

THREE-MONTH UPDATE

VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKES RESPONSE



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EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

On June 24, 2026, Venezuela was struck by two consecutive earthquakes measuring 7.2 and 7.5 in magnitude, causing widespread damage and destruction throughout the region, especially in Caracas and La Guaira.

On June 25, the Venezuelan government declared a state of emergency. The earthquake's reported toll includes:

- ✚ 6,509 deaths and 226,696 injuries related to the quakes
- ✚ 6,462 people rescued from wreckage
- ✚ 69,430 buildings damaged or destroyed
- ✚ 107 transitional camps established, serving more than 23,900 displaced people
- ✚ Demand for care from the health system exceeding capacity by 900%

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

Our Response

International Medical Corps has operated in Venezuela since 2019, providing services in three states—including Caracas, near the epicenter of the June earthquakes. Our rapid-response team deployed within 24 hours of the quakes to conduct needs assessments and provide aid. So far, we have:

- ✚ Deployed an Emergency Medical Team (EMT) Type 1 Fixed facility in Catia Del Mar, in La Guaira state, to provide medical and mental health services
- ✚ Deployed three mobile medical units (MMUs) to provide health and mental health services at transitional camps, quake-affected health facilities and in remote and cut-off communities
- ✚ Trucked 20,000 liters of water daily to five transitional camps and three communities
- ✚ Maintained 36 mobile toilets at two health facilities and four transitional camps for approximately 5,000 displaced people
- ✚ Helped five local health facilities expand their capacity to provide services in earthquake-affected communities



All data totals from June 24 to September 28

OUR RESPONSE

Health

On July 1, we deployed our first MMU to provide flexible access to essential medical and mental health services for affected populations. On July 11, we opened our EMT Type 1 Fixed facility—a fully supplied, self-sufficient outpatient medical center—to provide a full range of medical and mental health services to affected people in La Guaira state. To date, we have:

- ✚ Conducted 158 MMU visits to 61 camps and communities
- ✚ Provided 10,601 health consultations for earthquake-affected patients through our MMUs and 7,625 health consultations at the EMT in La Guaira state
- ✚ Donated essential medicines, medical equipment and supplies to one health facility



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OUR RESPONSE

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support

Earthquake survivors grieving the loss of loved ones, homes and livelihoods live with increased fear, anxiety, sadness, sleeplessness and other stress reactions, which are further exacerbated by the destruction of health facilities and lack of access to care. International Medical Corps is delivering MHPSS services across our MMU and EMT operations. To date, we have:



Provided 1,492 mental health consultations, including 792 psychological first-aid and 236 psychoeducation consultations, as well as 330 individual consultations



Delivered four training sessions to 39 healthcare workers and community first responders on topics including Caring for the Caregiver and Basic Psychosocial Skills



Facilitated four group-support sessions for 38 healthcare workers and local responders



OUR RESPONSE

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Water availability, sanitation coverage and hygiene conditions across transitional camps in earthquake-affected communities remain below minimum humanitarian standards, heightening the risk of communicable diseases. In response, International Medical Corps is providing WASH services through our EMT, as well as at transitional camps and within communities. To date, we have provided:

- 💧 20,000 liters of water per day to five camps and two communities, reaching approximately 5,700 people, so far totaling 1.5 million liters of safe water
- 💧 36 portable toilets, eight showers and eight 2,000-liter water storage tanks at four displacement camps and two health facilities
- 💧 22 hygiene promotion sessions across the EMT, eight camps and communities, reaching 564 people
- 💧 242 hygiene kits and 233 non-food items (NFIs) to vulnerable community members, reaching 927 people



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Looking Ahead

In the coming months, International Medical Corps plans to support sustained response and recovery efforts by:

- ✚ Continuing to provide medical, mental health care and outreach through our MMUs and EMT 1 Fixed facility
- ✚ Providing critical rehabilitation and repairs to WASH in health facilities to ensure access to safe water in clinical service areas
- ✚ Operationalizing a dedicated mental health curriculum for frontline workers and public servants involved in emergency response
- ✚ Delivering support to affected health facilities, including distribution of medical supplies, commodities and infection-prevention and control items
- ✚ Strengthening local health system capacity through training key healthcare workers on health, MHPSS and WASH topics
- ✚ Mobilizing an emergency response field unit to restore access to essential health services at an earthquake-affected health facility





FROM THE FIELD

When the Smiles Come Back

Angelina Libelazquez, a 22-year-old mother from Macuto, brought her daughter Ashley to the EMT after they developed respiratory problems following the June 24 earthquake. She described the terrifying moments of the earthquake, carrying her daughter to safety as buildings collapsed around them, and her attempts to help Ashley cope with the trauma while managing her own fears.

At the EMT, they received medical treatment, medications and mental health support, which Angelina emphasizes is just as critical as physical care. She believes that counseling, safe spaces and activities for children have helped families begin to heal and recover from the disaster.

“Thanks to donations, coloring materials and games, the children have started smiling again,” she says.



Media Coverage

Our efforts to respond to the earthquakes in Venezuela were featured in a wide range of major media outlets.



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