



## **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 form 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 Foundation EDCF, Como Vamos La Paz (CVLP), Alianza Para La Seguridad Alimentaria BCS (APSABCS) and Registro de Cancer de Baja California Sur (BCSCA). There is also representation of Baja California Sur 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 touch daily 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?**

The Money is for the purchase of basic need food baskets and medical supplies for first responders and frontline health personnel.

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

Food is being competitively bid and those bids are analyzed by the Board. Purchase decisions are made based on 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 BCS municipality.

## **9. What do I do if I need food aid or if I require 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](mailto:salud@acbcs.org.mx)

The Alliance continues with its food aid program in three modalities; massive deliveries to at risk areas with the support of the armed forces, door to door deliveries to registered families in vulnerable situations and deliveries through NGOs. At this time, we cannot register new beneficiaries as we have reached our maximum capacity for deliveries.

## **10. 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](mailto:acbcs@loscaboschildren.org)

## **11. What medical supplies are you receiving?**

- Disposable Tyvek Overall with hood
- Disposable boots
- Disposable caps with adjustable elastic
- Goggle protection
- Protective glasses & face mask
- Latex gloves
- NIOSH N95 Respirators without exhalation valve
- Disposable two-layer surgical face mask



- P100 masks and replacement cartridges
- Chlorhexidine foam
- Antibacterial Gel
- Lysol disinfectant
- Disinfecting wipes
- Sanitizing cleaner
- Chlorine
- Antibacterial soap
- Pinol cleaner
- Powdered laundry soap

## 12. Where can I deliver an in-kind food donation?

Please contact Cómo vamos La Paz at: [acbcs@comovamoslapaz.org](mailto:acbcs@comovamoslapaz.org) or call (612) 122 2127.  
For Drop off:

**Cabo San Lucas:** Almacén Frutería Ziracua Address: Flor de Pithaya Lote 2, Brisas del Pacifico, CP 23473, Cabo San Lucas, BCS. Hours of operation: 8am a 12pm

**San Jose del Cabo:** Centro de Desarrollo Vista Hermosa. Contact: Karla Flores. Phone Number: 624 157 3962. Hours of Operation: 8am to 5pm Address: Calle Miguel Bertín Fernández esq. Nativos s/n. Col. Vista hermosa, San Jose del Cabo.

**La Paz Contact:** Andrea Inchaustegui. Phone Number: 612 131 6213

## 13. What type of food donations are you receiving?

This is the list of items we are including in the food baskets

- Lentils
- Beans
- Garbanzos
- Rice
- Oats
- Sardine or tuna cans
- Powdered Milk
- Pasta
- Maseca – to make tortillas
- Cooking oil
- Laundry powdered soap
- Toilet paper
- Clorox
- Canned tomato puree

If you would like to make another type of food donation please contact the following email [acbcs@comovamoslapaz.org](mailto:acbcs@comovamoslapaz.org) so that we can better assist your request.

[acbcs.org.mx](http://acbcs.org.mx)



#### 14. Where can I make a money 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](http://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](mailto: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 BCSBCA.** Notify Corey Riggs at [korey@loscaboschildren.org](mailto:korey@loscaboschildren.org) to inform him of your donation to receive a tax receipt.

#### 15. How can I obtain a tax-deductible receipt for my donation? Please write

[acbcs@loscaboschildren.org](mailto:acbcs@loscaboschildren.org) to get your receipt processed.

#### 16. Can anyone receive help?

At this time food aid is being provided to families in at risk areas and families in vulnerable situations, in accordance with the Mexican Scale for Food Safety as proposed by CONEVAL, Mexico's National Council for the Evaluation of Social Development Policy. The food aid program is focusing mostly on disabled, chronically ill and over 65 people, who were registered during the massive food-aid deliveries conducted from April through July.

#### 17. When did you start to deliver the food baskets?

The Alliance began delivery of food baskets with the help of the Secretary of National Defense, National Guard, Navy and the Secretary of Public Safety this past April 15. Delivery of food baskets will continue through October.



**18. How will you divide the food baskets between the colonias? How did you choose the colonias?**

We have a database that was put together with information from all municipalities by the DIF & Social Development as well as non-profits organizations. The deliveries are made door to door in coordination with state and local authorities and with the support of the armed forces from the state's safety board.

**19. Will you help all of the institutions and organizations in the public health sector: SS/IMSS/ISSSTE?**

Yes, if we receive formal requests from the institutions, to ensure we do not duplicate efforts and ensure that there will be a responsible party within the institution to give good use to the donations.

**20. 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>)

To volunteer you must reside in the State of Baja California Sur, be over 18 years old and be in good health.

Email [alianzacomunitariabcs@gmail.com](mailto:alianzacomunitariabcs@gmail.com) to inquire about specific volunteering positions available.

*Thank you very much for your support!*

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

Please email [acbcs@loscaboschildren.org](mailto:acbcs@loscaboschildren.org), including your organization's name, point person, logo, and where we can reach you to follow up. This is important because we all need to work as a community and join forces to achieve our goal!

**22. 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](http://acbcs.org.mx)

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