

# VENEZUELA



Bolívar State, Venezuela, October 2023

Escuela Técnica Agropecuaria Maurak students participate in the project "RECONOCER: Resilience and Reunion to Promote the Educational Reintegration of Adolescents and Young People and Strengthen Life Skills. Implemented by TECHO with the support of the Venezuela Humanitarian Fund.

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**5.1  
MILLION  
TARGET  
POPULATION**



**\$617  
MILLION  
FINANCIAL  
REQUIREMENTS**

## TARGET POPULATION



56% WOMEN  
44% MEN  
9% ELDERLY

24% GIRLS  
22% BOYS

## PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



12% OF TARGET POPULATION  
(6.7% FEMALE)

## ORGANISATIONS AND PROJECTS



94 ORGANISATIONS  
128 PROJECTS

## GEOGRAPHIC APPROACH



NEEDS-BASED TARGETING IN  
THE PRIORITISED STATES

## EXTENSION OF THE HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN 2024–2025

### PLAN SCOPE

The extension of the Humanitarian Response Plan 2024–2025 presents the strategic lines of work of the United Nations System and its partners to ensure a prioritised response based on humanitarian principles and the provision of essential services and social protection for the most vulnerable. The organisations are committed to working in a coordinated, inclusive, and complementary manner, putting people at the centre of the response.

In 2024, we will continue multisectoral activities in the following strategic areas: health, food security, nutrition, protection risks, human mobility, emergency preparedness

and response, and provision and access to essential services, including education.

The extension of the Humanitarian Response Plan will be implemented at the municipal level to strengthen partners' operational presence and cooperate more efficiently with State authorities.

A comprehensive approach will be promoted under a humanitarian-development nexus approach to guarantee the impact and sustainability of actions, gender equality, the centrality of protection, and localisation.

### OBJECTIVES

- 1 Contribute to the well-being of the prioritised population by age group, gender, and diversity through a multisectoral humanitarian response and from a rights-based approach**
  - 1.1** Reduce the vulnerability of prioritised population to mortality and morbidity risks from communicable, non-communicable, and mental health diseases by improving their access to essential health goods and services, safe water and sanitation, food, protection, and psychosocial support and ensuring decent living conditions, integrating gender, age, and diversity approaches.
  - 1.2** Strengthen institutional and community mechanisms to prevent and mitigate the protection risks of prioritised population, in accordance with humanitarian principles and respect for human rights.
- 2 Reduce vulnerability and strengthen recovery capacities and resilience of prioritised population by age group, gender, and diversity**
  - 2.1** Reinforce the food security of the most vulnerable people, improving their access to food and supporting the restoration, maintenance, and protection of livelihoods through gender, age, and diversity approaches.
  - 2.2** Improve equitable and continuous access to essential goods and services of water and sanitation, education, electricity, alternative energy sources, and temporary shelter, as well as access to the required legal documentation for the most vulnerable populations, with the necessary quantity and quality, considering gender, age, and diversity approaches.
  - 2.3** Strengthen institutional and community capacities to prevent, mitigate, and respond to adverse events of natural or anthropogenic origin.
- 3 Strengthen institutional and community mechanisms to prevent and mitigate the protection risks of prioritised population, in accordance with humanitarian principles and respect for human rights**
  - 3.1** Prevent and mitigate protection risks faced by the prioritised population and guarantee effective access to rights..
  - 3.2** Prevent and mitigate risks associated with gender-based violence with an emphasis on sexual exploitation and abuse..
  - 3.3** Prevent and mitigate violence, abuse, neglect, and exploitation of children and adolescents.

