



# PROPOSAL FOR HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

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## TITLE

**Emergency Food Aid for Soup Kitchens in Lebanon**

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## 1. DESCRIPTION OF THE INTERVENTION

### Context and Rationale

Lebanon is facing one of the most severe humanitarian crises in its recent history, resulting from the convergence of the armed conflict stemming from October 7, 2023, structural economic collapse, and massive population displacement. The Bekaa Valley, where EQUAL NGO operates, is home to a high proportion of internally displaced families and Syrian refugees facing severe food insecurity.

In this context, the soup kitchens managed by EQUAL NGO constitute an essential service for the most vulnerable people, many of whom have no other access to regular food. Providing these facilities with non-perishable food supplies will ensure the continuity of the service and expand the number of people served.

### Description of the initiative

The initiative involves shipping a 40-foot container loaded with non-perishable canned food, donated by companies in Navarre, from the port of Bilbao to the port of Beirut. The logistics of the shipment will be handled

by **Ayuda Contenedores** (Pamplona), a Navarran NGO specializing in with over 30 years of experience and more than 365 containers shipped, with which COOPERA maintains a long-standing partnership involving more than 10 joint shipments. Receipt, storage, and distribution at the destination will be by **EQUAL NGO**.

**Logistics Partner — Ayuda Contenedores**



A Navarran NGO founded in 1995, registered with the Registry of Companies of the Autonomous Community of Navarre, with headquarters in Pamplona (Casas de Puig, 2

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Bajo). Recipient of the **2023 Francisco de Javier Award** from the Government of Navarre. Specialized in the collection, storage, and shipment of humanitarian aid donated by companies and institutions in Navarre to developing countries or those in conflict. In 2023, it managed over one million kilograms of aid through 51 containers.

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## OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To contribute to reducing food insecurity among the most vulnerable populations affected by armed conflict and the economic crisis in Lebanon by strengthening the humanitarian response capacity of the soup kitchens managed by EQUAL NGO in the Bekaa Valley.

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## SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE

**OE1.** Ensure the supply of basic non-perishable food items to the soup kitchens run by EQUAL NGO in the Bekaa Valley by shipping a 40-foot container loaded with canned food donated by companies in Navarre, benefiting at least **2,000** vulnerable **people** during the distribution period.

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## 2. APPLICANT ORGANIZATION DETAILS

**Applicant organization:** COOPERA – Development Cooperation, NGDO  
**Headquarters in Navarre:** Av. Eulza, 64 – Barañain / C/ Río Alzania, 20, Office 6 – Pamplona  
**Tax ID:** G-48499602 **Legal representative:** David Chimeno Cano

### 2.1. ACTIVE PRESENCE

Field	Data
Total number of members	356 people
No. of volunteers	42
Field	Data

No. of paid staff 3 women on permanent contracts and 1 self-employed woman working 75% of full-time hours

### 2.2.1. COMPLETED PROJECTS

Name of the Project	Coop. Des.	Acc. Human.	Date	Location	Amount	Co-financier
Coordinated shipment of three containers of humanitarian aid to Lebanon (with Fundación Esperanza and EQUAL NGO) Psychosocial Care	✓		2024–2025	Lebanon	€98,500	Own funds / Chiclana City Council
and Humanitarian Aid for Displaced Populations in South Kivu Psychosocial Support for Displaced Populations in Kabare, South Kivu	✓		2025	DR Congo	€5,760	City Hall Chiclana de la Frontera
Humanitarian aid to the Ukrainian population (Kyiv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Zakarpattia)	✓		2023	Ukraine	199,999 €	Basque Government
					457,267 €	Madrid City Council

Name of the humanitarian, South Kivu	Coop. Dev.	Humanitarian Action	Date	Location	Amount	Co-financier
Access to health psychosocial for victims of crises	✓		2023	DR Congo	199,000 €	Basque Government
Livestock and dairy project in the commune of Mandé	✓		2024	Mali	120,000 €	Government of Navarre
Distribution of basic food aid in Timbuktu	✓		2017	Mali	€59,400	Own resources

### 2.2.2. Years of experience

Over 33 years (founded in 1992). Registered with the AECID. ICONG quality certification.

