

Why organizing neighbourhood support networks?

Due to the adverse situation that our country is experiencing, in recent days diverse and spontaneous mutual support networks have emerged throughout the territory to face the effects caused by COVID-19, popularly known as Coronavirus. These mutual support networks are being indispensable for the popular classes to complement the action of the administration or to cover those needs, where it does not reach.

The ease of contagion of the Coronavirus, despite the enormous effort of all workers, with the difficulties of the public health to face this problem after a decade of cuts, can cause the collapse of the health system, being a real risk for the lives of people belonging to risk groups. For this reason, neighbourhood support networks focus on local action and prioritize telematic coordination. **These Support Networks, in an exercise of solidarity, are articulated to prevent these people from having to take risks, establishing protocols so that neighbours can assume certain responsibilities.** We know that the needs are many, and we want to overcome the fears and uncertainties of these moments and **organize a popular and supportive response, always with the clear idea of not exposing anyone to risky situations or generating situations that favour the spread of the coronavirus.**

We do not want, however, this popular organization to make an essential question invisible, such as the fact that the different governments (state, autonomous and municipal) **should prioritize the lives of the majority over the economic interests of a few, guaranteeing that social and workers' labour rights are not violated.** We must fight for sovereignty because it is the mechanism to make private healthcare available to the interests of the entire population; to stop the execution of evictions and to decree moratoriums on the payment of rents and mortgages; to defend that those families who cannot afford to contract a private health service have the right to enjoy a paid leave of absence from their occupations; to carry out a plan to support the self-employed workers and to prevent the economic sectors from taking advantage of a new crisis in order to pay less taxes and generate more public debt in the administrations.

In the current crisis situation, let's get organized, support those who need it most and make solidarity become a reinforcement of popular self-organization and the defence of the public sector at the service of people!

Guidelines for organizing support networks

1. We will follow the official prevention protocols at all times, reinforcing them with additional internal measures for each task carried out within the framework of the Support Network and taking extreme health precautions.
2. We will guarantee that there is no contact between people who collaborate with children and people who collaborate with risk groups.
3. We will establish small support nuclei in neighbourhoods, street sections or neighbourhood communities to minimize the number of people who are in contact.
4. We will carry out a thorough control of the people who come into contact within the framework of the Support Network, acting quickly in an exposure situation following the pre-established communication protocol.

5. In the event of detecting symptoms associated with coronavirus, we will inform those people with whom we have had contact within the framework of the Support Network and we will follow the instructions of the competent authorities.