

The 2024 Valencia Floods and the Nando and Elsa Peretti Foundation's Commitment in Spain

In late 2024, Spain's east coast was devastated by torrential rainfall caused by a Depresión Aislada en Niveles Altos (DANA), an increasingly frequent and intense weather phenomenon linked to climate change.

The Valencia region bore the brunt of the disaster, with entire towns submerged, infrastructure crippled, and thousands of people displaced. The sheer volume of rainfall overwhelmed drainage systems, isolating communities and leaving them in urgent need of assistance. Beyond the immediate human toll, the floods inflicted severe environmental and economic damage. Homes were destroyed, livelihoods lost, and critical resources—including food, clean water, and medical aid—became scarce. Vulnerable groups, such as the elderly, people with disabilities, and low-income families, faced extreme hardship. The disaster also impacted animals, with equestrian centres and farms severely affected, leaving countless animals in need of rescue and care.

In response, the Nando and Elsa Peretti Foundation - Delegació a Catalunya, mobilized swiftly to provide critical relief. Within 48 hours of the disaster, emergency funds were deployed to support frontline humanitarian efforts. The Foundation's interventions focused on immediate aid for affected families, educational continuity for displaced children, mental health support, and emergency assistance for animals. Through these targeted initiatives, the Foundation reaffirmed its long-standing commitment to humanitarian aid and environmental protection in Spain, ensuring both rapid relief and long-term resilience for the communities impacted by this unprecedented catastrophe.