, electricity, communication, security and sanitation supplies.
4. Measures to guarantee sufficient coverage for their basic needs such as access to food, hygiene and disinfection products, as well as other basic consumer goods for special situations and needs.
5. Measures to guarantee sufficient and safe access to social and health services, medicines and other daily care, especially for those dependent persons who require special care (i.e. persons with disabilities, mental illness and chronic diseases).

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<sup>1</sup> [https://eupha.org/repository/advocacy/MIG\\_statement\\_on\\_COVID19.pdf](https://eupha.org/repository/advocacy/MIG_statement_on_COVID19.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <https://epha.org/health-inequalities-and-roma-health/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.fakali.org/files/RecomendacionesBarriosVulnerables.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.fakali.org/files/PLAN\\_DE\\_URGENCIA\\_PARA\\_LAS\\_FAMILIAS\\_EN\\_SITUACION\\_DE\\_VULNERABILIDAD\\_version\\_26\\_de\\_marzo\\_de\\_2020.pdf](https://www.fakali.org/files/PLAN_DE_URGENCIA_PARA_LAS_FAMILIAS_EN_SITUACION_DE_VULNERABILIDAD_version_26_de_marzo_de_2020.pdf)

6. Measures taken to protect children and their primary caregivers.
7. Measures to ensure the sustainability of the reintegration and rehousing plans that were being implemented prior to the COVID-19 crisis.
8. Measures to protect and care for the providers of services to these groups.
9. Measures to prevent and report acts of discrimination and racism and to protect neighbors from their consequences.
10. Measures to promote the psychological well-being and resilience of these populations.

Given the urgency of the situation, we would like to have this information as soon as possible and offer our support and collaboration as you consider necessary.

**Signed,**



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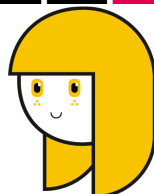


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