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Letter from the Board of Directors



After redefining the Simón Bolívar Foundation's vision and mission in 2020, **we began 2021 focusing our attention on awarding charitable grants to large 501(c)(3) and other qualified organizations, allowing the Foundation to broaden our impact on vulnerable populations inside and outside of Venezuela.** The new approach led us to collaborate with researchers at respected institutions such as Johns Hopkins University to examine ways the Foundation can improve its work after carefully assessing and evaluating the situation of the Health Sector in Venezuela.

The results enabled the Foundation to prioritize focus areas for health-related humanitarian assistance in the country. Additionally, we entered into an agreement with the Center for Disaster Philanthropy (CDP) specifically to assess the situation of Venezuelan and other migrants in the region.

In 2021, the Foundation continued its mission of raising awareness of the complex humanitarian crisis in Venezuela, supporting existing patients, and preparing our team to improve the process of grant making in the areas of selection, reporting and performance evaluation.

I am proud to work alongside a highly professional and exceptionally dedicated management team, advisory committee volunteers, and colleagues of the Board of Directors.

In 2021, we also welcomed David Weaver as a new member of the Board of Directors who, in addition to his tax and financial experience, brings to the Simón Bolívar Foundation a fresh vision on how to help alleviate the humanitarian crisis in Venezuela.

We know that we will face many challenges in 2022. However, **we are very excited to continue finding ways to bring medicine, healthcare and nutrition to those in need in and from Venezuela.**

Lastly, I would like to thank our sole member CITGO Petroleum Corporation for its continued support of the Simón Bolívar Foundation, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic uncertainty and troubled times.

Andrés E. Padilla V.

Member of the Board of Directors of the Simón Bolívar Foundation



Letter from the President

2020 was a very important year for us as we successfully implemented –during a pandemic– the revised vision and mission of the Simón Bolívar Foundation, aiming to **benefit a greater number of people affected by disasters, conflicts and poverty, inside and outside of Venezuela.**

In addition to facing the consequences of COVID-19 worldwide and other challenges relating to the implementation of charitable programs in Venezuela, **we dedicated time and efforts in 2021 to revise and adjust strategies to fulfill our mission, focusing primarily on grantmaking to larger and other qualified charitable organizations with extensive experience and a recognized reputation.**

This strategy minimized risk and exposure for smaller or emerging charitable organizations and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), while allowing us to maintain collaboration and redirect our support toward capacity development initiatives.

As part of this effort, **in 2021 we also strengthened and created relationships with well-known organizations in the United States in the academic and philanthropic research fields.** These

relationships helped us focus our humanitarian health programming more effectively in the most urgent areas with the greatest impact using updated, impartial and more reliable data on the complex humanitarian crisis in Venezuela and the region.

Under this approach, **through our Humanitarian Health Medium/Large Grants program, the Foundation awarded \$1.7 million in 2021 to several nonprofit organizations to implement charitable projects in Venezuela and extended grant awards to organizations working in Colombia addressing the needs of Venezuelan migrants and other vulnerable communities.**

As we move forward with our vision and mission, we continue to support a group of patients with their follow-up medical treatments, while identifying options for a just and humane transition plan for longer-term care.

Internally, we have strengthened the Foundation's internal competencies, corporate governance processes and operating procedures. We have updated and distributed a detailed handbook on grant-making that provides step-by-step

guidelines for our charitable programs and the responsibilities of our grantees.

To conclude, I want to mention that **all of this is possible thanks to the generous donation of financial and human resources that we receive from CITGO Petroleum Corporation and its employees, the Foundation's advisory committee volunteers, and the Foundation's Board of Directors,** as well as their unconditional support to the Foundation's mission and goals as part of their deep commitment to social responsibility. **And to our grantees, who are the ones implementing the charitable programs on-site, we also extend our most sincere appreciation.**

We start 2022 with optimism, with the certainty that we are on the right path and that **we have the right strategy to generate the greatest possible positive impact on the most vulnerable communities in and from Venezuela.**

Mariela Poleo

President, Simón Bolívar Foundation



About Us, Mission and Goals

Simón Bolívar Foundation Inc. is the 501(c)(3) nonprofit, private foundation of CITGO Petroleum Corporation (CITGO).

The Foundation serves as a catalyst to transform lives by connecting and networking with community members to work together and take community actions to assist those in need. The initiatives leverage existing resources and invest in charities to meet the immediate and long-term health needs of the most vulnerable in and from Venezuela, the United States and other countries, as well as other vulnerable communities. The Foundation supports a wide range of charitable programs and provides direct grants, benefiting the community at large for years to come.

VISION

A future where access to basic health care is a valued human right.

MISSION

Improve the health of vulnerable people affected by disasters, conflicts and poverty, with special attention to mothers and children in and from Venezuela.

GOALS

Access - Increase access to medicine, nutrition, and welfare for low income and vulnerable people and communities.

Capacity - Improve the ability of medical professionals and caregivers to serve and treat patients through education and support and to rebuild expertise and capacity that can impact a greater number of patients in need.

Empowerment - Increase the effectiveness of community organizations and actors by empowering them to address the health needs of the most vulnerable people in their communities, particularly mothers and children.

We support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, which are focused on eradicating poverty, protecting the planet, and ensuring prosperity for all, as part of a new sustainable development agenda.





The **Complex Humanitarian Crisis** in Venezuela

According to researchers at the Johns Hopkins Center for Humanitarian Health, Venezuela's crisis threatens the country's well-being by undermining its health system and stability.

Based on current information, more than 90% of the population lives in poverty and millions do not have regular access to food, clean water and adequate health care; these conditions have worsened during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The health situation of Venezuelans within the country is unclear, largely because no epidemiological data has been published since 2017, and now there is a lack of data on health, including reports related to COVID-19. However, other existing surveys and assessments indicate a **significant collapse of the health system due to erratic access to water, electricity, essential medical supplies and**

medicines, and poor infrastructure. In addition, more than half of medical professionals have emigrated or retired.