# KEY FIGURES 2024



Financial requirements



Target population



Organisations\*



Projects\*

CLUSTER	FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS	TARGET POPULATION	ORGANISATIONS	PROJECTS
Food security	162.2M	2.0M	44	49
Health	137.4M	3.5M	36	38
Protection	89.4M	1.9M	61	68
General protection	32.4M	1.1M	61	52
Child protection	28.5M	0.4M	49	52
Gender-based violence	28.5M	0.4M	47	48
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	87.6M	3.0M	41	40
Education	59.8M	1.2M	43	40
Shelter, Energy and Goods	48.1M	1.2M	24	23
Nutrition	25.0M	0.6M	16	15
Logistics and Coordination	7.5M		10	7

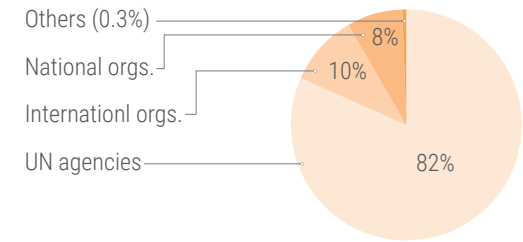
## VULNERABLE POPULATION GROUPS

### VULNERABILITY INDICATORS

- Children
- People with disabilities
- Adolescents and young people
- People with disabilities
- Elderly
- People that are  
• refugees from other countries  
• on the move  
• returning to Venezuela
- Women
- LGBTIQ+ people

- People in rural/isolated areas, areas affected by or at risk from natural, man-made and/or technological disasters
- People without documentation
- People with communicable and non-communicable diseases with lack of access to medicines and health interventions, including people with HIV/TB
- Food insecurity or malnutrition situation
- Extreme socio-economic vulnerability and limited access to essential services
- People on the move
- Pregnant teenagers

## FUNDING BY TYPE OF ORGANISATION



## OPERATIONAL CAPACITY AND ACCESS

During 2023, around 155 partner organisations of the Humanitarian Country Team implemented coordinated actions as part of the Response Plan, reinforcing operations at the territorial level in the targeted states, particularly in the municipalities with the greatest needs.

The Humanitarian Response Plan 2024 builds on the experience accumulated over the last four years of work and the close coordination with State institutions at all levels. Since 2023, Technical Working Groups have been consolidating sectoral coordination with institutions with specific powers and mandates in strategic areas such as health, education, social protection, food security, and risk management. This plan will strengthen coordination at the local level and dialogue with authorities to reach more people in hard-to-reach areas.

Through the Humanitarian Country Team Access Strategy, we aim to maintain and increase the operational presence of partners, strengthening relationships with national, state, municipal, and community authorities, as well as the same populations and organisations of women, indigenous peoples, and community leaders. Additionally, a joint analysis of existing challenges for community action and search for solutions will be promoted.

\* includes organisations and projects of the Venezuelan Humanitarian Fund.

Ensuring an inclusive and quality humanitarian response involves **mainstreaming cross-cutting issues by the Humanitarian Country Team and all humanitarian organisations.**

The articulation and synergy between the following work priorities will be strengthened:



Apure State, Venezuela, 2023

This weaver from the La Macanilla indigenous community, Pedro Camejo municipality, is part of a capacity-building and livelihood promotion for women weavers. Project implemented by Tinta Violeta NGO with the support of the Venezuela Humanitarian Fund. Photo: Tinta Violeta/Maureen Riveros

## CENTRALITY OF PROTECTION

The strategy to ensure the centrality of protection in any humanitarian action will seek to prevent, mitigate, and respond to all forms of gender-based violence, human trafficking, and risks faced by the most vulnerable groups, especially people on the move. The entire multisectoral and coordinated humanitarian response will incorporate protection principles, have an inclusive approach, considering the gender, age, and diversity of affected groups, and will be coordinated with relevant institutions.

The activities under the Humanitarian Response Plan will continue to promote safe, equal, and non-discriminatory access to essential services provided by organisations while implementing accountability, participation, and empowerment activities for the affected population (considering gender, age, and diversity).

## ACCOUNTABILITY TO AFFECTED COMMUNITIES (AAP)

The AAP Working Group, in collaboration with the Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Network and the Gender Equality Network, will focus its efforts on establishing minimum standards to promote community participation. Approaches to gender, age, diversity, and the centrality of PSEA will be integrated to ensure an inclusive response adapted to the needs of the people participating in the programs and projects.

Additionally, partner capacities will continue to be built to introduce the AAP approach in all phases of the humanitarian programming cycle, especially in communication with communities and feedback, by developing a standard toolkit to guide decision-making at the programmatic level and facilitate adaptation and improvement of the response.

