


Highlights

- Two consecutive earthquakes of magnitude 7.2 and 7.5 on 24 June (18:00 local time); authorities report **more than 500 aftershocks**.
- At least seven (7) states have been impacted. La Guaira continues to record the highest level of impact.
- Official toll: **1,450 people dead and 3,150 injured**; the figure continues to rise.
- **More than 12,700 people resulted displaced**.
- **At least 2,501 infrastructures were affected**, including 38 hospitals and more than 700 buildings.
- Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) teams from at least 27 countries continue to arrive in the country and are operating in the most affected areas, in coordination with OCHA.
- **The United Nations system and its partner organizations will deliver a multi-sectoral response to affected people in three strategic locations in La Guaira.**

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 Dead people

 **3,150**
 Injured people

Situation overview

Venezuela is facing a national emergency following the two consecutive high-magnitude earthquakes (7.2 and 7.5) of 24 June (18:00 local time) in the north-central region, with the epicentre along the San Felipe–Yumare–Montalbán axis (Yaracuy/Carabobo). Authorities report more than 512 aftershocks, maintaining a high-risk conditions.

The official toll stands at 1,450 people dead and 3,150 injured. Authorities also reported that 12,721 people have been displaced. Additionally, at least 2,501 infrastructures had been reported as affected, including 38 hospitals and 774 buildings. Figures remain under review as operations advance.



The Government response has focused on search and rescue, emergency medical care and damage assessments. Up to seven (7) states were affected, including La Guaira, Distrito Capital, Miranda, Falcón, Carabobo, and Yaracuy. The United Nations system and its partner organizations, in coordination with the authorities, will deliver a multi-sectoral response to affected people in three strategic locations in La Guaira.

Impact on infrastructure

- At least 2,501 infrastructures were affected; most of them in La Guaira and Greater Caracas.
- Up to 38 hospitals have reportedly been affected, including the J. M. de los Ríos Children's Hospital (Caracas) and the Coche Hospital.
- The Caracas Metro system has resumed operations on Sunday.
- Maiquetía International Airport remains without commercial flights. Venezuela has requested support from Aeropuertos Argentina to rehabilitate the facilities.
- The Ministries of Transport and Electric Energy conducted an inspection of the airport facilities on Sunday, together with national and international experts.
- National ports remain operational. Venezuelan authorities and U.S. military personnel conducted an inspection at La Guaira port.
- Preliminary estimates indicate direct physical damages amounting to USD 6.7 billion, equivalent to 6 per cent of GDP, according to UNDP data.
- Internet and telecommunications connectivity remains unstable in some areas, affecting communication.

National and international response

- The Venezuelan Government maintains contingency plans to safeguard the lives of affected people.
- Efforts remain focused on search and rescue operations for survivors.
- A large-scale deployment of Civil Protection and security forces, and the public and private health system has been activated.
- A Presidential Commission has been established to assess the habitability of housing and infrastructure, composed of relevant ministries, professional associations and academia, an Emergency Operations Center for the establishment of temporary camps for affected people was also created.

International support:

- The USAR response operations are ongoing and underway in the field. Teams from at least 27 countries, with around 2,200 personnel and more than 160 search dogs, have been deployed to locate and rescue people and provide initial medical care.
- OCHA is providing logistical support to search and rescue teams on the ground.
- International support continues to arrive: **Peru** is sending more than 14 metric tons of humanitarian assistance; the **United Kingdom** announced £2 million in emergency humanitarian funding; **Paraguay** announced it will deploy 32 military personnel to support rescue operations; and **India** is sending a field hospital and tons of humanitarian aid.
- The Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF) announced the creation of the Venezuela Recovery and Reconstruction Fund with an initial capital of USD 1 million.
- The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) has launched an Emergency Appeal for 50 million Swiss francs.

Measures adopted

- Judges have been deployed, in coordination with relevant entities, to medical centres, parks and other sites in Distrito Capital to assist affected children and adolescents.
- A psychological support hotline has been established for those in need: 0800-AYUDA-01.
- A digital form has been created by the National Council for Persons with Disabilities (CONAPDIS) to coordinate a timely and inclusive response in affected areas.
- A website has been launched (<http://localizapacientes.com>) to help locate missing persons.
- An hotline has been activated to directly report missing persons: 0-800-RESCATE (7372283), as well as the VenApp platform for reporting affected individuals.
- An official volunteer registry has been activated to support a coordinated response; more than 7,800 people have already registered.
- PDVSA has deployed an emergency plan and preventive monitoring to detect and control gas leaks.

- A total of 7.225 million kilograms of food and 20,000 food packages have been distributed, particularly in La Guaira state.
- Three field hospital tents have been installed, equipped with Intensive Care Units (ICUs), treatment rooms and trauma areas.
- Classes will remain suspended for one more week.
- Temporary shelters have been established in affected states (e.g. the Macuto baseball stadium in La Guaira and five shelters in Caracas).

