



DIA delivers 2.5 million kilos to Food Banks in Spain in 2020



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Madrid, 17th December 2020. Throughout 2020, DIA has distributed 2.5 million kilos of products between 54 Spanish Food Banks, in order to feed the households of the most vulnerable families, and fulfil its goal of being closer to society every day. In doing this, the company has doubled its donations compared to last year.



The figure includes deliveries from the DIA warehouses (more than 500,000 kilos), the Great Food Collection (2 million kilos) and the “DIA Contributes 2020” programme which the company set up in April to try to mitigate the negative effects of the pandemic on the vulnerable population, in the form of several virtual collections on its online store Dia.es (56,800 kilos), one-off donations (18,000 kilos) and “Kilo Operations” in stores (more than 1,200 kilos).

“At DIA, we are committed to our duty of service to society. In the last 8 years, thanks to the close relationship with the Spanish Federation of Food Banks, we have managed to distribute more than 22 million kilos of products to the country's most deprived families. These actions have been possible thanks to the support from our customers, our strategic partners, franchises and the company's own employees. Today, DIA's commitment is stronger than ever due to the difficult situation faced by many families in our country”, explains **Santiago Lage, Corporate Director of the DIA Group.**

Miguel Fernández, Managing Director of FESBAL, points out that *“the coronavirus crisis has put Food Banks in a desperate situation. At the start of the year we were helping more than 1,050,000 people, in summer, when the state of emergency was over, the number of people requesting food aid was 1,500,000, and we are now helping more than 1,800,000 beneficiaries. That's why, during the difficult times of this pandemic, we thank the support of companies who, like DIA, through their donations and customers, allow us to get hold of the much-needed food, to maintain supplies and to make up for the shortfall in food in our warehouses”.*

So far this year, the Spanish Food Banks have distributed more than 200 million kilos of food to a million beneficiaries and more than 8,000 charitable organisations. According to the organisation's data, requests by vulnerable groups for essential food items from charitable organisations have increased by 70% since the start of the pandemic.

The Great Collection 2020 at DIA

For the first time, DIA has taken on the traditional Great Food Collection in all its stores in Spain, a total of 2,800 supermarkets. In the current context of the pandemic, the traditional campaign began in the stores with a new way of donating, in which the physical collection of food in stores was replaced by financial donations that consumers could make in cash.



DIA customers have donated 1,300,000 Euros which the company has converted into 2 million kilos of food. The products are currently being distributed across warehouses belonging to different regional food banks.

Results in Euros of the Great Food Collection 2020 at DIA by region

Region	Collection in Euros
Madrid	364,373
Castilla y León	210,846
Andalusia	202,036
Aragon	179,704
Catalonia	60,095
Extremadura	55,987
Asturias	53,020
Galicia	40,710
The Basque Country	28,428
Castilla La Mancha	22,868
Valencian Community	22,171
Navarra	19,433
Cantabria	15,727
La Rioja	14,154
Murcia	13,424
Balearic Islands	879
Melilla	478
Ceuta	122

In percentage terms, Madrid is the autonomous community with the greatest contribution, a total of 364,373 Euros. Below that is Castilla y León, with 210,846, Andalusia, with 202,036 and Aragon, with 179,704 Euros donated. In total, these four regions contributed 73% of the total money collected.

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DIA Group

DIA (Distribuidora Internacional de Alimentación) is a leading local supermarket chain, with over 6,200 stores and franchises in Spain, Portugal, Brazil, and Argentina. With the commitment of its more than 39,000 employees around the world as well as its suppliers, who are primarily local, DIA offers the best product offering and service to its more than 20 million customers.

About FESBAL

FESBAL, a non-profit organisation founded in 1996, coordinates the activities of the 54 Food Banks in Spain with regards to public bodies and domestic and international private companies. FESBAL promotes the collection of food for its free distribution. In the year 2019, they distributed more than 144.5 million kilos of food to 1.1 million vulnerable and deprived people through a network of more than 7,200 charitable organisations, all thanks to the efforts of 3,211 permanent volunteers. In the year 2010, the Federation was declared of public interest. FESBAL was awarded the 2012 Prince of Asturias Award for Concord.

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