



Thanks to all who, from abroad and within Venezuela, have made possible the mobilization of aid through the Acción Solidaria's and Codevida's Humanitarian Action Program. We are aware that the necessary response, in dimension and scope, is the responsibility of the Venezuelan State, but all of you, along with our staff and volunteers, have provided health and life and given hope to thousands of people

## Programa de Acción Humanitaria

**38 TONS OF AID WERE SENT FROM 32 CITIES IN 16 COUNTRIES BETWEEN JUNE 2016 AND OCTOBER 2017**

Until October 2017, aid has arrived from North, Central and South America: Montreal and Toronto, in Canada; Dallas, Fort Lauderdale, Houston, Memphis, Miami, Orlando, Portland and San Diego, in the United States; Mexico City and Monterrey, in Mexico; Bogotá, Colombia; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Guatemala City, Guatemala; Panama City, Panama; San José, Costa Rica; and Santiago, Chile.

From Western Europe, donations continue to arrive from Amsterdam, Holland; Barcelona, Madrid, Malaga, Santa Cruz de Tenerife and Valencia, in Spain; Berlin, Hamburg, Hannover and Munich, in Germany; Copenhagen, Denmark; Paris, France; Prague, Czech Republic; and Rome, Italy.

For the arrival of aid, the work of committed individuals and organizations, through continuous collection activities in the different cities, remains fundamental. In Madrid, the **Program "A Medicine for Venezuela"** (*Una medicina para Venezuela*), of the organization **ASEVED**, has been responsible for carrying out various activities for the collection of up to 10 tons of medicines and supplies. In the city of Miami, **Action for Solidarity**, the **Humanitarian Aid Program for Venezuela** and **Humanitarian Action for Venezuela**, together with the **Venezuelan American Medical Association (VAMA)**, have established a joint cooperation mechanism, which has also meant important volumes of aid in medicines, medical supplies, food and other items. The European chapters of the **Humanitarian Aid Program for Venezuela** have been responsible for mobilizing aid from different countries in Western Europe. **Venezuela Global**, a program of **Un Mundo sin Mordaza**, has also carried out collection activities in North American and European cities. Aid collected was sent to Venezuela through so-called "door-to-door services" or through **Alas Solidarias**, the corporate social responsibility program of **Santa Bárbara Airlines**.



In the case of Central and South America, funds have been collected and sent to **Action for Solidarity**, and shipments of medicines and food have been sent in smaller volumes, because there are no "door-to-door services" that can transport larger loads. This support has been generous and meaningful.



In October, the first shipment of 272Kgs from the global humanitarian organization **Direct Relief** was received. Significant quantities of different types of medicines, all of them for chronic health conditions, allow the program to keep a significant number of people in treatment for periods ranging from 3 to 6 months.

Also in October we made requests for medical supplies and minor equipment to the **Brother's Brother Foundation**, specialized in that area, for 3 public

hospitals: Dr. José Ignacio Baldó (known as *El Algodonal*), Dr. Ricardo Baquero González (known as *Periférico de Catia*) and the Dr. Pastor Oropeza Riera Hospital (known as *Pastor Oropeza*), in Barquisimeto, Lara state.

We have channeled the offers of large-scale assistance to the Emergency and Humanitarian Aid Unit of the Pan American Health Organization, an institution with the skills to manage it and supervise its distribution through the Venezuelan public health sector, which, despite its notorious and continuous deterioration, still has the means to distribute aid broadly. This is a slow process, given complex internal regulations for the mobilization of medicines and medical supplies.