The Interagency Contact Line will continue to be strengthened as a collective and complementary community feedback mechanism, integrating the gender and diversity approach to increase the effectiveness of the humanitarian response.

## PROTECTION FROM SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE (PSEA)

The interagency work on PSEA will focus on deepening the analysis of risks of sexual exploitation and abuse, especially in the territories where the coordinated humanitarian response is concentrated. It

will devise a strategy to protect the population; promote more and better spaces for community awareness differentiated by age, gender, ethnicity, and disability groups; encourage the adaptation of the organisations' reporting channels toward more inclusive and accessible forms for indigenous peoples, people with disabilities, and children; consolidate the implementation of the Interagency SEA Reporting Protocol, and expand the knowledge of national organisations in the application of basic PSEA standards.

## HUMANITARIAN AND DEVELOPMENT NEXUS

The Humanitarian Response Plan will reinforce the complementarity between the actions of the humanitarian response and those defined in the Cooperation Framework for Sustainable Development to promote medium and long-term solutions that address the structural causes of poverty and difficulties in accessing goods and services. It will also strengthen the resilience of communities and local systems, especially in vulnerable areas, through livelihood-generating opportunities.

Strategically, multisectoral actions that improve conditions in sectors such as health and education will be promoted, building the capacity to provide essential services. This will ensure actions for long-term development in Venezuela, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals.

## GENDER EQUALITY

The Humanitarian Response Plan will promote gender equality in its strategies, financing, and programming. Each cluster will ensure gender incorporation in all initiatives, processes, and tools, including gender indicators, while building the capacities of its partners. The Gender Equality Network will provide support in the implementation of this plan, focusing on five areas:

1. Advice and technical support to promote gender transformative programming.
2. Gender integration in the project cycle through training, toolboxes, and exchanges of experiences.
3. Incidence actions for decision-making and financing.
4. Localisation actions to promote the capacity-building of local organisations led by women and LGBTIQ+ people.
5. Gender actions in the Accountability Framework to promote gender integration in feedback and complaints mechanisms



# PROGRAM PRIORITIES PER CLUSTER

## FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

**Financial requirements** \$162.2M | **Target population** 2.0M (55% women, 60% children) | **Organisations** 44 | **Projects** 49

The FSL Cluster and its partners will provide immediate food assistance and support for short-term production activities to facilitate access to food for the most vulnerable, ensuring gender, age, and diversity approaches. They will promote adequate nutrition for the most vulnerable children, adolescents, and women to help ensure their comprehensive well-being.

The Cluster will also contribute to restoring, maintaining, rehabilitating, protecting, and promoting livelihoods. It will improve the resilience of homes and communities with humanitarian needs or affected by natural disasters through protection activities or the creation of production assets and basic infrastructure with an ethnic and gender focus without affecting customs or habitat.

It will further strengthen the nexus between humanitarian and development activities and incorporate activities that support the prevention and risk reduction for sudden-onset emergencies. The configuration and duration of interventions will be adapted with an operational approach to respond to current acute needs while ensuring self-sufficiency and sustainability of results.

## WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

**Financial requirements** \$87.6M | **Target population** 3.0M (52% women, 37% children) | **Organisations** 41 | **Projects** 40

The WASH Cluster will continue to support the country's institutions in improving access to essential services and hygiene practices in health facilities, schools, learning centres, and protection centres, as well as access to essential services in homes and communities that are most vulnerable. Actions to address climate change with resilient water supply and sanitation systems will also be promoted.

The following aspects will be reinforced: 1) capacities of the staff of recipient institutions and organisations, 2) existing WASH community structures, and 3) IPC Committees in health centres to reduce infections. In parallel, work will be done on hospital waste management and on focusing on building the capacities of the relevant personnel in coordination with the Health Cluster.

To improve the technical quality of collective response, the cluster will address cross-cutting themes that support and complement the Accountability Framework for Affected Populations and the Gender Roadmap. WASH actions will seek a technical reorientation focusing on the humanitarian-development nexus and specific efforts on localisation and sustainability of the response.

