

## **Activities of Member EMBs in times of Pandemic**



Social Contribution of the Supreme Electoral Justice Tribunal of Paraguay

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Despite not being in an institution that is directly involved in the containment of the virus, all senior members and civil servants of the TSJE of Paraguay decided to provide humanitarian help for those in need in the midst of the pandemic virus.

With the donation of needed materials, the authorities and directors placed the staff of various departments of the TSJE in producing masks. The materials and machines used for the production of masks were donated by the higher authorities. Each department was provided with materials needed for the production. The daycare center was set up for the children of the staff in the TSJE to facilitate the production of masks.

The other group of officials from the general services and maintenance departments helped with the preparation of sinks and serum holders. Additionally, some tables that were used for the electronic ballot boxes in 2004 and 2006 were recycled. All those materials were donated to the Ministry of Health of Paraguay to fill the lack of health-care products.

In the week of May 11 to 15, the following donations were made to the Ministry of Health:

- 1,500 facial masks (in first donation; there will be more donations and a total of 3,000 masks in total will be donated)
- 200 serum holders
- 200 tables

I would like to restate that all donated materials above are recycled items of the organization that were stored in the office building. The sinks are for the exclusive use of officials in regional offices in capital cities as well as other provinces.

