PROJECT
United in Renewal and Hope
after DANA storm

AID FOR ALZHEIMER'S PATIENTS AND FAMILY SUPPORT CENTERS AFFECTED BY THE DANA STORM.

Centers of Algemesí, Catarroja y Guadasuar.



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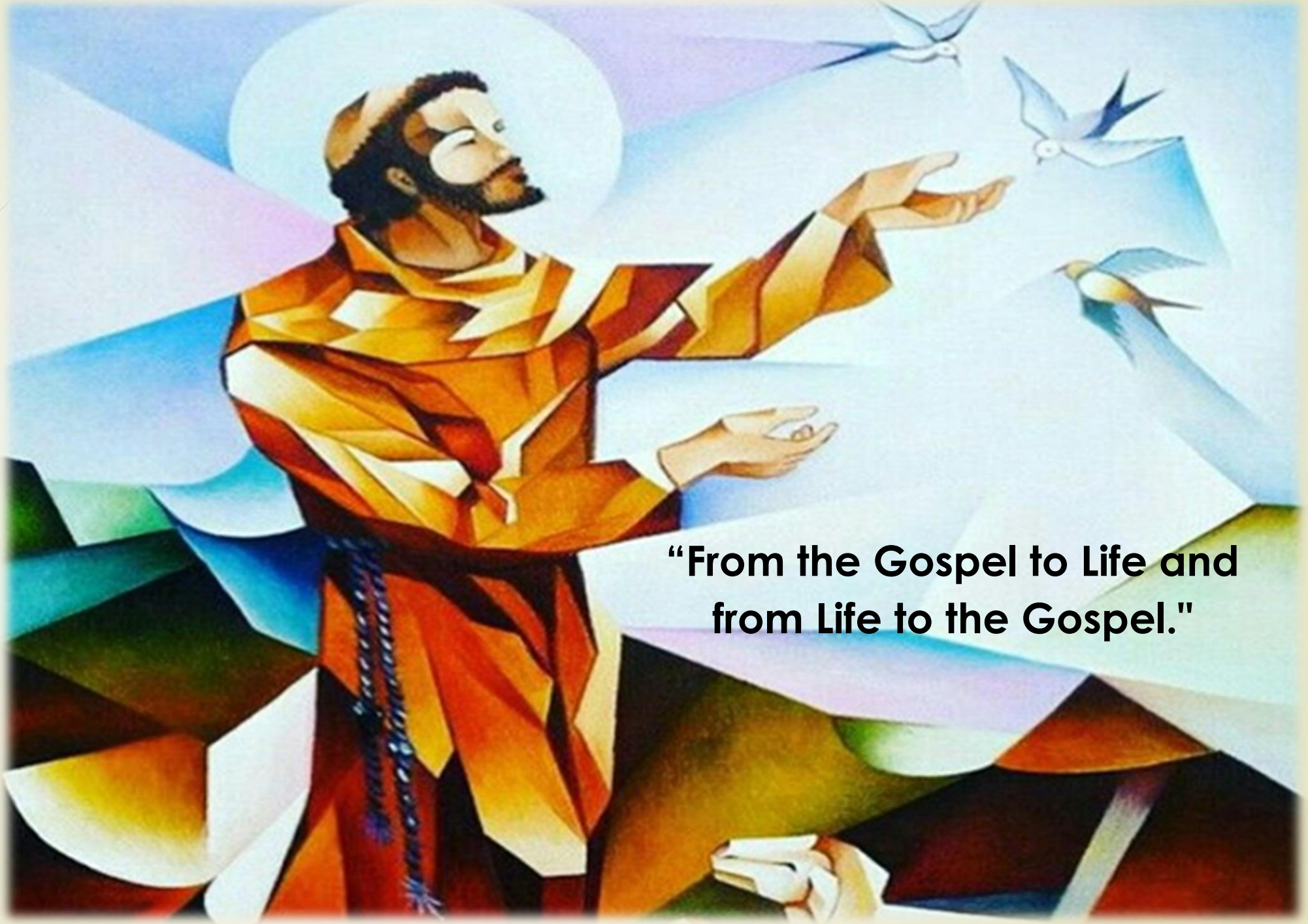
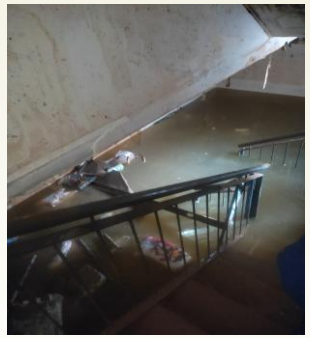
"Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take nothing of what you have received, only what you have given."








