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CARACAS REGIONAL DELEGATION

THE ICRC'S ACTIVITIES IN VENEZUELA

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Upholding the humanitarian principles of neutrality, impartiality and independence, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) continues its work in Venezuela to alleviate the direct and indirect impact of armed violence on the lives of the most vulnerable. The ICRC implements a comprehensive, people-centred response, working in a fully transparent manner with the authorities and other civil society organizations and in collaboration with the Venezuelan Red Cross (VRC) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). This year, the ICRC will continue to consolidate and advance its humanitarian action to address the most pressing needs of communities affected by armed violence, including strengthening the capacities of health-care personnel, visiting people deprived of their liberty, restoring family links and improving health-care, forensic and community infrastructure.

HEALTH CARE FOR THOSE MOST AFFECTED BY ARMED VIOLENCE



89,716 people were seen at primary health-care centres supported by the ICRC. 40,847 people received emergency medical treatment at health centres supported by the ICRC.

543 people were treated for malaria, and 1,800 mosquito nets were handed out in El Callao in the Bolívar state.



84 tonnes of medical supplies were distributed to 9 hospitals and 10 primary health-care centres.

22 staff members at 3 schools in El Callao (Bolívar) attended group psychological support sessions.



598 health-care professionals were trained in advanced trauma care, basic life support, general preventive measures, COVID-19 protocols and other procedures.

8 health centres in Aragua, Miranda, Bolívar and Táchira received tools and support to improve essential water, sanitation and hygiene infrastructure and systems.



PRE-HOSPITAL CARE AND FIRST AID



2,671 patients received pre-hospital care.



Support was provided to 13 VRC branches, the VEN911 emergency service, the fire service, civil protection, the SIAMU comprehensive emergency medical care system and the Ángeles de las Vías volunteer paramedic service.



113 people were trained en la mejora del cuidado en atención prehospitalaria.

FORENSIC SCIENCE AND ENSURING RESPECT FOR THE DEAD



2,275 body bags and 92,393 items of medical, hygiene and other supplies for forensic purposes were provided to 19 forensic institutions.

203 forensic specialists, health-care workers and first responders received training on traceability, proper management and identification of the dead and services for families.



Note: the data provided were being verified at the time of writing (15/04/2022).

PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE



8,000 people received drinking water delivered by tanker.



1,886 people received 77,689 meals and micronutrients at 7 community kitchens.



23 people affected affected by armed violence received individual assistance to help them with access to basic services.



19 people received cooking utensils and personal hygiene items.



2,692 connectivity-related services (phone calls, Wi-Fi connections and battery charging) were provided, and 2,690 people on the move received advice at 13 points in different parts of Venezuela.



73 people received Red Cross Messages with news of their loved ones.



12 documents were successfully delivered to Venezuelans outside the country.



11 new tracing requests were accepted, and 8 people were successfully traced.

PEOPLE DEPRIVED OF THEIR LIBERTY



10,223 personal hygiene kits and soap were distributed to 8,681 people deprived of their liberty at 10 prisons.



274 prison staff members took part in dissemination sessions on the ICRC's mandate in detention matters.



7,807 people deprived of their liberty were visited at 11 places of detention.



103 Red Cross Messages were collected from detainees to be given to their families, and 73 messages were delivered to detainees.



6,999 people deprived of their liberty at 5 prisons received micronutrients and food supplements.



2 places of detention received support in the form of water purification tablets and water delivered by tanker.

COOPERATION WITH THE VRC



5 VRC branches and subcommittees received support to strengthen their humanitarian activities and ensure the well-being of their volunteers.



64 volunteers from 9 VRC branches received training in Safer Access and operational risk management.



40 volunteers at a VRC branch received agricultural training, tools and seeds to start a fruit and vegetable community garden.

PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL RULES ON THE USE OF FORCE AND INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW AMONG WEAPON BEARERS

50 officers from the Venezuelan national police attended seminars on domestic and international legislation governing the Use of Force in law enforcement operations, and **50 officers** from the Venezuelan armed forces in the state of La Guaira took part in a workshop on International Humanitarian Law and rules on the Use of Force.



“I didn't have a job; only my husband was working, and sometimes money was very tight. This has been a very valuable opportunity for me, a blessing for my whole family. It has really helped me overcome the obstacles I faced before in running my own business.”

Nohelis Hernández is one of 11 entrepreneurs in disadvantaged areas in San Félix (Bolívar) who have received support from the ICRC in the form of financing to develop their skills and business ventures, enabling them to restore their livelihood.