## HEALTH

**Financial requirements** \$137.4M | **Target population** 3.5M (60% women, 29% children) | **Organisations** 36 | **Projects** 38

The Health Cluster will prioritise primary health care by strengthening health facilities and integrated service networks, reinforcing the operational capacity of hospitals, increasing the availability of supplies, medicine, and medical equipment, and doing infection prevention and control (IPC) activities. It will also support the quality of services, build human resources and information management capacities, and promote emergency response preparedness.

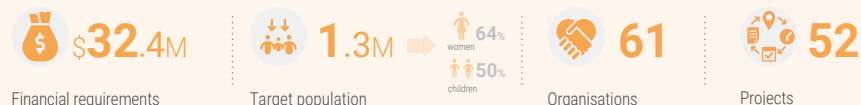
In a complementary manner, it will focus its response on providing essential mental health and psychosocial support services (MHPSS), health services for women, children, and adolescents, immunisation, sexual and reproductive health, and services for communicable and non-communicable diseases. Thus, the pressing needs of the most vulnerable people will be met, particularly indigenous peoples, LGBTIQ+ people, pregnant women, and children and adolescents.

The logical framework of the Health Cluster will incorporate a gender approach and harmonise its actions with the strategic priorities of the other sectors.



**Bolivar State, Venezuela, October 2023**  
 A child receives care from a specialist at the Consultorio Popular Type I in the indigenous community of Marak, where IOM works through its community health promoters.  
 Photo: OCHA / Jennifer Moreno

## PROTECTION



The Protection Cluster will continue to strengthen comprehensive and specialised services for the protection of vulnerable people, such as people on the move, returnees, people with disabilities, children and adolescents, women, indigenous peoples, and LGBTIQ+ people. Services will include psychosocial support, legal advice, case management, referral to safe accommodation, training and entrepreneurship, and access to documentation with differentiated age, gender, and diversity approaches.

The Cluster will promote community strengthening through peaceful coexistence, women's empowerment, human rights promotion, protection and inclusion guidance, and gender and diversity training. It will continue coordinating with state institutions and humanitarian actors to build their capacities and respond to protection needs effectively.

### CHILD PROTECTION



The Child Protection AoR will promote actions aimed at preventing and responding to violence, abuse, exploitation, and neglect against children and adolescents. The strategies will strengthen safe access to specialised assistance services for protecting children, adolescents, and caregivers through mental health and psychosocial support services, legal guidance, and case management support.

In addition to building the capacities of communities, families, institutions, and civil society to prevent, mitigate, and respond to child protection risks, the Cluster will continue to collaborate with humanitarian actors for the integration and mainstreaming of child protection and the application of minimum standards for quality care for children, adolescents, and families from gender, age, and disability approaches.

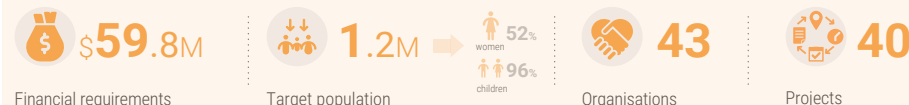
### GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE



The GBV AoR strategy will focus on mitigation, prevention, and multisectoral response for people at risk and survivors of GBV. The GBV AoR partners will provide multisectoral anti-GBV services, such as GBV case management, including material assistance to meet the basic needs of GBV survivors, legal advice, and individual and group psychosocial support.

Furthermore, in coordination with the Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster, interventions that increase community and institutional resilience and support reestablishing the livelihoods of survivors or people at risk of GBV, especially women and girls, will be promoted. Community and institutional resilience will be strengthened through activities that build the capacities of state institutions and communities to prevent and mitigate GBV-related risks.

## EDUCATION



The Cluster will continue to lead integrated programming in schools in coordination with the Ministry of Education. This program seeks geographic convergence, institutional complementarity, and collective results and will focus on 4,000 schools in 101 municipalities, reaching 1.16 million children and adolescents and 38,000 teachers.