Amid the devastation, we joined forces

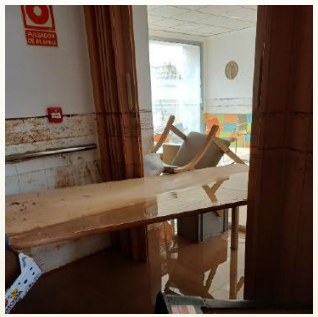
to rebuild and renew hope

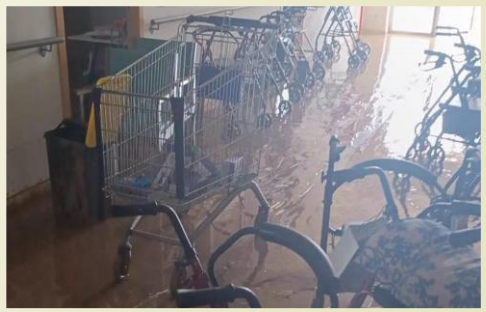
in every heart.















To rebuild and renew hope

- A few months ago, **southern Valencia was hit by a major flood that destroyed everything** in its path,

- **The OFS responded from the very beginning,** offering as much help as possible and distributing among those affected all the aid received from fraternities across Spain.

- **The AFA centers** (Association of Relatives of People with Alzheimer's) in Algemesí, Catarroja, and Guadassuar **suffered severe damage and need support to be able to care again for many people with Alzheimer's** who currently have no access to specialized therapy."





To rebuild and renew hope

- The centers are facing **enormous challenges in resuming activities**, including **rebuilding infrastructure and reassessing the needs** of patients and their families.

- **Family members and caregivers are experiencing symptoms of stress, exhaustion, depression**, and **anxiety** due to the continuous care required by patients at home.

- The centers remain in contact with the families to plan the resumption of activities and workshops, although **recovery has been slow and difficult.**

"With humility and love, we walk alongside others toward a dignified old age — in peace and in union with Christ."

"Committed to those most in need, the OFS presents this **project of care and fraternal support."**

Recipients
Dependent elderly people, family members, and caregivers."

General Objective

To Recover and Renew Hope in the AFA Centers of Algemesí, Catarroja, and Guadassuar.".

Specific Objective

Identify the patients' and centers' **most urgent and basic needs.**

Restore support for families and caregivers.

Provide spiritual support and comfort to patients, caregivers, and family members through fraternal accompaniment and prayer, **guiding them toward peace and salvation in Christ.**

WHAT CAN WE DO AS THE OFS?



Our goal is **to help and accompany with love and a spirit of service toward a dignified old age, in peace and union with Christ.**

We are not trained to carry out geriatric work (such as prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of health problems related to aging), **but we can still do our small part.**

WHAT CAN WE DO AS THE OFS?

- **Mobilize volunteers,** OFS, local Church and Catholic communities **in solidarity and service, including professional assistance** from a Christian Franciscan perspective.
- **Collaborate in securing resources, financial aid and in-kind donations** to meet the basic needs of vulnerable individuals.
- **Contribute to the humanization of healthcare, respect for Human Life** from conception to natural death, **accompaning all people with love and a spirit of service,** guiding them toward peace and union with Christ.
- **Offer our prayer and spiritual support** to patients, families, and caregivers