The limitations of the health system in providing primary health care also affect its ability to provide tertiary care. **Cadaveric transplant programs in Venezuela have been suspended since 2014 as a consequence of inadequate infrastructure and insufficient access to immunosuppressants.** Additionally, living donor transplants can only be performed in private clinics at a cost of more than \$70,000, making them inaccessible to the majority of the population.

The United Nations Humanitarian Response Plan 2021 requires \$1.4 billion to provide adequate care to 6 million Venezuelans, but as of March 17, 2022, there was still a 59.4% funding shortfall, further emphasizing the vast need for more attention and humanitarian aid.



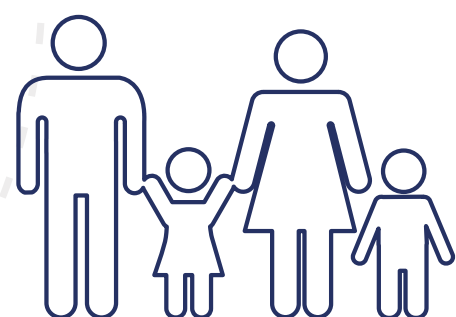
The **Complex Humanitarian Crisis** in Venezuela

MACROECONOMIC FACTORS



In 2021, accumulated inflation was **576.3%**.¹

A family of 4 needs **\$700 per month** to cover basic needs.²



In Venezuela, **94.5%** of the population is poor.³



76.6% of the total population live in extreme poverty.³

Cumulative GDP reduction from 2014 to 2020: **74%**.³

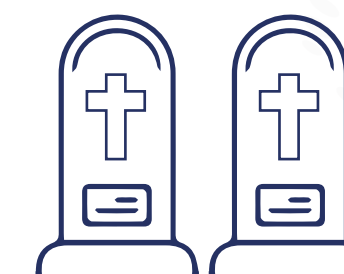
DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS



Life expectancy was reduced by 2.8 years between 2005 and 2020, currently at **76.6 years**.³

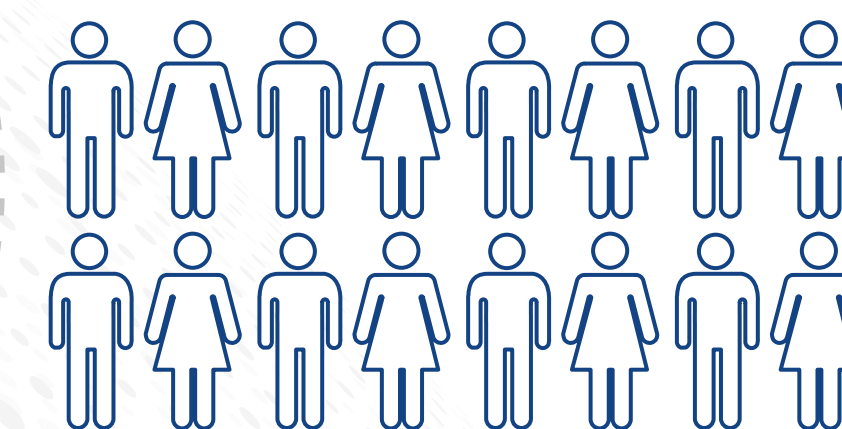
Mortality increase:

An estimated 21 deceased **children** for every 1,000 births.⁴



An estimated 24 **children under five years** deceased for every 1,000 births.⁴

124 of every 1,000 **mothers** die during childbirth.⁴



Venezuela's population: **28.7 million**.³



6.04 million (21%) Venezuelans left the country.⁵

- (1) Observatorio Venezolano de Finanzas
- (2) Ecoanalítica
- (3) Encuesta Nacional de Condiciones de Vida (Encovi)
- (4) Johns Hopkins Center for Humanitarian Health
- (5) Interagency Coordination Platform for Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela (R4V)
- (6) Center for Disaster Philanthropy



PUBLIC HEALTH



50% of the doctors and **25% of the nursing staff** have emigrated since 2012.⁴



60% of the population suffers from food insecurity.⁴

32% of children suffer from chronic malnutrition.⁴



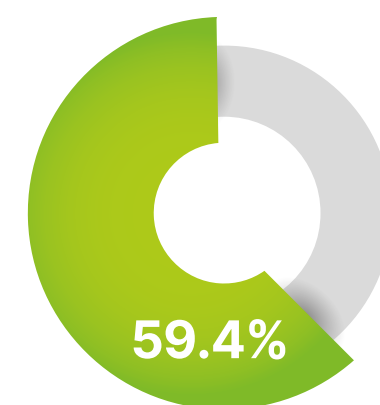
A decrease in vaccination coverage has resulted in a resurgence of **contagious diseases** such as measles, diphtheria, whooping cough and mumps.⁴



More than **70%** of hospitals do not have regular access to **water and electricity**.⁴



HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE



59.4% of needs have been funded as of March 2022, with **67%** funds from UN and **29.4%** from International NGOs. **29%** of funds are dedicated to food security, **3.7%** to health, **2%** to nutrition.⁵



The Venezuelan crisis has produced **the largest forced displacement in the history of the region**. In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic and border closures to slow its spread have posed additional risks and barriers for displaced Venezuelans seeking refuge in host countries.⁶

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The Simón Bolívar Foundation's Charitable Contributions

Given the complex humanitarian crisis that Venezuela is going through, the Simón Bolívar Foundation decided to revise its mission to benefit a greater number of vulnerable people, inside and outside of Venezuela, with special attention to mothers and children.

The Foundation has helped and continues to help patients –mostly children– with a variety of high-risk medical conditions requiring complex treatments including, but not limited to, bone marrow transplants, liver transplants and specialized surgeries to treat congenital heart conditions pursuant to their grant agreements.

In the past, the Foundation implemented a grant model under which a limited group of individual patients received grants that funded medical treatments outside of Venezuela, awarding the last grants to individual patients for bone marrow transplants in 2018.

In 2019, the Foundation chose to move away from this approach for several reasons:

1

This model did not create the capacity to treat high-risk diseases in Venezuela but instead devoted funds for a small group of individuals to access treatments outside of Venezuela, inherently limiting the impact of the Foundation's charitable efforts.