### 2.2.3. Experience in the project area

COOPERA ONGD has direct and proven experience in Lebanon, having coordinated—in partnership with Fundación Esperanza—the shipment of three containers of humanitarian aid during 2024 and 2025, with EQUAL NGO serving as the receiving partner in the Bekaa Valley. Additionally, COOPERA is currently collaborating with the Spanish Army (UNIFIL mission) to send a new container of humanitarian supplies via Spanish troops deployed in the country. The organization also has expatriate staff providing technical oversight in Lebanon.

### 2.2.4. Activities in Navarre (Education for Development and Awareness-Raising)

COOPERA ONGD carries out ongoing activities in Education for Development and Global Citizenship in Navarre, structured around two main pillars:

**GET Project — Education for Global Citizenship (2024–2025)** COOPERA participates as a partner organization in the European GET (*Global Education Training*) project, co-funded by the European Union, which carries out actions to Global citizenship education in collaboration with schools and citizens in Navarre and other autonomous communities. The project focuses on developing



global citizenship, critical thinking, and international solidarity with students at different educational levels.

**Active participation in the Navarre NGDO Coordinating Committee (COOPERA)** as part of the Commission on Transformative Education for Citizenship Global (ETCG) of the Navarre NGO Coordinating Committee, contributing to the design and implementation of awareness-raising activities, educational workshops, and conferences aimed at the citizens of Navarre. Through this network, COOPERA participates in joint initiatives with the 48 organizations that make up the Coordinating Committee, which in 2025 carried out 58 development education projects in Navarre.

**Awareness-raising and outreach on social media and in the media** COOPERA maintains an on social media and in the Navarran media, raising awareness about the realities of the countries where it operates and promoting solidarity and global citizenship among the people of Navarre.

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## 3. DATA ON THE LOCAL PARTNER

### 3.1. OF THE ORGANIZATION

Field	Data
Name	EQUAL NGO
Official registration number	3141096 – Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Lebanon (10/20/2015)
Registered office	Couvent des Frères mineurs conventuels, Maalaka, Zahle – Bekaa, Lebanon
Operational Address	Jeita Highway, Bardawil BLDG 1st Floor – Jeita, Lebanon
Phone	+961 9 235 102 / +961 76 431 087
Legal Representative	Bishop César Essayan (President)

### 3.2.1. EQUAL NGO's Experience and Operational Capacity

Project Name	Coop. Des.	Acc. Human.	Date	Location	Amount
Distribution of emergency humanitarian aid (food, hygiene items, household goods) — more than 1,000 boxes of		✓	2014–2026	Lebanon	△□

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food and 1,000 boxes of Hygiene					
Medical and hospital care for vulnerable families	✓	✓	2014–2026	Lebanon	△□
Humanitarian response to the Beirut port explosion — more than 115 families assisted		✓	2020	Beirut	△□
Humanitarian response to the 2024 war — more than 100 families assisted		✓	2024	Lebanon	△□
Child protection and women’s empowerment programs for Syrian refugees		✓	Ongoi ng	Valley of Bekaa	△□

### 3.2.2. Joint history with the applicant organization

The partnership between COOPERA ONGD and EQUAL NGO began in 2022 and has a proven track record in both European volunteer programs and humanitarian operations on the ground.

#### Jointly implemented projects:

- 2022–2023: European Solidarity Corps Volunteering.** COOPERA ONGD and EQUAL NGO jointly developed volunteering projects under the European Union’s **European Solidarity Corps (ESC)**, with European volunteers deployed to Lebanon to support the organization’s activities on the ground. This collaboration demonstrates both organizations’ capacity to manage projects co-funded by European institutions and to work in accordance with the quality, accountability, and protection standards required by the EU.
- 2024–2025: Coordinated shipment of three containers of to Lebanon.** In partnership with Fundación Esperanza, COOPERA coordinated with EQUAL NGO the shipment of three containers of non-perishable emergency supplies to the Bekaa Valley, with EQUAL serving as the receiving and distributing partner. This experience enabled the establishment of shared logistics channels, distribution protocols, and accountability mechanisms.



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- **2025–2026 (ongoing): Container shipment via the Lebanese Army of Spain (UNIFIL UNIFIL).** COOPERA is currently is currently working with Spanish troops deployed in Lebanon to send a new container of non-perishable humanitarian supplies, with EQUAL NGO as the recipient at the destination.

This proposal represents a **natural extension of this partnership**, building on a foundation of established institutional trust, proven operational procedures, and the ability to respond immediately, eliminating project ramp-up times.