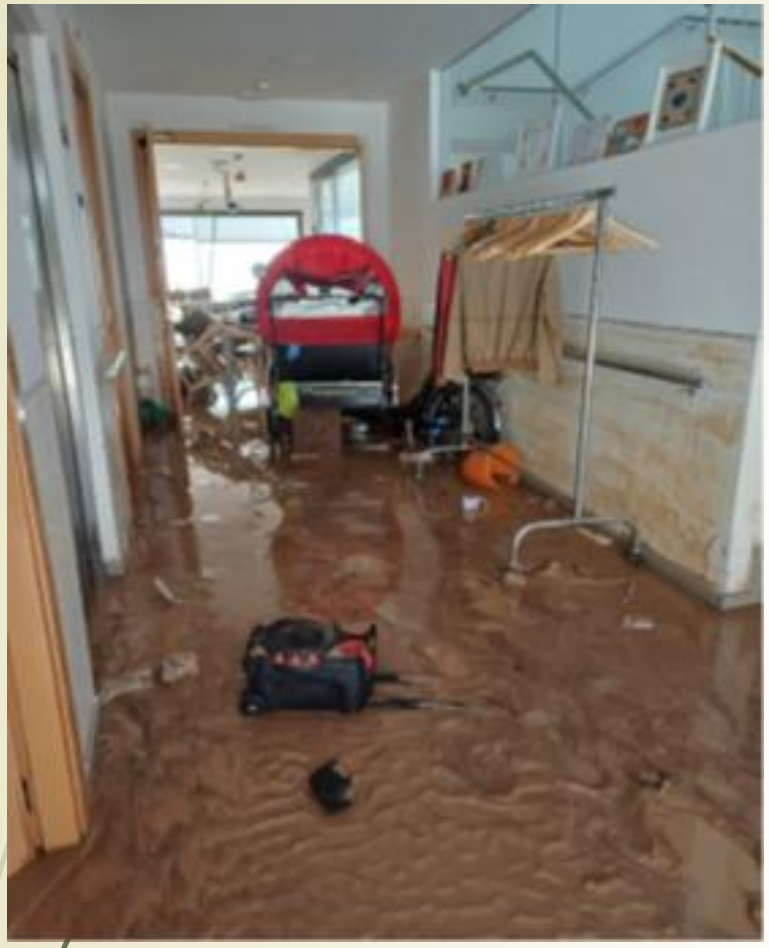
ACTIVITY PLAN & Phases

A) **Planning** → 1. Needs Assessment
2. Team Formation & Trainning
3. Program Design

B) **Implementation** → 4. Start of Activities & Renewal
5. Accompaniment Activities & Support

C) **Evaluation & Adjustment** → 6. Monitoring & Evaluation
7. Reporting & Improvement