2

The original grants were supposed to provide medical treatment for transplants or complex surgeries for only five to six months, but as Venezuela's health care system continued to deteriorate, they turned into financial aid for four to five years on average, extending, in some cases, for more than eight years.

3

The average grant amount per patient was approximately \$100,000 per year, but certain patients over time received more than a million in assistance. In addition, the charitable grant was comprehensive: it included medical treatment and travel, housing and living expenses in connection with the patients' receipt of such treatment, which is uncommon for this type of foundation.



• The Simón Bolívar Foundation's Charitable Contributions

While this support was vital for the individual grant recipients, building the capacity to treat these high-risk diseases in Venezuela could benefit a much larger number of people in need. **Therefore in 2019, taking into account the complex humanitarian crisis in the country and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Foundation decided that it could significantly expand its impact by supporting qualified charities and non-governmental organizations operating in Venezuela and the region by adopting a grant model capable of:**

1

Reaching more people and institutions that could assist those in need and generating the greatest possible impact with the Foundation's limited budget.

2

Rebuilding the expertise and capacities in Venezuela so that health care providers and health institutions can treat many more patients in need.

Regarding organ transplants, there is very limited information on organ and blood transplants in Venezuela in the past four years. The Analyses led by researchers at the Johns Hopkins Center for Humanitarian Health indicated:

“The health system collapse has effectively eliminated the transplants in Venezuela, save for a handful that are conducted at private hospitals with costs that are out of reach for the majority in need. Among transplant recipients, immunosuppressants are often unavailable and/or cost prohibitive and for those unable to receive transplants that are reliant of dialysis, availability has decreased in over the past five years. Given the complexity of ensuring hospital capacity, availability of qualified providers and the need for a central coordination mechanism it appears that lack of transplant capacity in Venezuela will persist for the foreseeable future.”



The Simón Bolívar Foundation's Achievements in 2021

GOVERNANCE

- Distributed a grant procedures manual for grantees.
- Designed a process to verify the closing reports presented by grantees for their charitable programs.
- Continued training for Board of Directors and Officers on governance, best practices and applicable laws.
- Evaluated and updated internal procedures of the Foundation.

TRANSPARENCY

- Issued the first Annual Report of the Simón Bolívar Foundation in the first half of 2021.
- Continued availability of the Foundation's Form 990-PF tax returns on the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website.
- Continued periodic reporting of the Foundation's charitable activities and results to CITGO as part of its accountability processes to its sole member and donor.

COLLABORATION

- Established collaboration networks with important charitable organizations and NGOs with experience in Venezuela and the region, such as the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and GlobalGiving.
- Implemented programs with the academic sector and other nonprofit organizations to assess health needs in Venezuela and the region and to direct the use of resources more efficiently and with greater reach to those in need.
- Established alliances to facilitate knowledge transfer in Venezuela through scholarship programs on tropical medicine.



Financial Information*

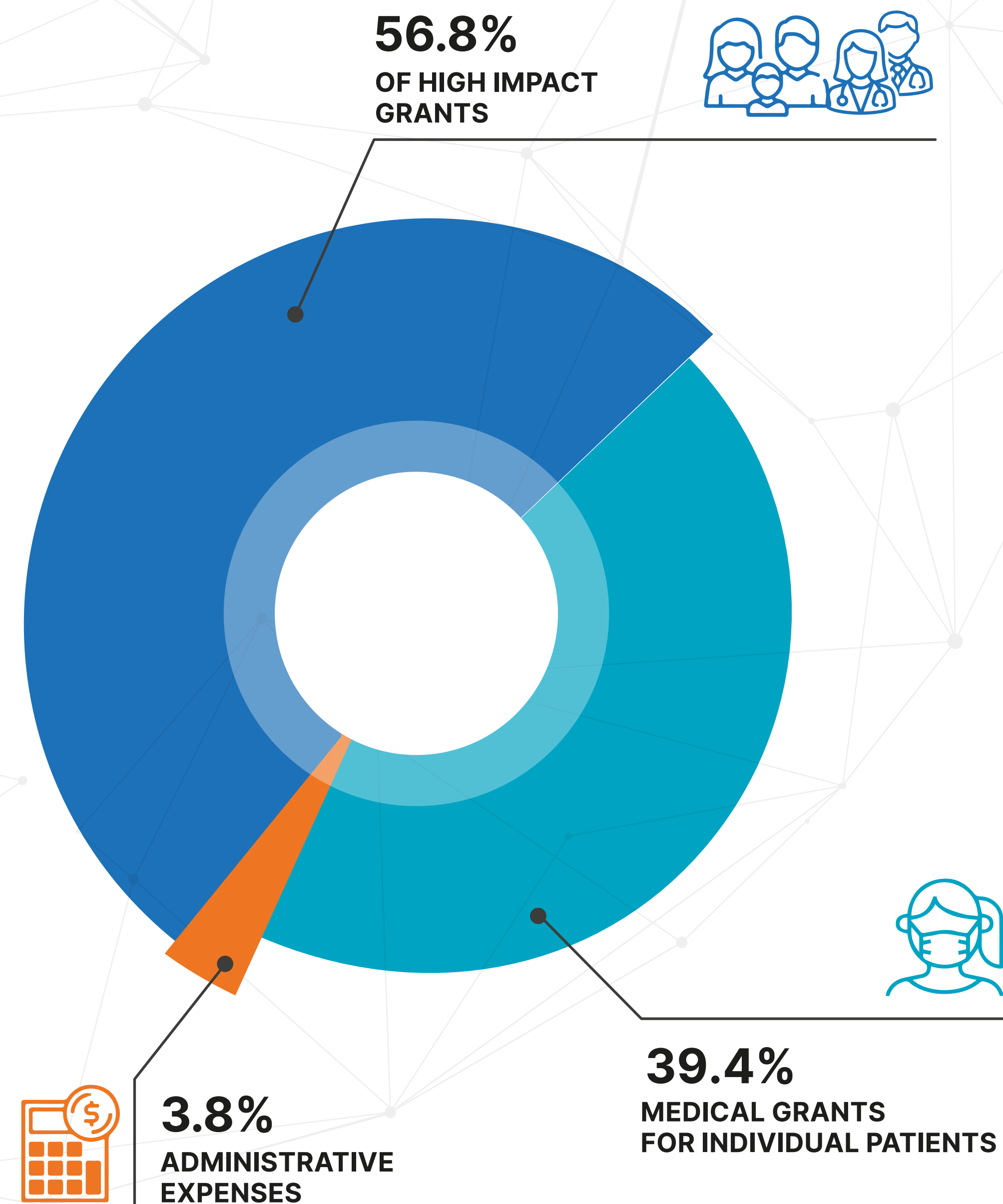
In 2021, the financial challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic continued and the subsequent economic slowdown affected all industries, including the refining sector where CITGO Petroleum Corporation (CITGO), our sole member and donor, operates.

