



Venezuela Earthquakes

Situation Report #7

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Project HOPE continues expanding its earthquake response across northern Venezuela, adapting operations to meet evolving health and humanitarian needs while reducing the risk of secondary public health emergencies. Over the past several days, Project HOPE expanded services into a new community in La Guaira, continued scaling mobile medical services, and provided more than 1,300 additional primary healthcare consultations, despite severe weather temporarily disrupting operations in some locations. Disease surveillance; water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH); and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) remain central priorities as displaced families continue to face difficult living conditions.

Situation Overview

Humanitarian needs remain significant as recovery efforts continue across northern Venezuela. The official death toll has risen to nearly 4,500 people while more than 17,000 remain displaced or without permanent housing. Humanitarian partners have continued debris removal, structural assessments, and restoration of essential services. Shelters — including both official and unofficial makeshift shelters — remain crowded and limited access to sanitation facilities persist. Coupled with intermittent rainfall and remaining debris, there continues to be a heightened risk of communicable disease transmission.

Key Impact

- 7,600+ people provided with health services and humanitarian assistance
- 3,600+ individuals provided with health care consultations
- 100+ people provided with psychological first aid
- 1,754 individual and family hygiene kits delivered to 4,600+ people
- 85 mattresses delivered to two shelter camps

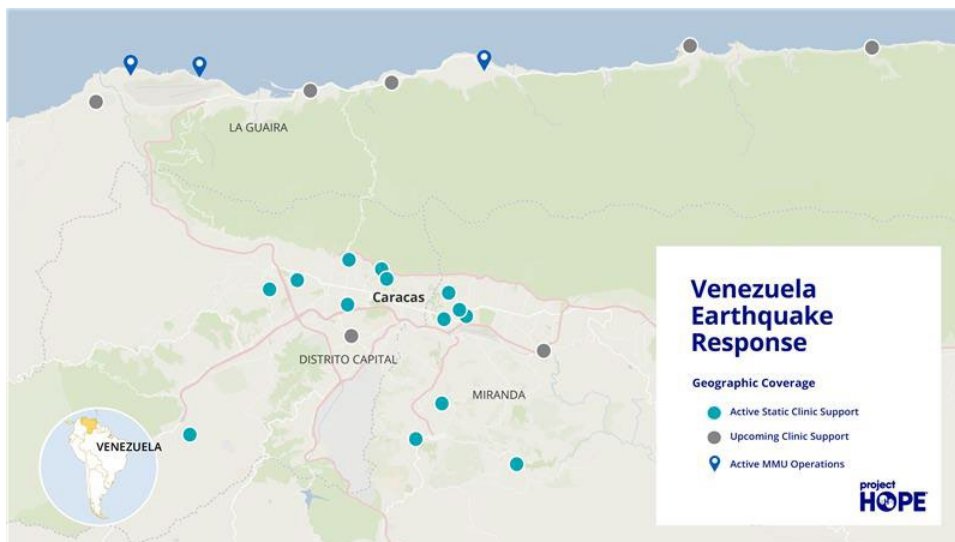
Project HOPE's clinical teams continue treating large numbers of patients presenting with upper respiratory infections, viral syndromes, diarrheal disease, dehydration, and skin infections. Teams are also managing chronic conditions including diabetes, hypertension, asthma, and eye conditions, and continuing to provide maternal health services via pregnancy evaluations and obstetric ultrasounds. Mental health needs remain high as survivors continue coping with displacement and uncertainty.

Project HOPE's Response and Local Insights

Project HOPE continues delivering integrated health, WASH, and protection services while adapting operations to changing conditions on the ground. During the reporting period, the team successfully expanded services into Mare Abajo in La Guaira, increasing access to healthcare for additional earthquake-affected communities.

Heavy rainfall and strong winds temporarily affected operations on July 11, requiring mobile medical units in La Guaira to reduce activities to partial services. Despite these challenges, teams resumed full operations and provided more than 1,000 primary healthcare consultations over the weekend.

Project HOPE continues coordinating closely with national authorities, PAHO, UN agencies, and humanitarian partners to identify emerging health risks and ensure assistance reaches communities with the greatest needs while avoiding duplication of efforts.



To date, more than 7,000 individuals have benefited from Project HOPE's health, WASH, and protection activities. As humanitarian needs evolve in the weeks ahead, Project HOPE will continue prioritizing disease surveillance and the rapid deployment of essential health and WASH supplies to mitigate the risk of outbreaks and other secondary health impacts, while adapting activities based on field assessments and feedback from affected communities.

Health

- Project HOPE continues operating **four mobile medical units** while supporting **13 primary health centers** across earthquake-affected communities.
- Teams conducted **1,326 additional primary healthcare consultations** during the reporting period, including weekend activities.

- The most common conditions treated include upper respiratory infections, viral syndromes, diarrheal disease, dehydration, skin and soft tissue infections, diabetes, hypertension, asthma, headaches, and other chronic health conditions.
- Clinical teams continue providing maternal health services, including pregnancy evaluations and obstetric ultrasounds, while maintaining disease surveillance for potential infectious disease outbreaks.

Mental Health & Psychosocial Support

- Project HOPE provided **28 additional psychological first aid sessions**—both in person and via telephone—across the three supported states during the reporting period, expanding ongoing mental health support for survivors and frontline responders.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Support

- Project HOPE distributed **284 additional hygiene kits** during the reporting period while continuing hygiene promotion and community outreach activities.
- WASH programming remains focused on reducing the risk of communicable disease transmission in displacement sites through hygiene education, distribution of essential supplies, and support for communities with limited access to sanitation services.

Project HOPE has worked in Venezuela since 2019, strengthening access to health services, medicines, and health education, while supporting local health workers and community-based responses to humanitarian needs. Project HOPE has a team of over 100 in the country, and additional Project HOPE emergency response team members have mobilized to support the most urgent needs.

Project HOPE has responded to multiple earthquakes in recent years, including the 2025 Myanmar earthquake, the 2023 Türkiye-Syria earthquakes, the 2023 Morocco earthquake, the 2022 West Java earthquake, and the 2021 Haiti earthquake.