



## Cidade Velha (Cape Verde)

### Solidarity in pandemic times

Faced with what materialized in an unprecedented crisis, the infamous COVID-19, which devastated the planet, the Municipality of Ribeira Grande de Santiago in the person of its mayor Manuel de Pina, assisted by his collaborators, started the urgent measures to overcome this crisis.

Quickly, the internal mechanisms were activated and, promptly, the *Pousada de São Pedro* was made available to potential local *covidário*, that is, an Emergency Space where the infected could be treated with all medical care. Subsequently, actions were taken on socioeconomic needs, with the distribution of Basic Baskets: 1641 in the first phase and 1977 in the second phase.

In global terms, all families in need in the Municipality and natives residing in the country's capital (Praia) were assisted. Equally, there was support for the natives of the Municipality who live on the island of Boavista, which was particularly affected by COVID-19 with the situation (meanwhile) normalized, as well as the African brothers, who came from the Coast of Africa and live in Cidade Velha.

In short, with the generous support of emigrants and friends from Cidade Velha, it was possible to transform the pandemic into a moment of solidarity, and its effects brought forth the best that human beings have, reminding the world of the resilience and infinite hearts of inhabitants of the cradle of the *Crioula* Nation.

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### The OWHC's response to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19)

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### Type of initiative

Other measure designed specifically as a reaction to the COVID-19 outbreak

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