D) **Expansion** → 8. Expansion to other Initiatives





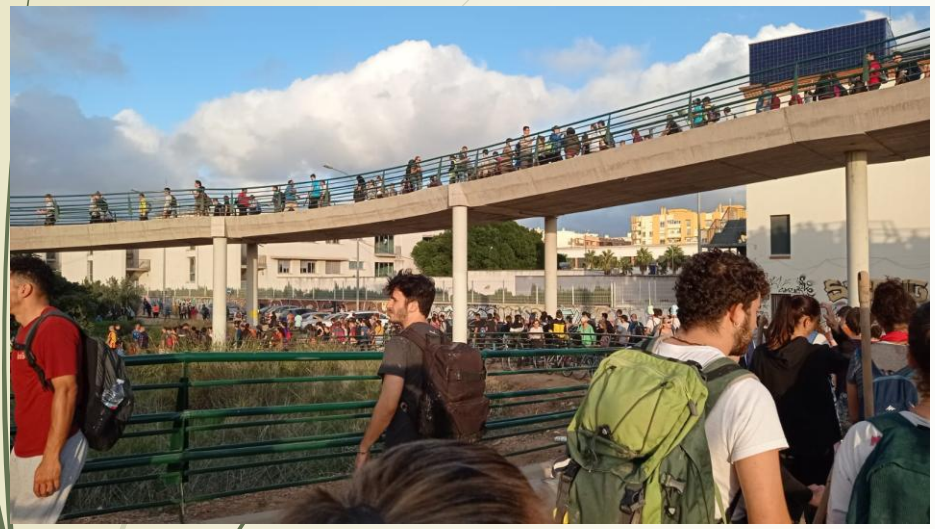
A) Planning Phase

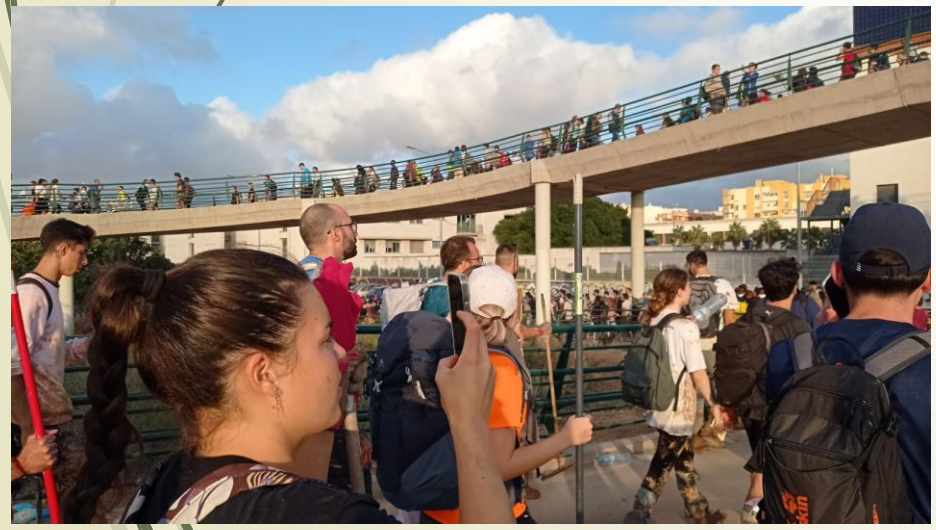
1. Needs Assessments:

- **Conduct a needs analysis**, surveys, and interviews **to determine the priorites and specific needs** of patients, caregivers, and family members, as well as the **essential resources required** in the affected centers, with the support of the local Church.

- **Identify available resources** and the **areas of greatest need** for both the patients and the affected centers.

A) Planning Phase





2. Team Formation & Trainning:

- **Motivate and recruit volunteers and personnel** with experience in healthcare, social work, pastoral care, as well as in reconstruction and equipment procurement.
- **Train the team in Franciscan principles**, compassionate care, **and techniques for emotional and spiritual support**.

A) Planning Phase





3. Program Design:

- **Design a detailed plan** to address **priorities and specific needs of patients and centers**, including justification and budgets for each particular case.
- **Collaborate for obtaining equipment and materials** needed for reconstruction and for the daily activities of the centers.
- Develop activities **to provide spiritual, physical, and emotional support.**
- Plan **sessions of prayer, meditation, and spiritual reflection** based on Franciscan teachings.

B) Implementation Phase



4. Start of Activities & Renewal:

- **Launch the program** with an **opening ceremony that invites the community to participate** and support the project.
- **Support specific priority initiatives** based on approved proposals and coordinate their development.
- **Begin the activity program** and organize **workshops & Training sessions** for caregivers and family members.

B) Implementation Phase



5. Accompaniment Activities & Support:

- Offer **individual and group accompaniment for patients and family members**, guided **by Franciscan principles** of compassion and service.
- **Provide spaces for prayer and spiritual encounters** that promote peace and emotional well-being.
- **Oversee the approved specific priority initiatives** for patients and centers.