However, CITGO donated \$2.05 million to the Simón Bolívar Foundation, totaling an approved budget in 2021 of \$4.87 million, including the transfers of funds donated the previous year.

Of the total approved budget, \$3.40 million were committed during the year, and the \$1.47 million remaining budget will be allocated to programs and grants in 2022.

Of the \$3.40 million committed in 2021, \$1.93 million (56.8%) was for high-impact grants; \$1.34 million (39.4%) for medical grants to individual patients and transition plans; and \$0.13 million (3.8%) for administrative expenses. Of the \$1.47 million available for programs and grants in 2022, an estimated \$0.80 million was pre-approved for a high-impact grant to an organization in Venezuela.

*Amounts shown are from audited 2021 financial statements which are available upon request. Amounts are cash basis only and do not include donated services.





Description of Grants by Charitable Program

In accordance with the Foundation's new vision and mission, the Foundation created three categories of grants to provide access to funds, help build capacity, and empower nonprofit organizations. The goal is to expand access to medicine and nutrition, which ultimately improves the well-being of the most vulnerable people in and from Venezuela.

Each of the Foundation's grant programs is subject to clear and strict guidelines for participation and awards. The guidelines by charitable program and award rounds are

available to the public in the [Grants and Recipients](#) section of the Foundation's website at www.simonbolivarfoundation.org.

Additionally, the financial information of the Simón Bolívar Foundation is published in the corresponding sections of the [2020 Annual Report](#) and this [2021 Annual Report](#), and there, the Foundation's limited budget is presented. Likewise, the Foundation's financial information is reported to the IRS in the [2020 Foundation's Form 990-PF](#) which is available on the IRS website.

The Foundation's strict legal, regulatory, and governance framework stems from the fact that it is a private 501(c)(3) foundation registered in the United States, and accordingly the Foundation:

- Is subject to federal, state and local laws in the U.S. and audits and controls by authorities such as the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
- Is subject to the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) and other applicable federal, state and local laws in the U.S.
- Operates as a separate legal entity from CITGO, with its own governing documents, Board of Directors and Officers, budget and grant-making requirements. The annual budget is prepared based on the proposed annual amount of the CITGO donation and is approved by the Foundation's Board of Directors. Regularly, the Foundation informs the CITGO Board of Directors about its charitable activities given that CITGO is its sole member.



Humanitarian Health Medium/Large Grants Program



This program focuses on helping to address the complex humanitarian crisis in Venezuela through initiatives that improve access to medicine, nutrition, and health care for vulnerable communities, in and from Venezuela.

These grants are considered strategic collaborations and are limited to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations in the United States and other qualified charitable organizations, with long-standing and demonstrated capacity to carry out charitable projects in Venezuela or the region.

Under this grant modality, the Simón Bolívar Foundation signed two important agreements in 2021:

- 1 Health Project for Venezuelan and Other Migrants in Colombia
- 2 Grant-making and capacity building for Venezuela and the region