Situation by state

Capital District (Caracas)

- People are sheltering in open or informal spaces following the loss of housing or due to fear of returning to damaged structures.
- The installation of two (2) large collection centres has been announced: one at La Carlota tent facility and another at Almacenadora Caracas (Catia).
- At least 13 shelters have been established across the affected parishes.
- The Ministry of Transport is dismantling a temporary (bailey) bridge in Caracas for relocation to Caraballeda, La Guaira.
- The Caracas Metro system has resumed operations.

La Guaira

- La Guaira has been declared a disaster zone. The Government has restricted access and deployed military personnel to ensure safety and response operations in affected areas.
- A joint United Nations system mission identified the José María Vargas Sports Complex (Maiquetía) as a key operational hub, serving both as a collection centre and temporary shelter. It is currently hosting more than 1,200 people, with additional arrivals expected. A reorganization into other accommodation sites is planned.
- A total of 13 temporary shelters are currently active to assist affected people.
- The Social Security morgue is facing capacity constraints in relation to the current and projected caseload.
- The electricity system is operating at 75 per cent capacity, water supply at 68 per cent, and road infrastructure at 90 per cent, according to the authorities.
- Maiquetía International Airport sustained damage and commercial operations have been suspended. An initial inspection of the facilities was conducted with national and international experts.
- UN agencies are providing coordinated health services to affected people.
- Five partner organizations of the Venezuela Humanitarian Fund (VHF) present in the state are providing support, including primary health care and psychosocial assistance during this initial search and rescue phase.

Miranda

- Infrastructure has sustained damage, particularly in Chacao municipality, where three buildings have completely collapsed and more than 35 residential buildings are estimated to have structural damage.
- People are sheltering in open (squares and parks) or informal spaces following the loss of housing or due to fear of returning to damaged structures.
- Four (4) temporary shelters have been activated.
- Interruptions to basic services persist in some areas.
- Four (4) VHF-supported partner organizations with ongoing projects in municipalities of the state and in Distrito Capital are providing services in general protection, child protection and gender-based violence.

Carabobo and Yaracuy (epicentral zone)

- In both states, some material damage has been reported, including impacts on housing and buildings, as well as road infrastructure, with cracked roads (e.g. the Morón roundabout).

- Disruptions to basic services have been reported, including electricity supply, along with an influx of patients in nearby referral hospitals.
- In Carabobo, the main impacts are concentrated in Juan José Mora municipality, particularly in Morón parish.
- Humanitarian organizations are providing support with selected services during this initial search and rescue phase in affected areas.

Falcón (Tucacas – Silva municipality)

- Authorities continue to respond to the emergency; however, security agencies responsible for search and rescue operations have formally concluded activities at the collapsed structure in Tucacas parish, Silva municipality. The official toll stands at 12 fatalities.
- Approximately 85 families have been affected in Boca de Aroa parish due to structural damage to their homes.
- Disruptions to access to basic services have been reported, including interruptions in electricity supply and limited availability of safe water, as well as challenges in sanitation conditions due to constraints in accessing essential supplies.
- In addition to coordination with Civil Protection and the installation of a field hospital in Tucacas, the Venezuelan Red Cross has provided psychosocial support on site, together with volunteer psychologists.
- The Local Coordination Forum is preparing a mapping of capacities and resources to support the response led by the authorities, with the support of humanitarian partners and the Zulia Local Coordination Forum.

Other states

- Authorities of Sucre, where impact was moderate, have deployed 273 personnel for search and rescue, pre-hospital care and logistics in support of the most affected areas, including La Guaira. Other states, such as Zulia, have also deployed personnel, while others, including Bolívar, have sent assistance.
- In Aragua, the State Emergency Operations Center has been activated. A shelter has been established in Maracay.

Humanitarian coordination

- The Humanitarian Coordinator conducted an initial visit to La Guaira state, together with United Nations agencies.
- **Three strategic locations were identified and agreed upon to provide multi-sectoral services to affected people: the Vargas Sports Complex, César Nieves Stadium (Catia La Mar), and Playa Grande Stadium.**
- Key sectors to be delivered at these sites include: food assistance, health, and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), among others.
- United Nations agencies, together with the authorities, conducted an inspection visit on Sunday to the locations where these services will be established.
- The Humanitarian Country Team met on Sunday to agree on a coordinated and comprehensive strategy to deliver assistance in the designated sites, based on the needs of affected people.
- Local Coordination Forums and Groups (FLC/GLC) have been activated; clusters and working groups maintain inter-agency coordination mechanisms to ensure the articulation and relevance of the response.

Humanitarian financing

- Initial resource mobilization includes an allocation of US\$15 million from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) for an immediate multisectoral response, together with the activation of the Venezuela Humanitarian Fund (VHF) to channel resources to partners with operational capacity in the affected areas.

- The United States announced a contribution of US\$100 million to the VHF, as well as an additional US\$50 million for response operations of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the World Food Programme (WFP), World Vision, International Medical Corps, Catholic Relief Services and Samaritan's Purse. Other Member States and donors have expressed their intention to support the VHF and expand available funding.
- OCHA will continue coordinating with donors and partners to ensure rapid, strategic and needs-based allocation.



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