c) Evaluation & Adjustment Phase

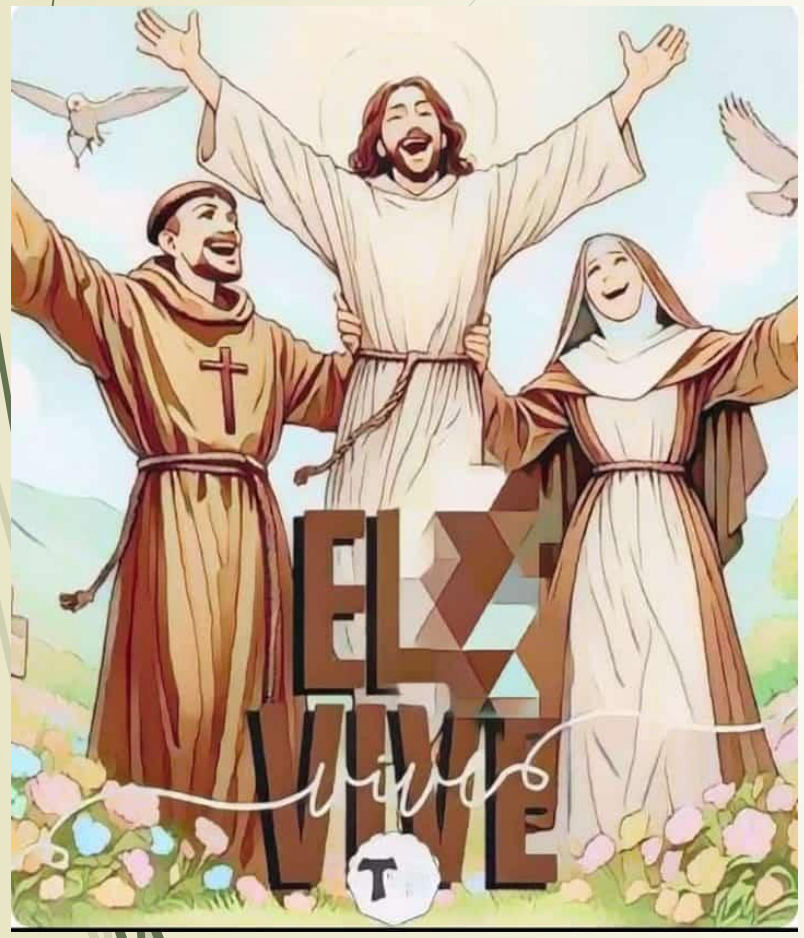
6. Monitoring & Evaluation:

- Carry out **regular monitoring** to assess the **effectiveness of the initiatives**, **and Impact** of activities on participants' quality of life.
- Collect **feedback from participants to adjust** the program as needed.

7. Reporting & Improvement

- Prepare **reports on the project's progress** and challenges, assessing the **need for additional resources** if necessary.
- Plan review sessions with the team to discuss **improvements and new opportunities** for project expansion.

D) Expansion Phase



8. Expansion to other Initiatives:

- **Document the project's development process** and its specific actions **to serve as a model** for other initiatives.
- **Identify opportunities to replicate the project** in other areas that could benefit from its **humanized and Franciscan approach**.
- **Establish partnerships with other organizations and communities** to share experiences and expand the project's reach.

D) Expansion Phase

This project might become a **model that serves as a guide and** a source of **learning for its expansion**, **according to the will of the Holy Spirit**."