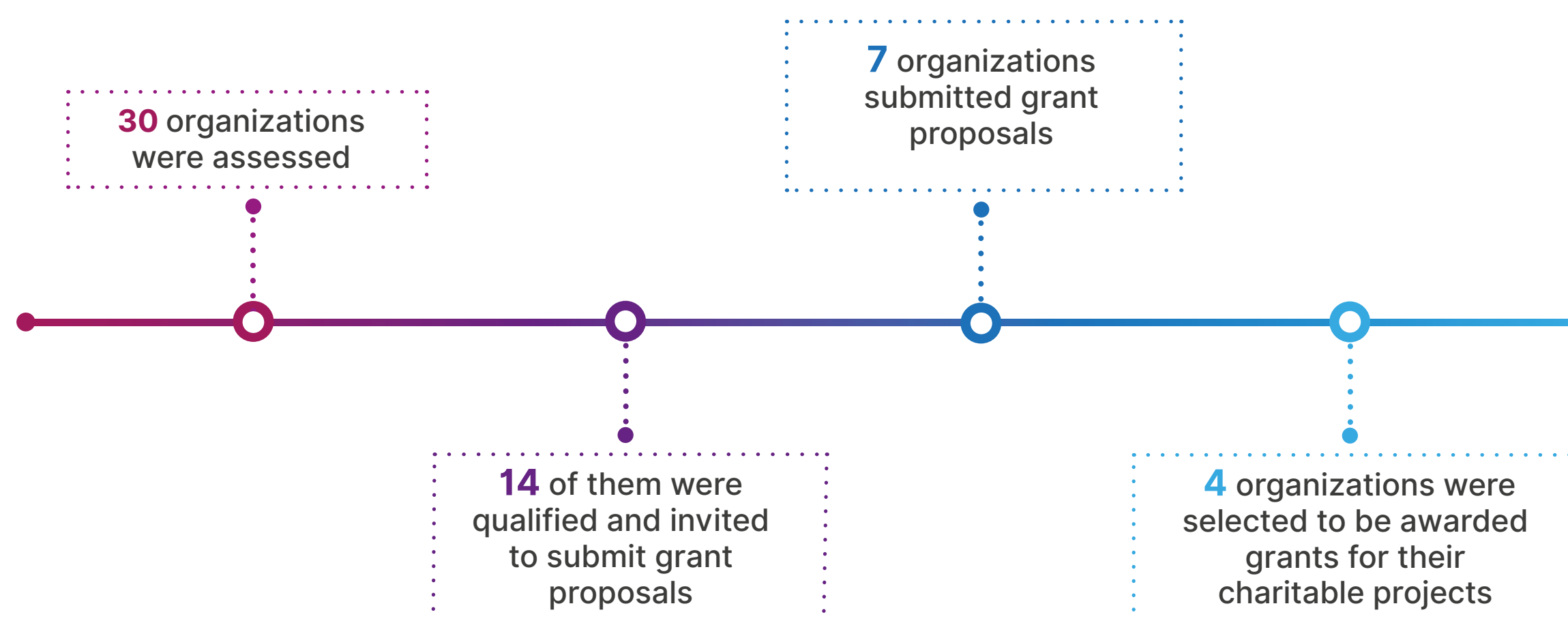


1 Health Projects for Venezuelan and Other Migrants in Colombia

Given the ongoing impact that the complex humanitarian crisis in Venezuela has had in the region, which, according to the United Nations, has caused the most serious and fastest-growing refugee and migrant crisis in the history of Latin America, and the second in the world, the Simón Bolívar

Foundation –through a new round of grants for its Humanitarian Health Medium/Large Grants program– awarded a total of \$663,325 to support four charitable projects that will help improve health conditions of Venezuelan and other migrants and *caminantes** in Colombia.

*Migrants traveling completely or partly on foot



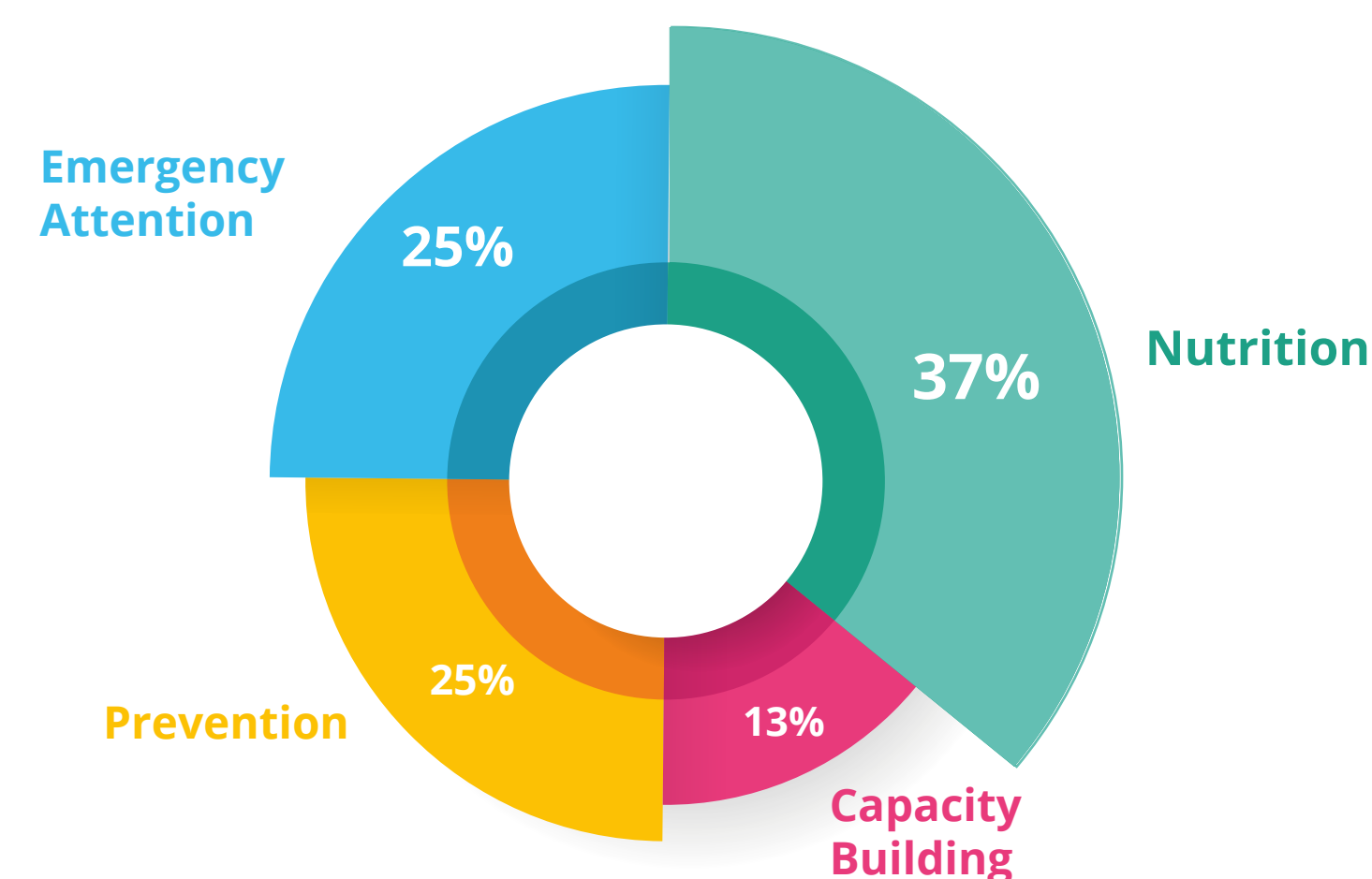
Charitable Projects:

- Medical Center for Migrant Women
- Stay in School
- Better Maternal Health Services for Venezuelan and Other Migrants in Colombia
- Strengthening the Health and Nutrition of Venezuelan and Other Mothers

Action areas:

Nutrition, general and mental health, preventive medicine and emergency medical care, capacity building and school retention.

