



Venezuela Earthquakes

Situation Report #9

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Project HOPE continues to provide integrated health, protection, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services across earthquake-affected communities in northern Venezuela. Our mobile medical unit teams are providing primary and maternal healthcare services, referrals, and essential medicines to patients in displacement sites and underserved communities. Project HOPE has provided over 15,000 primary health consultations and continues to expand mental health and WASH support.

Situation Overview

Communities affected by the earthquakes are facing significant health and humanitarian needs as recovery continues and families attempt to establish a new normal. Temporary shelter arrangements are continuing to evolve, including the closure of the Playa Grande camp, while controlled demolitions and debris-removal activities are proceeding in some heavily affected areas following structural assessments. Displaced families and affected communities continue to face uncertainty and require access to healthcare, essential medicines, safe water, sanitation, hygiene supplies, and protection services while recovery and reconstruction efforts move forward.

Project HOPE continues to see patients with both acute and chronic health needs that would likely go untreated if not for mobile medical units (MMUs). The loss of

Key Impact

- Project HOPE is operating **mobile medical units** and **supporting health facilities**, improving access to integrated health services in earthquake-affected communities.
- Project HOPE has provided **more than 15,000 primary health consultations** since the beginning of the response.
- The team has provided over **330** people with **psychological first aid** since the response began.
- Project HOPE has distributed more than **8,400 hygiene kits** to individuals and families in the most affected communities.
- Project HOPE has expanded WASH support, distributing **nearly 500 water filters**, hygiene supplies, and community messaging in affected areas.

livelihoods, displacement, the high cost of healthcare, and the chaos of earthquake recovery are all barriers to access for those in the affected area. At Project HOPE's MMUs, health workers have identified deep health, mental health, and WASH needs.

Project HOPE's Response and Local Insights

Project HOPE continues to provide integrated health, protection, and WASH services across earthquake-affected communities, coordinating with national authorities, PAHO, UN agencies, and humanitarian partners to ensure assistance reaches those with the greatest needs.



“This emergency is just beginning. Health needs have shifted over the past month, but we must stay present, move into a stabilization phase, and prepare for the future reconstruction of the health system.”

— Carolina De Jesús, Project HOPE Country Lead in Venezuela

Health

- **Project HOPE is operating MMU teams** at displacement sites and in affected communities across Distrito Capital, La Guaira, and Miranda, adapting service locations as needs and temporary shelter arrangements evolve.
 - MMU teams provide essential primary health and maternal health services, give referrals, and prescribe essential medicines.
 - The **most frequently treated conditions** continue at Project HOPE's MMUs include acute viral syndromes; respiratory conditions, including lower respiratory tract infections and allergic rhinitis; dermatological and musculoskeletal conditions; high blood pressure; mild dehydration; and gastrointestinal illnesses, including diarrhea.
- Project HOPE's response has **integrated support to nine primary health facilities and three hospitals**. The support provided to these sites includes the distribution of essential medical supplies, pharmaceuticals, minor WASH repairs, and community outreach activities.
- Through mobile and facility-based activities, Project HOPE has conducted **more than 15,976 primary health consultations** since the response began which include the prescription and distribution of medications and treatments on-site based on diagnosis.

Mental Health & Psychosocial Support

- **Project HOPE continues to provide psychological first aid** for displaced families and other affected community members, helping people in crisis stabilize and cope with acute stress, shock, and grief.

- The team is providing psychological first aid sessions, both in person and by telephone, across the three supported states. To date, the team has provided more than **330 psychological first aid sessions**.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Support

- **Project HOPE continues to conduct activities that improve access to safe water** and reduce the risk of infectious diseases in affected communities.
- Project HOPE recently distributed an additional **1,473 personal hygiene kits**. To date, the team has distributed more than **7,833 individual and family hygiene kits** and **584 menstrual hygiene and dignity kits** since the response began.
- Our teams also distributed an additional 199 Sawyer water filters to help families access safer water, with nearly **500 water filters distributed to date**.
- WASH distributions were accompanied by **key messaging on hygiene promotion**, kit contents, the responsible use of supplies, and Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) feedback channels.
- Project HOPE completed its **assessment of WASH infrastructure and necessary WASH repairs** at supported healthcare facilities.
- The team also cleaned and chlorinated a **water tank** at the transitory camp at the Caraballeda Golf Course, an activity estimated to benefit 286 people displaced by the earthquake.

Project HOPE has worked in Venezuela since 2019, strengthening access to healthcare, medicines, health education, and both supporting local health workers and community-based responses to humanitarian needs. Our team in Venezuela continues to coordinate closely with national and international partners to support recovery efforts following the earthquakes.

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.

“The earthquakes affected a health system already struggling with pre-existing vulnerabilities.

Doctors and nurses are working tirelessly, but without adequate electricity, running water, or essential medicines, treating routine illness and acute trauma will continue to be a challenge.”

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