



**UNION INTERNATIONALE
DE LA MARIONNETTE**

ORGANISATION INTERNATIONALE NON GOUVERNEMENTALE FONDÉE EN 1929
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Puppeteers cannot wait

Message for our friends:

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a severe impact on performing artists around the world; this includes puppeteers across the globe. UNIMA (Union Internationale de la Marionnette) is a non-governmental organization affiliated to UNESCO. It has members from more than 90 countries. In March we received requests for emergency aid from all five continents. Numerous families, in particular traditional puppeteers and those working in the street, are now in situations of extreme poverty.

We have managed to do the following:

UNIMA raised €8,700 which was distributed to puppeteers, prioritising those with families or dependents and without any immediate support. This enabled us to support 245 families in the following countries: South Africa, Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Hungary, India, Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, Niger and Uruguay. The aid was for two weeks of food at local prices. The families received between 10 and 100 Euros, depending on their situation and which country they are in.

We are currently doing the following:

We continue to receive requests and UNIMA is launching a new collective fundraising campaign. We hope to widen our network of support by approaching the friends of our friends, in order to be successful in our fundraising. These may not know the puppet world, but they trust you.

This is what you can do for puppeteers in extreme difficulty:

We need your support once more. We are looking for donors and ambassadors. Help us to extend our circle of donors beyond the puppetry world, by writing some personalised words to your close friends and possible donors and include the following link in your message:

<https://gf.me/u/yz832s>

Thank you !