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Venezuela Emergency Response

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Life continues despite the crisis: A mother and child born June 25, 2026, the day after the earthquake in El Juncito, Venezuela.

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1. KEY FIGURES

The following figures represent developments recorded following the 24 June 2026 earthquakes:ⁱ



3,685

Fatalities.



16,740

People injured.



856

Affected buildings.
Most of the damage is concentrated in housing, schools, hospitals, and public facilities.



17,907

People lost their homes.

2. OPERATIONAL CONTEXT



"The situation in La Guaira is devastating. In more than 25 years responding to humanitarian emergencies around the world, I have rarely witnessed destruction and human suffering on this scale."

Marcelo Garcia Dalla Costa, Head of International Programmes



Two weeks after the earthquakes of magnitude 7.2 and 7.5 that struck Venezuela, followed by more than 1,000 aftershocks, the country continues to face a **large-scale humanitarian catastrophe**.ⁱⁱ Thousands of people remain displaced across the north-central corridor, while widespread damage to housing, public infrastructure and essential services continues to disrupt access to safe shelter, healthcare, water and sanitation. Humanitarian actors are scaling up multisectoral assistance to meet rapidly evolving needs, yet significant gaps remain.

As displacement becomes prolonged, collective shelters are placing growing **pressure on already fragile WASH systems**. Many temporary shelters are hosted in schools and public buildings that were never designed to accommodate large populations for extended periods, rapidly increasing **risks related to safe water, sanitation, hygiene, waste management and protection**. Without urgent investment in WASH infrastructure, these shelters risk becoming hotspots for disease outbreaks and deteriorating living conditions.

As search and rescue operations wind down, **population movements are increasing** as displaced households relocate in search of assistance, family support and safer living conditions. This dynamic displacement requires humanitarian actors to continuously adapt assistance while increasing pressure on host communities and essential services.

With national authorities already preparing for reconstruction alongside the ongoing emergency response, it is clear that **humanitarian needs will extend well beyond the initial emergency phase**, requiring sustained support bridging immediate relief and longer-term recovery.

3. CESVI RESPONSE STRATEGY AND SCALE UP

Following the completion of the initial rapid needs assessments, CESVI has moved into the response phase, delivering immediate life-saving assistance in coordination with other NGOs operating in Venezuela, while continuing to assess evolving needs. The figures below summarise the response delivered to date:



718

People assisted, of which **276 children and adolescents** and **36 persons with disabilities**.

500

Shelter kits distributed.

151

Hygiene kits distributed, in collaboration with Ayuda en Acción.ⁱⁱⁱ

151

Food kits distributed, in collaboration with Ayuda en Acción.



CESVI is **scaling up** a response that goes beyond the delivery of relief items. Given the scale and complexity of the crisis, CESVI seeks to meet immediate life-saving needs while investing in interventions that address evolving humanitarian needs, strengthen essential services, and support communities in the transition from emergency response to early recovery. The table below illustrates the **phased evolution** of CESVI's response.

Rapid Response (weeks 1-4)



Essential Relief Items

To respond as rapidly as possible to critical unmet needs, CESVI has planned the distribution of **2,448 kits in the upcoming week**, including:

- Shelter kits
- WASH and hygiene kits
- Dignity and menstrual hygiene kits
- Communal kitchen NFI kits
- Communal food kits
- Ready-to-eat food kits

Further, CESVI continues to conduct RNAs and plans additional distributions.

Early Recovery (weeks 4-12)

 WASH	To address growing pressure on collective shelters, CESVI will scale up WASH interventions to reduce public health risks and improve living conditions by: - Establishing safe water systems in collective shelters through emergency water storage, distribution, quality monitoring and treatment, ensuring quantity, quality and continuity of water supply. Rehabilitating and expanding WASH infrastructure through temporary, but durable, sanitation shower facilities, wastewater and solid waste systems adapted to prolonged displacement. - Reducing public health risks through hygiene promotion and community-led management of WASH facilities.
 Flexible Kits	To restore household choice while supporting the recovery of local economies, CESVI will progressively shift towards market-based assistance by: - Transitioning from in-kind distributions to flexible kits delivered through restricted electronic vouchers, enabling affected households to access essential items from preselected local vendors in affected communities. - Continuing targeted in-kind assistance where markets remain disrupted or inaccessible.
 Safe Mobility	To reduce reliance on overcrowded collective shelters while restoring autonomy, CESVI will support affected households through: Supporting safe voluntary relocation through restricted electronic vouchers covering transport and essential items for dignified travel, enabling affected households to safely reunite with verified family networks in other states while reducing pressure on collective shelters.