#### **NETWORK OF 48 ALLIES FOR THE MOBILIZATION OF HUMANITARIAN AID**

**17 Public entities benefited** - We added a new public entity in October to the list of public beneficiaries, for a total of 17: Miranda State's Grandparents; Leopoldo Aguerrevere Ambulatory; *El Peñón* Mental Health Center; Center of Immunology and Rheumatology of San Bernardino; Corposalud Miranda; School of Nursing, Vargas School of Medicine and Institute of Tropical Medicine, of the Venezuelan Central University; Military Hospital Dr. Carlos Arvelo; hospitals *Magallanes de Catia*, *El Algodonal*, J.M. de Los Ríos (Children Hospital), J.M. Vargas, Pérez Carreño, Pérez de León and Universitario, in Caracas; and Rafael González Plaza Hospital, in Valencia, Carabobo state.

**26 Civil society organizations as part of the Humanitarian Aid Network** - In the last quarter, together with CODEVIDA, we added 10 new organizations to the network of allies for the distribution of aid, for a total of 26: ANCIVE, Venezuelan National Association of the Blind; AVEPEII, Venezuelan Association of Patients with Intestinal Inflammation; AVESOC, Venezuelan Association of Christian Health Services; CANIA, Child Nutritional Service Center of Antímamo; El Naranjal Community; CONVITE AC; CUMIS 2017, Multidisciplinary University Research and Services Camp; Diocese of Los Teques; Dispensary Colegio Corazón de María; Funcamama, Foundation for the fight against breast cancer; Hepatitis C Foundation; Leukemia Foundation; Family Medicine Foundation; Foundation of the JM Hospital of Los Ríos Hospital; Fundana, Foundation of Assistance to Children in Need of Help; FundaProcura, Foundation Pro Cure of Paralysis; FUPEM, Foundation of Patients with Multiple Sclerosis; Guerreros Azules, Assistance Group for Children with Diabetes; Rescue Group Caracas; Gumilla Barquisimeto; ONTV, Venezuelan National Transplant Organization; San Alberto Hurtado Parish; *Prepara Familia*, children aid; RedSoc, Network of Social Development Organizations; SenosAyuda, for women with breast cancer; and the Venezuelan Society of Palliative Medicine.

**Support for 5 indigenous peoples** – Although to date we have sent medicines to 25 indigenous communities, we maintain a regular cooperation relationship with organizations that serve 5 indigenous peoples. In addition to shipments for the Warao population of the Orinoco River Delta, carried out by students of the Vargas School of the UCV, we are working directly with indigenous organizations that provide health services in the states of Monagas and Sucre (Chaima), in the state of Amazonas (Piaroa), and in the state of Zulia, through the Human Rights Commission of the Guajira (Wayúu).

## **22,893 DONATIONS OF MEDICINES AND 17,725 UNITS OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES, FOOD AND OTHER ARTICLES**

**12,226 direct donations of medicines and 10,667 through partner organizations** - To date, the program has made 10,602 direct donations of medicines (from 2 to 5 medicines per donation) for various types of health conditions, as well as 1,624 of antiretrovirals (from 3 to 5 per donation). These donations continue to be made through the National Helpline, Acción Solidaria's telephone service, through which applications are registered. The increase in calls and donations implies a significant challenge for the organization, since in the last quarter it was significant: 1,278 deliveries in August, 1,748 in September and 2,151 in October. Four people attend, each, an average of 30 calls per day, which can last up to 10 minutes, because each call can involve the request for medicines for up to 3 people in a family. We also have space limitations, which is why we are focusing efforts on the distribution of medicines and other supplies through the partner organizations.



The 48 partner organizations and institutions have allowed us to mobilize **17,725 units of supplies, food and other items, such as diapers, soaps, toothbrushes and clothes**. It is important to note that the units registered may involve boxes, which in turn contain significant quantities of products.

**Registration of aid entries:** between May 2016 and October 2017 we received a total of 1,668 boxes of medicines, supplies, food and other products (diapers, clothing, sheets), with a total weight of approximately 38,000Kgs (38 tons).

