

THE ICRC'S ACTIVITIES IN VENEZUELA

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During the second quarter of 2021, the International Committee of The Red Cross (ICRC) continued to focus its efforts on providing a humanitarian response adapted to the most urgent needs of the population affected by armed violence in areas of Venezuela like Cota 905 in Caracas and La Victoria in Apure state. Through a multidisciplinary team of professionals in the areas of health, water and sanitation, economic security, forensics and protection, the organization works in collaboration with the Venezuelan Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, under the principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence.

PATIENTS, HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
AND HEALTH STRUCTURES

51 tonnes of medical supplies were provided to 12 hospitals and 11 outpatient facilities in Miranda, Bolívar, Táchira, Aragua, Apure, Delta Amacuro and Zulia.



7,525 people received emergency medical treatment.



96,445 consultations were provided at primary healthcare centres.



67 medical professionals were trained in advanced emergency trauma care.



3 health centres in Apure, Aragua and Bolívar received support to ensure that patients were able to receive care and that the minimum standards were met in terms of water, sanitation and hygiene.



975 people were treated for malaria, and **5,910 mosquito nets** were handed out in El Callao, Bolívar State.

FIRST AID AND PREHOSPITAL CARE



1,873 people received prehospital care.



33 people were trained in first aid and 77 received further training to improve prehospital care (basic life support, basic electrocardiograms, primary and secondary assessments).



Support was provided to 13 branches of the Venezuelan Red Cross, the VEN911 emergency service, the firefighters, the civil defence, the SIAMU comprehensive emergency medical care system and the Angeles de las Vías volunteer paramedic service.

VULNERABLE PEOPLE



4,223 people received 200,611 meals at 11 community kitchens supported by the ICRC.



18 people in Venezuela and 255 people in Aruba received monetary support to cover their basic needs.



237 Venezuelan migrants in Aruba received cash transfers to cover housing and education needs.

SEPARATED FAMILIES



4,994 connectivity-related services (calls, Wi-Fi connections, battery charging) were provided and 10,122 people received advice.



352 personas received services through the national hotline or by email: familiares.vzla@icrc.org.

RETURNEES, MIGRANTS AND DISPLACED PEOPLE



IN TÁCHIRA:

1,500 people received their share of monthly deliveries of 350,000 litres of water at the San Antonio bus station.



IN BOLÍVAR:

160 people each received personal hygiene kits.

PEOPLE DEPRIVED OF THEIR LIBERTY



6,342 people deprived of their liberty were visited in 8 detention centres.



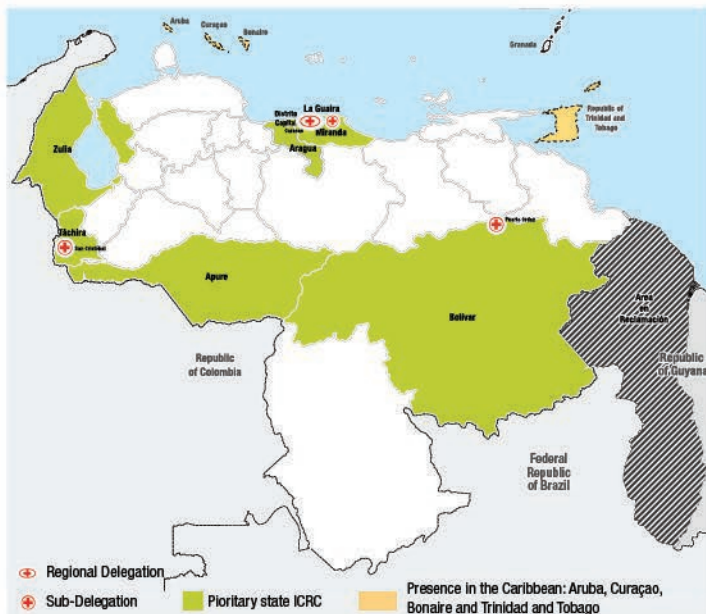
9,153 personal hygiene kits delivered in 8 detention centres.



88 Red Cross messages were collected from detainees to give to their families.



1,200 materials and tools were donated for the maintenance of infrastructure in 2 prisons.



FORENSIC SPECIALISTS AND FACILITIES



135 forensic officials and first responders received training on handling and identification of the deceased and care for their families.



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2,380 body bags, 46,083 PPE materials and 4,634 medical and hygiene supplies were delivered to 17 forensic institutions.

PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL NORMS ON THE USE OF FORCE



163 officers from the Bolivarian Police and National Guard, and the Corps of Scientific and Criminal Investigations participated in seminars on National and International Legislation regulating the Use of Force in law enforcement operations.



4 workshops with those responsible for Training from the National Experimental University of Security and the General Directorate of Human Rights of the MPPRIJP for the planning of training activities for police officers.

COOPERATION WITH THE VENEZUELAN RED CROSS



9 branches and subcommittees received financial support (e.g. for logistics, volunteer well-being).



192 volunteers from 13 branches received training in Safer Access, managing operational risks and safe conduct.

COVID-19 RESPONSE



80,889 units of medical material and 394,975 units of personal protection material delivered to health centres.



1,737 patients received respiratory triage services and **1,773 people** received prehospital care.



2,000 protective materials for cleaning and disinfection and more than 20,000 water purification tablets delivered to 2 prisons.



1,312 hygiene kits were distributed to COVID-19 patients and medical professionals in 5 hospitals and 11 outpatient facilities.



3,442 medical workers received training on preventive measures, use of personal protective equipment and COVID-19 protocols.



20 forensic and health institutions received advice for the care of deceased by COVID-19.



40,000 cleaning materials were donated to 2 hospitals and 10 outpatient facilities.



3 VRC sections financially supported (food, hydration and fuel) in the process of the National Vaccination Plan in support of the Ministry of Health.



The Covid-19 pandemic continues to present challenges, especially for those who have had to adapt to the new reality to continue working and bring sustenance to their homes. In conjunction with the Venezuelan Red Cross and its volunteers, in May, 11,000 prevention kits with masks and antibacterial gels were delivered to the most vulnerable population in popular areas of Caracas and Miranda state, such as La Cota 905 and Petare, as well as in stations of the Caracas subway. Also, on June 28, the Venezuelan Red Cross Society began its participation in the National Immunization Plan led by the Venezuelan authorities, through their volunteering and providing technical support in the vaccination centres arranged in 11 states of Venezuela, with the support of its partners of the International Red Cross and the Red Crescent Movement.