Towards Long-Term Resilience (weeks 12+)

 WASH	To strengthen long-term water security and reduce reliance on emergency service delivery, CESVI will invest in resilient and sustainable WASH solutions by: - Deploying CESVI's solar-powered desalination model in coastal areas, combining reverse osmosis technology, renewable energy, low operating costs, and local water distribution networks. - Producing 200m³ of potable water per day per desalination plant.
 Livelihoods & Economic Recovery	To restore household self-reliance and accelerate the recovery of affected communities, CESVI will promote market-based solutions by: - Expanding the use of flexible kits delivered through electronic vouchers, enabling affected households to prioritise and purchase their changing needs, while also promoting the recovery of local markets. - Supporting local entrepreneurs to restart economic activities, strengthening local economies and reducing long-term reliance on humanitarian assistance.

A **protection mainstreaming approach** will be applied across all phases of the response, ensuring that assistance is safe, dignified and accessible through inclusive service delivery, protection-sensitive infrastructure, and appropriate referral pathways, with particular attention to women, children, older persons and persons with disabilities.

To implement the life-saving and early recovery phases of its response, CESVI will require between **€10 million and €12 million**. With an established operational presence in Venezuela and a phased response strategy that combines immediate relief with innovative, sustainable WASH solutions and early recovery interventions, timely donor support and a coordinated response will enable CESVI to deliver immediate life-saving assistance that also contributes to longer-term recovery.

4. CESVI RESPONSE CAPACITY

Rapid, continuous field assessments are at the core of CESVI's response, informing the identification of priority needs, the targeting of the most affected communities, and real-time adaption of assistance to evolving humanitarian conditions. The map below highlights the areas currently prioritised, where **2,448 in-kind kits** will be delivered in the next week.

Urbanización

Buenavista (Guatire)

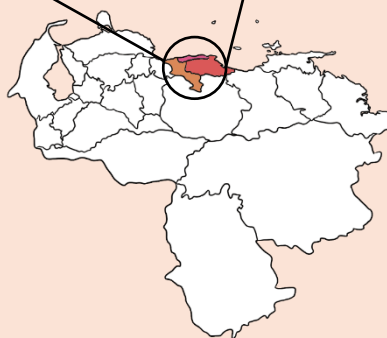
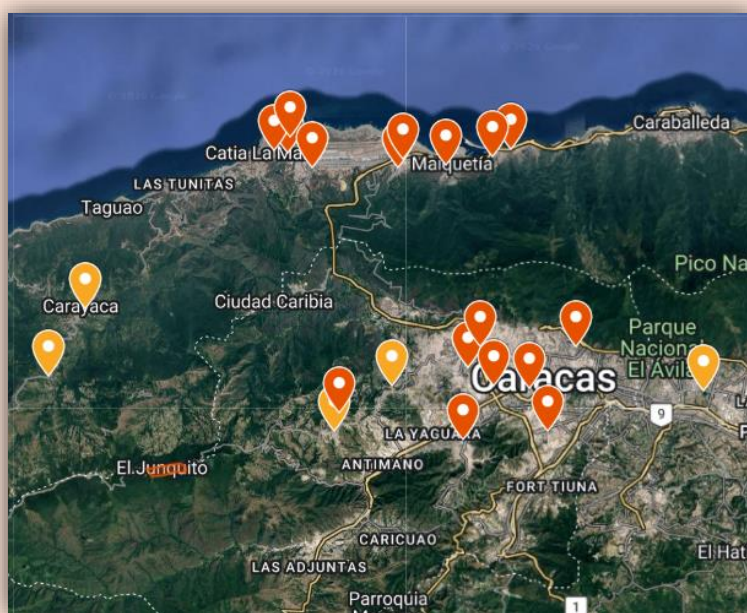
- 85 families affected by structural collapse; 98 people unable to safely access their homes.
- Families currently hosted by neighbours with urgent food needs.

