

## The environment after the COVID-19 pandemic

Today is the moment to start a new environmental track, where the priority might be the preservation of our biodiversity

The challenges after the COVID-19 pandemic are huge, the respect to the environment and nature must be a priority. Fortunately, Congregación Mariana Trinitaria (CMT) offers integral solutions that contribute to preserve the environment so, it might be possible to stop the negative impacts and to promote a healthy environment.

Stopping our activities all of the sudden, losing somebody we love, or the changes in our life as a consequence of COVID-19 pandemic, definitely forced us to learn a lesson in our lives. In case we did not, it will more than evident the irrationality of the human being and the lack of empathy to adapt to the new normal that we are currently living into.

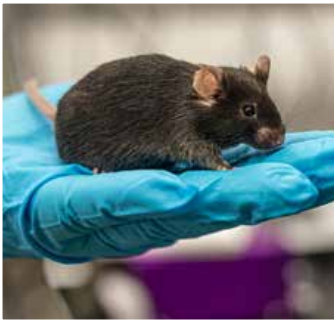
The human price we paid to coronavirus has been enormous, and all the restrictions have changed our lives completely. However, this crisis must be the opportunity to build a better future when we could make decisions to stop climate change and pollution, be friendlier with the environment and our habitat in order to improve our quality of life.

**DATA** According to the new report in the Intergovernmental Science Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), between 540 thousand and 850 thousand unknown viruses in nature still may infect human beings.

It is the moment to rebuild our society, as it is evident that there is a relationship between the destruction of nature and the increase of pandemics and diseases. We have witnessed that nowadays we also face social and economic crises that may affect the world considerably.



The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that more than 70% of pathologies that affected human beings over the last 40 years were transmitted by wild animals and the number of infections is currently increasing.



Definitely, if biodiversity decreases, the capacity of spreading viruses and bacteria that affect human beings increases. This happens because when we modify biodiversity, when we destroy a forest or a jungle, we alter the complex chains between the different animals and species in charge of controlling viruses and controlled pathogens.

In view of that, the World Health Organization (WHO) gave several recommendations to recover from COVID-19 in a way that might be healthy and respectful to the environment.

### Recommendations to recover from COVID-19:

- Protect and preserve the source of human health: nature.
- Invest in essential services, like water and sanitation or non-polluting energies in health centers.
- Making a quick energy transition to promote health.
- Promoting healthy and sustainable food systems.
- Building healthy and habitable cities.
- Stop using the taxpayer's money to finance pollution.



The decisions we make during this pandemic must aim to new environment friendly development models, human health, and lifestyles in an equitable and respectful ways so as to put our biodiversity above everything.

For that reason, Congregación Mariana Trinitaria (CMT) offers actions and programs that may contribute to the preservation of the environment through a network with a similar name. It provides a set of integral solutions for public work, facilities or equipment, research, training and certifications on environmental issues, new technologies and projects to stop the negative impacts, and to promote a healthy environment.



Through the Network of Environment it is possible to collaborate with public and private institutions as well as communities to improve environmental quality, especially those communities in vulnerable situations through integral solutions that fit quality standards and have a positive impact.

All this is possible thanks to the increase of goals, co-investment and integration of resources; mechanisms to get assistance that may provide integral solutions to communities and families who live in geographical areas with pollution or severe environmental phenomena, or just for those who want to make a change for the environment.

### CMT integral solutions

#### Construction of:

- Wastewater treatment plants
- Centers to separate and manage wastes
- Research centers on environmental issues
- Dams



#### Studies on:

- Environmental impact
- Environmental risks
- Atmosphere and forest pollution
- Energy efficiency

#### In addition:

- Certifications on environmental issues
- Environmental audits
- Training on environmental protection, sustainable development
- Installation of plants to recycle PET
- Distribution of PET and App containers
- Drones to monitor climate conditions
- GPS to collect data about the status of the Earth
- Solar panels
- Restoration programs in rivers and streams
- Sanitary landfills
- Oxidation ponds
- Wind turbines
- Green roofs
- Bio-digesters

It is a major challenge, but it is necessary to be careful with nature, get closer to a different economy that promotes actions and develops sustainable jobs. Moreover, we must develop a growth in green issues and a different lifestyle because the health of people and the planet are just like one, and they both can thrive in equal proportions.



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