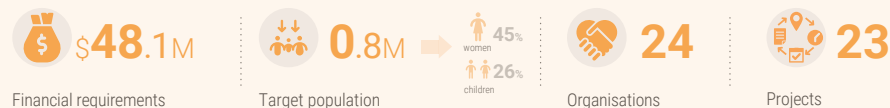
The strategic lines will focus on 1) supporting children, inside and outside of school, to develop essential skills for life, work, and citizenship through alternative education and technical-vocational education and training programs; 2) improving the access of children, including adolescents, to safe schools equipped with learning materials and inputs for productive vocation, and 3) increasing teacher training opportunities for quality learning focused on early childhood education, gender, comprehensive sex education, emergency preparedness and response, and educational leadership training at the community level.

At a programmatic level, particular emphasis will be placed on school reintegration, learning recovery, social-emotional learning, and access to education and livelihoods for adolescents.



**Sucre State, Venezuela, June 2023**  
 Food basket participants from the Punta de Araya community in the Cruz Salmerón Acosta municipality receive technical advice on constructing water filters within a CEDISUC and CESAP project financed by the Venezuela Humanitarian Fund.  
 Photo: Cedisuc / Bárbara López Antón.

## SHELTER, ENERGY, AND NON-FOOD ITEMS

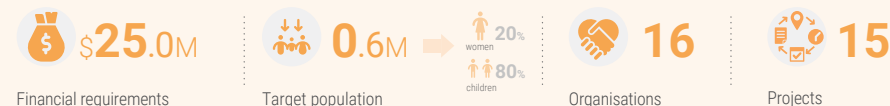


The Cluster will seek to build and improve the conditions of various community spaces and centres, educational and health centres, and individual and temporary shelters, including for GBV survivors and victims of trafficking that provide safe and secure spaces for essential service provision.

The activities will promote access to essential services such as electricity by prioritising environmental sustainability by installing photovoltaic systems, biodigesters, and portable solar lamps, mainly in remote indigenous areas and communities.

The institutions will receive training to improve their response to people displaced or affected by disasters or sudden-onset emergencies. The aim is to serve vulnerable communities by distributing basic equipment kits, especially in high-risk areas, in the event of catastrophe. All of these actions will contribute to the empowerment and resilience of vulnerable populations.

## NUTRITION



The Cluster's response will aim at improving maternal and child nutrition, focusing on the first 1,000 days of life. This will be done through a strategy of prevention, early detection, and treatment of acute malnutrition in children under 5 years of age and low weight and micronutrient deficiency in pregnant and lactating women.

The Cluster will impact the strengthening of systems for the prevention of acute malnutrition, with a strong focus on monitoring and recovering these cases, involving and empowering community structures in adopting essential feeding practices for infants and toddlers.

Through the coordinated work of the cluster organisations, the quality of nutritional interventions will be reinforced and improved with a focus on enhancing health and nutrition services in the community together with the services of the public health network, both at the outpatient and inpatient levels, for the adequate management of acute malnutrition.

## LOGISTICS



The Logistics Cluster will continue to promote knowledge exchange and good practices among humanitarian personnel and provide training on emergency logistics preparedness issues. It will also coordinate the working groups on river transport and imports established in 2023.

## COORDINATION



The organisations will consolidate humanitarian coordination mechanisms for strategic and operational decision-making to contribute to a more localised, timely, multisectoral, and principled response, incorporating community perspectives and promoting the nexus between humanitarian action and development.

Greater acceptance of humanitarian action will be promoted, and the Humanitarian Country Team's Access Strategy will be implemented to maintain and increase the operational presence of partners at the territorial level. Communication and advocacy campaigns linked to humanitarian principles will continue to be promoted.

Resources will be mobilised to meet the needs of vulnerable people and implement the projects within this plan.

Humanitarian actors will improve the response in cross-cutting areas, prioritising gender, PSEA, centrality of protection, and accountability to affected communities and the most vulnerable groups.

Finally, building institutional and community capacities for comprehensive risk management and disaster preparedness and response will be supported and promoted.



Miranda State, Venezuela, August 2023  
Pedagogical activity with young people from the Petare community, Sucre municipality, as part of the World Humanitarian Day celebration.  
Photo: OCHA.