✦ Response: Food assistance, hygiene & dignity kits, communal kitchen support.

Fuerza y Razón (El Junquito)

- 160 families remain in two high-risk buildings.

✦ Response: emergency shelter assistance, WASH, protection and PSS follow-up.



Comunidad Corralito (La Guaira)

- Remote mountain community with disrupted livelihoods and commercial networks.
 - No previous humanitarian assistance reported.
- ✦ Response: Hygiene & dignity kits, communal food assistance and kitchen support.

Bloques 7–8–9 (Guarenas)

- Severe structural damage; ~200 families evacuated.
 - Ongoing protection and shelter concerns.
- ✦ Response: Emergency kits, shelter/NFI support, referrals.

Complementing its needs assessment capacity, CESVI also leverages:^{iv}

- **Specialised WASH expertise:** this includes a flagship **community-led, solar-powered desalination model**, developed in Colombia and backed by a 4-year proven track-record. Engineered specifically for humanitarian contexts, five desalination plants, with a production capacity of 20m³/hour, will provide stable, high-quality water to more than 66,000 people affected by the earthquake.
- **Established operational presence and partnerships:** CESVI's **long-standing presence** in Venezuela and its **strong collaboration** with Alliance2015 members, Plan International, other INGOs such as ZOA, and national partners, strengthen operational capacity and ensure coordinated, complementary, and wide-reaching humanitarian action.
- **Integrated emergency-to-recovery approach:** a phased response strategy that links immediate life-saving assistance with early recovery and longer-term resilience, ensuring that emergency interventions lay the foundations for sustainable recovery.

5. PRIORITY ACTIONS FOR A SUSTAINED RESPONSE



"The people we are meeting here have lost everything in a matter of seconds: their homes, their belongings, the security of their daily routines, and, in many cases, even their loved ones. And the fear has not subsided yet. Every aftershock reopens the trauma, making it even harder to know if, or when, they will be able to return home."

Marcelo Garcia Dalla Costa, Head of International Programmes



While life-saving assistance remains the immediate priority, the scale of destruction and mounting pressure on essential services require sustained humanitarian engagement well beyond the initial emergency phase. CESVI calls on donors, the international community, and all relevant stakeholders to take coordinated action to meet urgent humanitarian needs using models that support a transition towards longer-term recovery by:

- Providing **immediate, flexible, and predictable funding to scale-up** and sustain the humanitarian response in line with evolving needs, recognising the **prolonged nature of the crisis**.
- Supporting **coordinated, multi-sectoral interventions**, including shelter, NFIs, food assistance, WASH, protection, and psychosocial support, with a focus on underserved and hard-to-reach areas.
- Facilitating **safe, timely, and unhindered humanitarian access** and the deployment of humanitarian personnel and relief supplies.
- Strengthening collective humanitarian efforts to respond to growing displacement, address critical unmet needs, and **support an effective transition** from emergency response to early recovery and resilience.

NOTES

ⁱ All figures in this section were published by UN OCHA and found at

<https://reliefweb.int/report/venezuela-bolivarian-republic/terremotos-en-venezuela-reporte-de-situacion-14-07-de-julio-de-2026-hora-0900-pm>

ⁱⁱ <https://reliefweb.int/report/venezuela-bolivarian-republic/earthquakes-venezuela-situation-report-13-06-july-2026-time-0800-pm>

ⁱⁱⁱ CESVI is implementing part of its emergency distributions in partnership with *Ayuda en Acción*, a fellow member of Alliance2015, a strategic alliance of European INGOs working together to deliver more effective responses to humanitarian crises.

^{iv} This section highlights key updates since Situation Report No. 2. Further information on CESVI's response capacities is available in the previous report, linked below.



SitRep #1
Venezuela Emergency
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SitRep #2
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