This program will benefit an estimated **58,150 adults and 20,900 children** through projects lasting between six months to a year and will distribute approximately **286,000 meals and 18,040 medicines** to those in need.





Medical Center for Migrant Women

Description

Installation of four stations or semi-permanent “tents” for emergency care for one year in Cucuta, to provide health and wellness care to migrants and *caminantes*.

Goals

1. Provide necessary physical, emotional, educational, and informative care to vulnerable people, with special emphasis on the well-being of migrants.
2. Create an inclusive and open environment in the region through support for Colombians who also need it, generating equal conditions of health, nutrition and development for all.
3. Provide a safe space for women through:
 - a. Medical and psychological consultations for those who have been victims of gender violence.
 - b. Free access to contraceptives and informative talks about sexual and reproductive health.
 - c. A menstrual hygiene management center where women and girls can access products and information about menstruation.

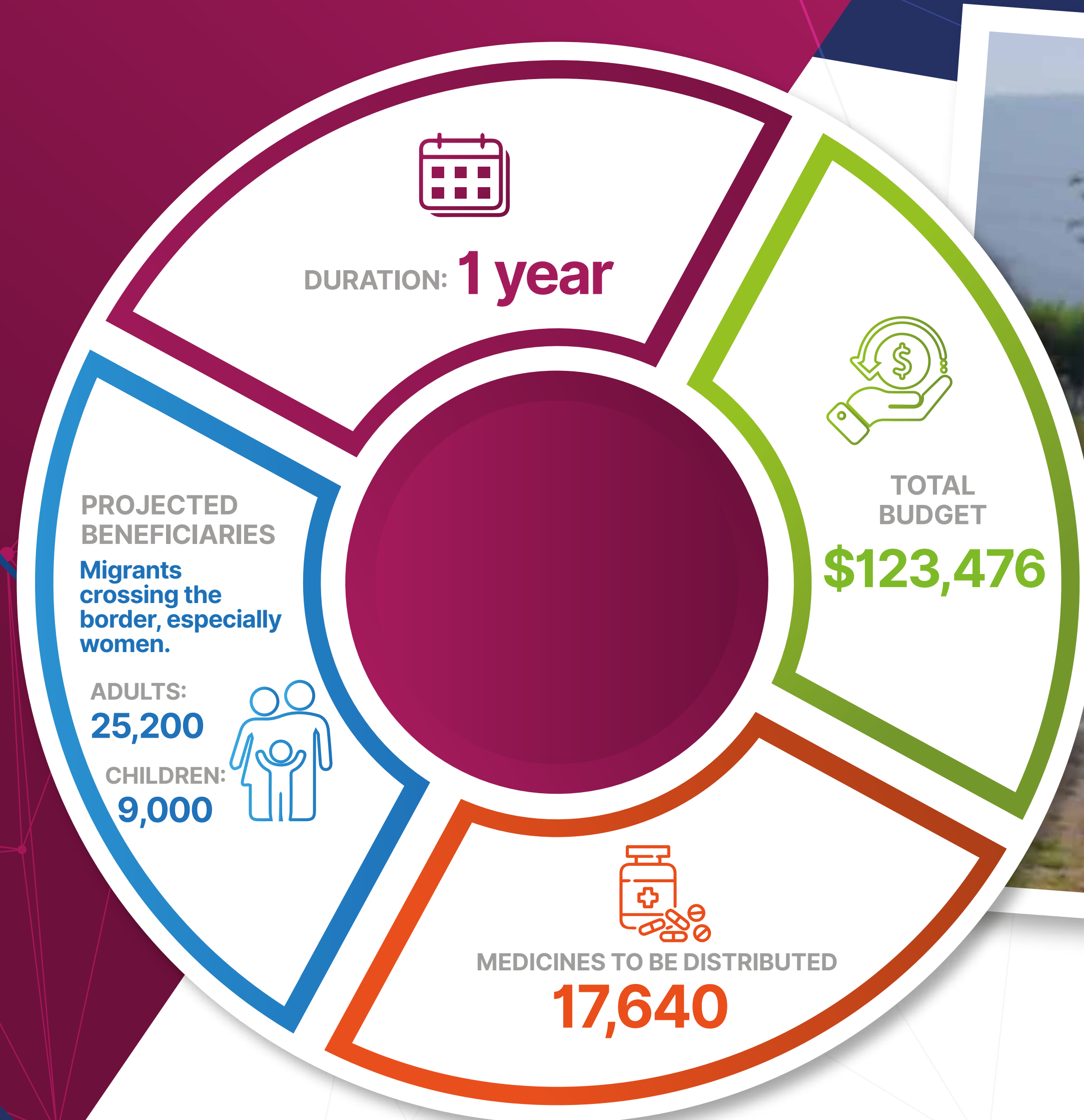
Status

This grant agreement was awarded in August 2021; however, it was postponed to February 2022 due to delays in the first phase of planning and permits.





○ Medical Center for Migrant Women





Stay in School

Description

Consolidate a safe environment for children and young people from migrant and host communities through the promotion of nutrition and health prevention in the school environment. The organization will work with two public schools in Cucuta.

Goals

- 1. Nutritional recovery:** make nutritional diagnoses, assessments and controls, and personalized nutritional treatments based on the nutritional needs of each student.
- 2. Food security:** access to nutritious food through the School Garden program and nutritional education workshops.
- 3. Physical health:** a preventive approach, it seeks to mitigate relapses of malnutrition caused by parasites and other diseases or infections that can be prevented.
- 4. Mental health:** evaluations of children, family members, caregivers, and teachers to provide them adequate care.

Status

This grant agreement was awarded in September 2021 and the implementation of the charitable program is being carried out.





Stay in School



Testimony

"I feel like a migrant, but a migrant of quality and excellence because I know that I can achieve many things that others feel they cannot because they feel rejected and discriminated against. Together we have managed to ensure that children have a quality education. I have learned a great deal and I know that when the children, who are the future of a nation, can achieve educational excellence, many more things can be achieved, then if they are well, the entire community and the entire country will be fine because they are seeds that will become the fruits that we will see grow in the future."

