

## ENDESA SUPPORTS THE RAFA NADAL FOUNDATION'S WORK WITH FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE COVID-19 CRISIS

- *The Rafa Nadal Foundation is stepping up its work to care for children in vulnerable families*
- *This initiative, endowed with 400,000 euros, is part of the second phase of Endesa's Public Responsibility Plan to help disadvantaged groups and boost the economic recovery.*

**Madrid, 1 July 2020** - Endesa is working with the [Rafa Nadal Foundation](#) to pay for additional staff at its headquarters in Palma and Valencia to ramp up **care for vulnerable people**. Endesa has donated 400,000 euros to tennis player Rafa Nadal's foundation to enable it to assist more children and families with comprehensive aid programmes for the people most affected by the Covid-19 crisis.

This collaboration is part of the [second phase of the Public Responsibility plan](#) Endesa launched in March, mainly in the healthcare area, which is now focused on helping vulnerable groups and driving the economic recovery of the country.

The Rafa Nadal Foundation will spend the donation on employing more workers at its centres. Having more educators, sports technicians, psychologists and social workers will enable the organisation to serve more beneficiaries, and have a direct influence on areas including education, sport and psychotherapy, as well as catering for more direct needs such as nutrition and hygiene. In the case of the Rafa Nadal Foundation Centre in Valencia, in addition to expanding the workforce and, therefore, the number of children and young people served, a completely new psychotherapy area will be created, adding this service to the portfolio available.



"Society needs companies like Endesa to lead the way out of this health, economic and social crisis. And we are keenly aware of the need to help vulnerable people so that the country can emerge stronger, without leaving anyone behind", said Endesa CEO José Bogas. "In this case, we are calling on those with the most experience in helping people in need, so that they can work more extensively to benefit more families. If this pandemic has taught us anything, it is we can only triumph over difficulties if we stick together."

"Families who were vulnerable before the pandemic are suffering the consequences of the pandemic even more severely. As well as financial difficulties and job losses, there are emotional and social consequences that can have a devastating influence on children's personal and educational development", explained Maria Francisca Perelló, Manager of the Rafa Nadal Foundation.

"We were in daily contact with families throughout the crisis, continuing with our work by electronic means. We have also responded to new needs with direct financial aid to families in precarious conditions and by donating school supplies and tablets. We will use this donation from Endesa to take things further, covering not only their immediate needs, but also influencing the long-term well-being of children and their families", added Perelló.

The Rafa Nadal Foundation Centre in Palma was founded in 2014 and is home to the organisation's flagship project, which cares for more than 250 minors and their families each year. The programme complements the school curriculum with socio-educational, sports and psychotherapeutic activities. A second Rafa Nadal Foundation Centre was launched in Valencia in last 2019.