### **Promotion and defense of human rights and international litigation**

The human rights component of the Humanitarian Action Program was strengthened by the granting of a precautionary measure by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) in favor of a man with hemophilia, whose health and life have been at risk due to lack of access to the coagulation factor that allowed him to maintain a good quality of life. Of 24 monthly units prescribed by his doctor, he was only receiving 3. This measure of the IACHR, historic in Venezuela because it is the first person not deprived of liberty and with a chronic health condition to which it is granted, has encouraged other people affected by the critical situation of the health sector, to document and report their cases.

Previously, on February 21, 2017, a petition of protection (“amparo”) for the man with hemophilia had been filed at the Venezuelan Supreme Court of Justice (SCJ), which, until October 31, had not been responded. Two months later, on April 21, 2017, the request for a precautionary measure of protection was introduced before the IACHR.

Upon returning to his place of residence in the state of Bolívar, the beneficiary was summoned by the local health authority of the Social Security Institute, which began to allocate 5 units per week of the coagulation factor. This was a direct result of the granting of MC 309-17 and public disclosure through a press conference.

From the preparation and legal accompaniment in defense of the of the man with hemophilia’s right to health and personal integrity, and the request of other people affected to receive accompaniment to report their own cases, information material was prepared and various groups have been convened to offer advice for legal actions. Several organizations in the field of HIV/aids, as well as of people with organ transplants, are among the first to advance in this process.

Informative materials and capacity building on the contents of the right to health and its connection with the enjoyment and exercise of other of human rights are essential for the effective enjoyment of the "highest level of physical and mental well-being".



Ley para la promoción y protección del derecho a la igualdad de las personas con **VIH/sida**

<p>El OBJETO de la Ley es la promoción y protección del derecho a la igualdad y no discriminación de todas las personas con VIH/sida, así como a sus familiares (Art. 1).</p>	<p>PROHIBE actos de discriminación cometidos por cualquier persona. Habrá responsabilidad individual, civil, administrativa, disciplinaria y penal para quienes infrinjan la ley (Art. 12 y 38).</p>	<p>Incluye el TRATO DIGNO humano y respetuoso, en las relaciones personales y en la atención de los servicios prestados por el sector público o privado (Art. 8).</p>	<p>Garantiza el derecho a la CONFIDENCIALIDAD y vida privada (Art. 9).</p>
<p>Reivindica la IGUALDAD de las relaciones familiares (Art. 14) y el ejercicio de la patria Potestad (Art. 15).</p>	<p>Reconoce el derecho a la SALUD como parte del derecho a la vida (Art. 19), y por tanto el personal de salud no puede negarse a prestar el servicio de salud ni promover o permitir actos discriminatorios (Art. 20).</p>	<p>NINGUNA aseguradora puede negarse a celebrar contratos o establecer primas extraordinarias a las personas con VIH/sida solo por esta razón (Art. 21). Lo mismo aplica para los contratos mercantiles (Art. 34).</p>	<p>PROHIBE la realización de pruebas diagnósticas para el VIH y establocitas como requisito de ingreso, ascenso y permanencia en el empleo (Art. 24).</p>
<p>Tener VIH/sida no puede ser considerado como una causa justificada para terminar una relación de TRABAJO (Art. 26).</p>	<p>Actos de discriminación recibirán MULTAS que van desde 10 hasta 1000 unidades tributarias, o trabajo comunitario (Art. 37).</p>	<p>Las personas afectadas tienen derecho a la atención LEGAL y asistencia jurídica por parte de la Defensoría del Pueblo, el Ministerio Público y la Defensoría Pública (Art. 38).</p>	<p>En caso de VULNERACIÓN a estos derechos, se puede interponer un recurso de Amparo Constitucional (Art. 39) o acudir a los Tribunales de Municipio sin lo Concursado Administrativo (Art. 37).</p>

¿Tienes alguna duda? Comunícate con nosotros!  
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- Alimentación completa y balanceada
- Una vivienda digna que reúna condiciones sanitarias
- Acceso a una educación gratuita y adecuada
- Acceso al descanso, recreación, deporte, vida cultural, entre otros
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