Rodexy Guedez. Community leader and volunteer.





Improved Maternal Health Services for Venezuelan and Other Migrants in Colombia

Description

Improve access and quality of free maternity services for Venezuelan and other women in need in northeastern Colombia.

Goals

1. Address the immediate health needs of neglected migrant women –in transit or established– in Villa del Rosario, increasing access to free maternal health care services in hospitals and primary care centers or as outpatients.
2. Improve the capacity of health professionals in maternal and neonatal health issues through the training program Continuous Medical Education in association with two Colombian universities.

Status

The grant agreement for this project was signed in August 2021. Implementation is underway, but execution challenges required an extension of the program to successfully meet the stated goals.





Improved Maternal Health Services for Venezuelan and Other Migrants in Colombia



Testimony

"They help a lot, they always try to help women solve their problems, not only the medical. They talk about everything. They teach us that we must value ourselves as women. I am very grateful to the Foundation because the doctors have been very good people. They do it in good faith, with a good heart, without expecting anything in return."

Ámbar Jiménez, beneficiary.





Strengthening the Health and Nutrition of Venezuelan and Other Mothers

Description

Support Venezuelan migrants, with special attention to children and women, in matters of health, food security and nutrition.

Goals

1. Promote food security and nutrition of vulnerable migrants by providing healthy and balanced meals.
2. Improve the health of Venezuelan and other migrants by distributing basic hygiene kits, as well as referring them to other local health services and organizations if needed.
3. Promote the integration of Venezuelan and other migrants in host communities by providing basic services of legal, psychosocial and medical assistance.
4. Improve the livelihoods of small rural farmers in Colombia and thus integrate them into the humanitarian "value chain."

Status

This grant agreement was signed in August 2021 and began implementation immediately.





Strengthening the Health and Nutrition of Venezuelan and Other Mothers



Testimony

"With the pandemic, I was working in a sewing workshop, and I lived in Tierra Linda and I passed by this place every day. It caught my attention and I went over and started receiving breakfast, before going to work, and in the afternoon I came and had lunch. The Foundation is a blessing from God, it is God who feeds people's will to collaborate."

Evelyn Vásquez, beneficiary.





2 Grant-making and capacity building for Venezuela and the region

In 2021, through its Humanitarian Health Medium/Large Grants program, the Simón Bolívar Foundation signed a \$1,000,000 grant agreement with **GlobalGiving*** to carry out a project of grants for community support in Venezuela which will take place in two phases:

***GlobalGiving** is a nonprofit organization with a worldwide reach that connects other nonprofit organizations with donors and firms. Since its creation in 2002, it has helped reliable community-led organizations to access the tools, training, and support they need to be more effective.

GlobalGiving is a top-rated nonprofit that accelerates community-led change around the world. Since 2022, it has been on a mission to transform the way aid and philanthropy works for people in 175+ countries.

PHASE 1

Grant agreement signed.

(Still in development)

- Identify reliable, high-impact organizations within the network of organizations vetted by GlobalGiving.
- Conduct a study of community needs and make recommendations of organizations to support, as long as they are aligned with the goals of the Simón Bolívar Foundation.
- Create a holistic regional support program that allows the development of competencies and capabilities in sub-grantee organizations.

PHASE 2

To be carried out in 2022

- Establish grant agreements with nonprofit organizations through the grant management system and manage the grant programs.
- Based on feedback from nonprofits in Phase 1, implement a capacity building program that will provide training webinars and collaborative planning sessions that culminate in a collective fundraising campaign.
 - Webinar and planning sessions topics may include: planning a fundraising campaign strategy, storytelling, mapping and nurturing donor relationships, and reporting results.
 - Invite vetted nonprofits and gather recommendations for additional community-led nonprofits to invite, who may benefit from the capacity building webinars and planning sessions.

Because this program identifies needs and organizations, the impact will be defined during the second phase where the project selection criteria are determined.



Knowledge Transfer Programs / Strategic Collaborations

In 2021, significant agreements were signed with two well-known organizations, each with outstanding and extensive experience in the academic and charitable research fields:

1 AGREEMENT WITH JOHNS HOPKINS CENTER FOR HUMANITARIAN HEALTH

In 2021, the Simón Bolívar Foundation signed an agreement with researchers at the **Johns Hopkins Center for Humanitarian Health*** to conduct a study to assess the health situation in Venezuela and the humanitarian response in general, within the context of the complex humanitarian crisis in Venezuela.

This study will guide the programming of humanitarian health in the most effective way toward the most urgent and greater impact areas and will provide updated, impartial, and more reliable data on the country's situation. The importance of this study is that it will also serve as a reference for other organizations and institutions that can help mitigate the humanitarian crisis in Venezuela through the coordination of collective efforts to better guide initiatives and scale up the humanitarian response.

* **Johns Hopkins Center for Humanitarian Health** is a unique and collaborative academic program housed in the Department of International Health at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and carried out jointly with the Johns Hopkins University's schools of Medicine and Nursing. It collaborates with several national and international NGOs, multilateral organizations and the United Nations, government agencies and other research institutions, and includes a variety of subjects, such as epidemiology, demography, emergency and disasters medicine, health systems management, nutrition/food security, environmental engineering, mental health, political science and human rights.

Additionally, as part of the agreement, researchers at the Johns Hopkins Center for Humanitarian Health also conducted a series of guided workshops and evaluations of the Foundation processes to know the team, their roles, work and the challenges they face carrying out grant programs, to reach a consensus on priorities, concerns and better work approaches.

View the webinar, the executive summary and the full report [here](#).



1 AGREEMENT WITH JOHNS HOPKINS CENTER FOR HUMANITARIAN HEALTH

Important recommendations:



Support the primary health care system at the community level and in outpatient clinics.



Invest in new health professionals that require immediate basic training.



Focus on the health of mothers and children through preventive care and basic medical care for frequent childhood diseases.



Provide services and guidance on sexual and reproductive health.



Expand health services related to chronic non-communicable and common diseases.



Integrate nutrition services at the primary health care services.