- **To other places and natural disasters**
- **Other illnesses**
- **Defense of life** from conception to natural death
- **Rural areas and vulnerables** communities
- **Integration with other existing programs of OFS & JUFRA**
- **Support for persecuted and needy Christians**
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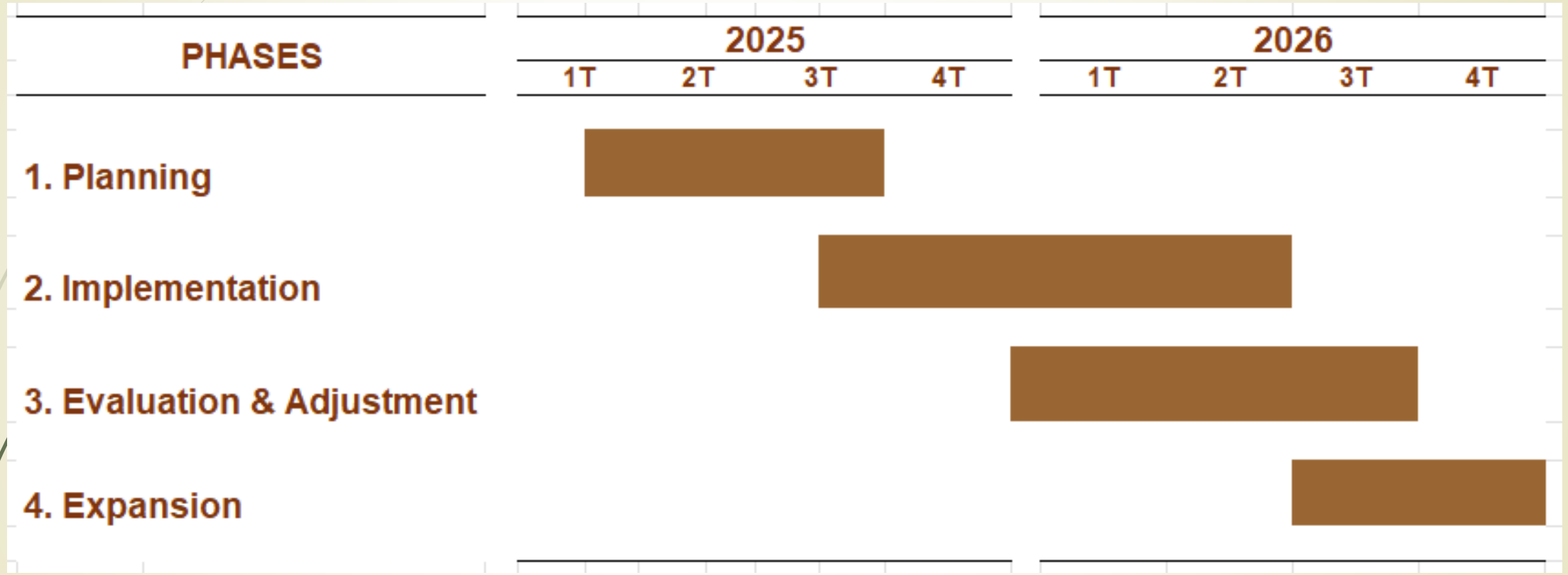
Timeline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1. Planning
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4. Expansion

RESOURCES required by OFS

- **Volunteers for project** management, accompaniment, support, and spiritual comfort.
- Support **professionals for training**
- **Financial support for expenses related to volunteers** (Transportation, meals, trainers, …), **priorities and specific needs** identified.

***As the basic and specific priority needs of patients and centers are identified**, **the donations** received throughout the OFS **will be allocated to develop concrete and well-justified proposals**.*

***Support from volunteers and a small amount of funding**—for volunteer-related costs and basic needs—**is essential** from the beginning, provided by the OFS, to launch the project.*

Other sources of assistance

In addition to the support that may be provided by the OFS and the Church, **each Association/Community will need to seek a combination of support sources to ensure the recovery** of the centers' infrastructure & equipment, as well as their **long-term sustainability.**

- **Government grants**
- **Private donations**
- **Support from other associations and NGOs**
- **Corporate sponsorships and donations**
- **Fundraising events**
- **Crowdfunding and social media campaigns**
- **Sale of products or services**
- …

Requirements and considerations to be taken into account by each association / Community

- **Involvement and Commitment of Community/Association Members:** It is **vital to have the involvement, commitment, and support** of the members of the Association/Community.
- **Strategic Planning**: A clear strategy is **essential for each source of support**, including **specific goals, timelines**, **and** the necessary **resources** for implementation.
- **Communication and Marketing**: Develop marketing and communication materials that highlight the importance, **results, and impact** of the project in order **to attract potential donors and sponsors**.
- **Monitoring and Transparency**: Maintain detailed and **transparent accounting of income and expenses** to build and sustain donor trust and encourage the continued engagement of each community's members.

Project Coordination

CONSEJO NACIONAL DE ESPAÑA OFS – REGIÓN DE VALENCIA

- **Key Contacts and Coordinators**:
  - María José Píriz Santos
  - José Juan Fabado
  - José Luis Folgado
  - José Antonio Aljaba

- **Support Team:** Brothers whose professional backgrounds can be especially valuable José Antonio, wealth manager; José Luis, expert in project management and communication; Encarna, social worker


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Ex Evangelio ad vitam et ex vita ad Evangelium
Thank you for your attention
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