



Venezuela

Since 2014, nearly 8 million Venezuelans have left their home country in search of safety, work, food, healthcare and other basic needs. It is the world's second-largest international displacement crisis.

Inside the country, 7.1 million people struggle to access medical care. Hyperinflation and political instability have intensified humanitarian needs while pushing many working Venezuelans into poverty. Across the country, Venezuelans face difficulty accessing healthcare, safe water, education and food. Women, children and Indigenous communities face heightened risks from limited access to healthcare, safe water and adequate nutrition.



International Medical Corps has worked in Venezuela since 2019, and since then have reached more than 3.7 million people across 10 states, supported more than 120 health centers, distributed nearly 2.6 million medications, 1.8 million medical supplies and 15,090 pieces of equipment valued at nearly \$2 million.

In Bolívar state, we provide health facilities and their staff with pharmaceuticals, supplies and equipment, as well as training and mentorship adapted to local needs. In Delta Amacuro state, International Medical Corps distributes environmental management and household kits to communities in isolated areas—some accessible only by boat—to help control and prevent vector-borne diseases, such as dengue and malaria.

In La Guaira, International Medical Corps has deployed a lifesaving field hospital and mobile medical units (MMUs) in response to the 2026 twin earthquakes that devastated the state's health infrastructure. As of mid-September 2026, our earthquake response team had:

- ▶ provided nearly 9,000 consultations via MMUs;
- ▶ provided nearly 7,200 consultations at our field hospital;
- ▶ delivered more than 1.2 million liters of safe water across displacement sites; and
- ▶ provided nearly 1,400 mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services.

Health

Venezuela's protracted humanitarian crisis has rendered the public health system network inoperative. Infrastructure is damaged, referral systems are fractured and community knowledge of disease prevention is lacking. Health facilities have inadequate medicines, supplies, equipment and skilled professionals.

In Bolívar and Delta Amacuro states, International Medical Corps delivers primary healthcare to remote communities through MMUs and fixed health facilities. We train local community health workers to increase access to preventive and curative health and nutrition services. We provide medical consultations, support immunization programs, train health staff and lead health-awareness sessions for community members. We also improve access to maternal and newborn health services in Indigenous communities by deploying OB-GYNs and pediatricians, providing essential medical supplies to health facilities and raising awareness of the importance of prenatal and postnatal care. We support regional hospitals in Monagas and Anzoátegui states with specialized equipment.

Our Health and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) teams respond to dengue and malaria outbreaks in Venezuela by providing health facilities with services, medicines, health equipment and supplies for treating symptoms caused by these diseases.





Nutrition

International Medical Corps operates dedicated Mother-and-Baby Corners (MBCs), an integrated health and nutrition response, in every health facility we support. The MBCs provide essential information and services to pregnant and lactating women, children under 5 and other groups vulnerable to malnutrition.

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support

International Medical Corps provides MHPSS services in Bolívar state for adults experiencing emotional stress and psychosocial distress. We provide mental health information to communities and train frontline workers and community members on how to use the World Health Organization's Self-Help Plus, Problem Management Plus and mhGAP approaches. We also provide psychological first aid and conduct training sessions on basic mental health concepts.

Child Protection

Mental health difficulties also affect children and adolescents, who often have difficulty accessing basic services like nutrition, safe water and healthcare. International Medical Corps operates child-friendly spaces (CFS) to provide structured psychosocial support programs for children and referral information about additional local health services. Our CFS team provides educational sessions that address children's and adolescents' needs, strengthen community connections and build trust in International Medical Corps-supported health facilities. For parents and caregivers, our CFS staff provides information on child protection and health practices.





Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Many water systems in Venezuela are nonfunctional, and more than 3.6 million people lack access to clean drinking water. Across Venezuela, communities and health facilities lack basic WASH services, sanitary controls and infection-prevention and control protocols. Venezuela also has the second-highest death rate from vector-borne diseases, such as dengue and malaria, which spread in environments with inadequate WASH services. For example, Delta Amacuro—a state whose residents live along the Orinoco River—has some of the highest rates of dengue and malaria in the country because

of its proximity to slow-moving and stagnant water where mosquitoes thrive. Because mosquitoes in Venezuela spread all four types of dengue virus, health workers face added challenges in identifying and treating the disease.

International Medical Corps rehabilitates health facilities in remote communities in Bolívar state, improving ventilation and lighting. We restore water and electricity by installing water-treatment and power systems. We also establish community-based vector-control committees in Bolívar and Delta Amacuro states, and equip local institutions to monitor outbreaks.



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A pre-eminent first responder since 1984, International Medical Corps delivers emergency medical and related services to those affected by conflict, disaster and disease, no matter where they are, no matter what the conditions. We also train people in their communities, providing them with the skills they need to recover, chart their own path to self-reliance and become effective first responders themselves.

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