2 AGREEMENT WITH THE CENTER FOR DISASTER PHILANTHROPY

In 2021, the Simón Bolívar Foundation signed an agreement with the **Center for Disaster Philanthropy*** (CDP) to assess the needs of Venezuelan migrants and document the intersection of the migration places, the areas of greatest need, and the demographics of the population.

The CDP's study places particular attention on the health condition of Venezuelan migrants, especially maternal and child health pursuant to the Foundation's mission.

This effort provides the Simón Bolívar Foundation with a clearer understanding of the needs of Venezuelan migrants and guidance for strategic planning of its programming and grant awards.

The agreement also included preparing a list of international, regional, national, and local organizations that support displaced Venezuelans and whose programs are aligned with the needs identified in CDP's study, including descriptions of the services provided by each of them. This information will be used for a future round of grants in 2022.

***Center for Disaster Philanthropy** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization conceived by several funders committed to making disaster-related contributions more effective and strategic after the Indian Ocean tsunami of 2004 and Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Founded in 2010, the CDP is the only full-time resource dedicated to helping contributors maximize their impact by making more disaster-related giving decisions in response to national and international events.

The study was completed in 2022 and the most critical issues reported are:

- Since the beginning of the Venezuelan displacement crisis in 2015, approximately 6,040,000 refugees and migrants have left the country. Approximately 4,990,000 are concentrated in the Latin American and Caribbean regions.
- According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Venezuelan external displacement is the largest in recent history in Latin America and the Caribbean, and continues.
- The deterioration of human rights conditions has led to an inadequate standard of living in terms of health and well-being, including food, clothing, housing, medical care and necessary social services.
- The key for displaced Venezuelans to access quality health care in the Americas is to acquire the correct legal status for public health and other institutional support.
- For those granted proper legal status, services tend to be limited to primary care in urban settings.



② AGREEMENT WITH THE CENTER FOR DISASTER PHILANTHROPY

It is estimated that 8,000,000 Venezuelans will have left their country by the end of 2023, most of them go to Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, Chile and Brazil. These migrants arrive to host communities with health problems and additional stressors contracted during their trips and encounter reduced access to health care because of their irregular legal status. Border closures

due to COVID-19 have forced them to use informal routes, risking their lives and exposing themselves to a greater risk of exploitation and gender-based violence. **The study presents valid guidelines and recommendations for our Foundation and other organizations that wish to provide humanitarian support.**

Approaches for interventions

1. Education, particularly concerning communicable diseases and preventive health.
2. Mobile units for rural areas and at transit stations.
3. Self-care units for conditions such as diabetes that patients can control.
4. Increased specialized care for complicated conditions such as cancer and psychosocial disorders.
5. Two paths for funders: 1) investments where the greatest number of people are, or 2) investments where the greatest needs are.

It is essential to point out that the study promotes culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate interventions. As noted above, integration and legal status in the host country will focus on health care and other social and educational services.

View the webinar, the executive summary and the full report [here](#).



③ AGREEMENT WITH BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

In 2021, the Simón Bolívar Foundation signed an agreement with Baylor College of Medicine in the U.S., to fund scholarships to doctors who work in Venezuela so they can pursue a world-class Diploma Course in Tropical Medicine from Baylor's National School of Tropical Medicine.

This is an online, four-month program divided into four modules that include Epidemiology, Public Health, Tropical Bacteriology and Virology, Tropical Parasitology and Mycology, and Application of Travel and Tropical Medicine. It will provide the scholarship recipients who participate in the program with the necessary knowledge and skills of clinical subspecialties focused on tropical medicine.



Sponsorships



In 2021, the Simón Bolívar Foundation also had the opportunity to support different initiatives of nonprofit organizations whose work is deeply aligned with our vision, mission and objectives. **Among the organizations supported with sponsorships is the Big Little JC 5K race to support families with children with special needs.**



Updates to 2020 Grants

In 2020, the Simón Bolívar Foundation signed 40 grant agreements with different organizations through five rounds of its charitable programs. The execution of a large part of these agreements was extended until 2021 and some through 2022, given challenges in implementation.

These challenges included, among others, logistical problems in Venezuela, such as lack of fuel, deterioration of infrastructure, limitations in access to basic public services such as electricity, transportation and telecommunications, access to beneficiaries, and poor quality equipment. We also saw some opportunities, for improvement in the grant-making and implementation process as exchange rate allowed in some cases to access more products at lower costs.

Two of the grants signed in 2020 were on hold at the time of issuing the Foundation's Annual Report for 2020. To complete the execution of

the charitable programs and fulfill the grantees' commitment to beneficiaries, modifications to the grant agreements were approved in 2021, and the charitable programs are currently in execution.

In 2021, 32 closing reports were received from grant recipients. After a thorough and rigorous process of review of each of these reports, which includes a review of the implementation of the charitable program, the number of beneficiaries reached and objectives achieved in accordance with the grant agreement, challenges encountered and lessons learned, we have satisfactorily closed 28 grants.

We continued to work with the remaining grants until the charitable programs are satisfactorily concluded and all the required documentation is received and reviewed.

The overall grant amounts for the grant agreements executed in 2021 are unchanged.





Closing Comments

“Today seven years have passed since Marco had his transplant and thanks –first to God– and to you, Marco today has a normal and independent life, with his medical follow-ups and medications like any child with pathologies of this type. Truly, many thanks to the entire team of the Foundation who make this possible. We also thank the transplant team who give everything not only for Marco but for all the children who come into their hands.”

**Migmary Morales | Mother of Marco Bello,
transplanted patient. Argentina.**



The Simón Bolívar Foundation has focused its attention on charitable grants to qualified international charitable organizations with a long and well-known experience, to help an increasing number of beneficiaries.

At the same time, the Foundation continues supporting patients who were under its responsibility when the new Board of Directors took office in 2019 and continues searching for options for longer-term care for the patients once their grant agreements conclude.

At the Simón Bolívar Foundation we are proud to have been able to help fund the medical care for these patients and see how, over time, they return to a full life.



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