



ICVA's Support to the Venezuela Earthquake Response

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A GLOBAL NGO NETWORK
FOR PRINCIPLED AND EFFECTIVE
HUMANITARIAN ACTION

CRISIS OVERVIEW

On 24 June 2026, two major earthquakes (magnitude 7.2 and 7.5) struck north-central Venezuela within minutes of each other, with reports of more than 1,300 aftershocks. The earthquakes are amongst the deadliest and most economically devastating in the Americas in recent decades, surpassed only by the 2010 Haiti earthquake. The earthquakes compound an already severe and underfunded humanitarian crisis, with over 7.9 million people across the country in need of humanitarian support at the start of the year.

- Over 4,900 people have been killed and 16,740 injured, approximately 18,000 people displaced, and more than 6,462 people have been rescued.
- 190 buildings have collapsed and more than 850 structures sustained damage, including critical infrastructure such as hospitals, schools, and public services, straining already under-resourced basic services.
- Over 90 organisations, including UN agencies, INGOs, national and local NGOs, public institutions, and other actors, are currently responding across 11 sectors.

WHAT ICVA IS DOING

ICVA has been providing targeted support to the response with the actions below.

- Seconded a staff member to the Venezuela INGO Forum for four weeks reinforcing the Forum's coordination, advocacy and humanitarian diplomacy capacity.
- Amplifying the INGO Forum's advocacy on visas, customs, cash assistance, and coordination.
- Representing ICVA members at the IASC Emergency Directors Group and in IASC Principals discussions on the response.
- Supporting strategic donor engagement and advocacy by positioning humanitarian needs, operational priorities, and response challenges at the country, regional, and headquarters levels to sustain international attention and mobilise continued funding.
- Launched a dedicated community on [ICVA Network Connects](#) to share real-time updates and operational information with members and partners.

KEY MESSAGES

ACCESS

- The immediate authorisation of cash-based assistance as a critical modality to enable affected populations to meet their urgent needs with dignity, flexibility, and efficiency.
- An enabling operational environment must be ensured through timely arrangements for registration, staffing, procurement, logistics, visas for humanitarian personnel, and other essential administrative and operational processes, permitting NGOs to deliver humanitarian assistance effectively and at the scale required.

COORDINATION

- Coordination must be inclusive of local, national, and international actors and complement the efforts of authorities.
- Coordination mechanisms must be fit for purpose and ensure the meaningful participation of local and national actors in information sharing and decision-making processes.
- The response must recognise and build on Venezuela's established local capacities and localisation progress.

FUNDING

- New funding must be additional and flexible, so it does not divert from pre-existing humanitarian programmes.
- Donors must provide direct, flexible, and predictable funding for national and local organisations, recognising their established presence, contextual knowledge, operational capacity, and proven track record of delivering principled and accountable humanitarian assistance.

About ICVA. ICVA is a global network of over 200 NGOs working across forced displacement, humanitarian coordination, and humanitarian financing, engaging with UN agencies, donor governments, member states, and NGOs worldwide to advance principled and effective humanitarian action.