

CARACAS REGIONAL DELEGATION

THE ICRC'S ACTIVITIES IN VENEZUELA



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The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is continuing its humanitarian work in Venezuela, relieving the suffering of those most affected by the armed violence. We are upgrading health, forensic and community facilities, strengthening the capacity of health personnel, visiting people deprived of their liberty, restoring contact between family members and promoting compliance by weapon bearers with international standards regarding the use of force and other humanitarian standards. All this is only possible thanks to the humanitarian principles, of neutrality, impartiality and independence, as these enable the ICRC to operate rapidly and effectively, with complete openness towards authorities and communities. We cooperate with the Venezuelan Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

HEALTH SERVICES FOR THOSE MOST AFFECTED BY THE ARMED VIOLENCE



20,586 people received emergency medical care and **80,250 people** received primary health care in ICRC-supported centres.



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



496 medical staff received training in advanced trauma care, basic emergency care and other skills.



34 community leaders in Cota 905 Caracas, and San Félix, Bolívar received training sessions on mental health and psychosocial support.



76 families of people who have disappeared in Falcón State underwent psychological assessment.



70 sets of medical equipment were recovered and renovated and **46 sets of new equipment** were donated to 8 hospitals and 12 primary-health-care centres.



11 health centres received support enabling them to meet minimum standards regarding water, sanitation and infrastructure.



34 workers from 3 schools in El Callao, Bolívar, received group psychological support sessions.

FIRST AID AND PRE-HOSPITAL CARE



12 branches of the Venezuelan Red Cross, plus the VEN911 emergency service, firefighters, the civil defence, the SIAMU comprehensive emergency medical care system and the Ángeles de las Vías volunteer paramedic service all received support.



58 people received training aimed at ensuring improved pre-hospital care and treatment, and **72 people** received basic first-aid training.

FORENSICS – SHOWING RESPECT TO THE DEAD AND THEIR FAMILIES



1,850 body bags and 91,388 medical and hygiene items were delivered to 21 forensic facilities, and 1 mortuary received support that enabled the renovation of essential systems.



121 personnel from the SENAMECF, the public prosecutor's office and the CICPC took part in the third scientific session on good practice in the area of forensic identification and victim care.

Note: the data provided were being verified at the time of writing (12/07/2022).

PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE



19,939 people received one meal a day in 7 ICRC-supported canteens.



52 families in Zulia State received fishing equipment and supplies.



411 people affected by armed violence received individual assistance, to mitigate the effects of the violence on their access to basic services.



920 people in Aragua State affected by the armed violence received food packages.



48 young people received financial training to help them launch income-generating projects.



21 micro-entrepreneurs in Petare received seed capital so they could set up production units.

SEPARATED FAMILIES



3,836 connectivity-related services (calls, Wi-Fi connections, battery charging, etc.) were provided and 6,880 travellers received advice at 13 locations across Venezuela.



27 people received Red Cross messages containing news of family members.

PEOPLE DEPRIVED OF THEIR LIBERTY



12,523 personal hygiene kits and bars of soap were handed out at 10 prisons.



3,742 inmates of 2 prisons received micronutrients and dietary supplements.



7,873 inmates of 10 prisons received visits.



19 Red Cross messages were collected from detainees to give to their families and 19 messages from families were delivered to detainees.



8 donations of medicines, medical supplies and medical equipment were delivered to 5 prisons.



1,810 litres of water were distributed in 2 prisons.

COOPERATION WITH THE VENEZUELAN RED CROSS



19 branches and subcommittees the Venezuelan Red Cross received training in humanitarian activities and support for the well-being of their volunteers.



128 volunteers at 21 branches of the Venezuelan Red Cross received training in Safer Access, managing operational risks and safe driving. **78 volunteers** from 7 branches and subcommittees received training on Restoring Family Links.

PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ON THE USE OF FORCE, AND INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN STANDARDS



25 staff of the ombudsman's office and 20 from the public prosecutor's office and the judiciary took part in a seminar on international humanitarian law and other international and national legislation governing the use of force by personnel undertaking law-enforcement duties.



250 officers of the Venezuelan army and 80 from the Venezuelan national police, the CICPC and Guaira State Police attended seminars on national and international legislation governing the use of force in law-enforcement operations.