



# Simón Bolívar Foundation®



2020 ANNUAL REPORT



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## NOTE FROM THE BOARD



As chairwoman of the Foundation Board during 2020 and the first quarter of 2021 – and as a Venezuelan – I was deeply conscious of the

special connection between our company and the Venezuelan people and their suffering. I do not need to remind anyone of the humanitarian crisis that engulfs this once prosperous nation and still proud people. The images of hungry children searching back alleys for food...of people dying for lack of medicine or even the most basic health care...of civil society collapsing amid an epidemic of crime, corruption, and desperation...all of this speaks far more urgently than I can of the agony and anguish the Venezuelan people face every day.

That's why as chairwoman of the Foundation Board of Directors of the Simón Bolívar Foundation, in 2019, we redefined the Foundation's mission to amplify its

range of action to assist more vulnerable people in and from Venezuela and others in need.

In 2020, following a competitive application process and thorough review and interview process, Mariela Poleo was appointed as President of the Foundation to oversee the implementation of this new mission. Prior to taking the helm at the Foundation, she served over 20 years in global roles at a major energy company. In her different roles, Poleo has overseen billion-dollar budgets and strategic planning, management and financial analysis for major capital projects in North and South America, Norway and Africa.

I am proud and grateful for being part of the changes implemented, which positions our Foundation to better help Venezuela's complex humanitarian crisis and others in need.

Luisa Palacios  
Former Chairwoman and Member of  
the Simón Bolívar Foundation Board of  
Directors



Serving as part of the Board of Directors of the Simón Bolívar Foundation allows me to join the commitment to fulfill the humanitarian

mission the organization continues to strongly push with strength in 2021: Improving the health of the most vulnerable individuals affected by disaster, conflict, and poverty, with special attention to children and mothers in and from Venezuela.

2020 was a year of challenges but also achievements and satisfaction. We welcome 2021, strengthened by our accomplishments and with a renewed commitment to support those most in need, not only in Venezuela but in the region. I am extremely thankful to God for the opportunity to help this noble cause.

Pablo Perez  
Board Member of the Simón Bolívar  
Foundation

# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



There have been few years as challenging as 2020. The pandemic forced us to change almost every aspect of our everyday lives; families were split; and those that were already suffering did so even more.

For the Foundation, 2020 began with the implementation of the board of directors' approved new vision: **a future where access to basic health care is a valued human right, not just for a few but for everyone.** I joined the Foundation in March 2020,

and just when COVID-19 was declared a pandemic. **COVID-19 represented the opportunity to jump into grantmaking with specific rounds to help mitigate the pandemic effects in Venezuela,** a country hit hard by the largest underfunded humanitarian crisis in the western hemisphere, and extremely vulnerable due to the critical health crisis it is experiencing.

Implementing this new vision was a big task. We are transitioning from a grant model where a limited group of individual patients received grants to fund medical treatments outside of Venezuela, to grants for nonprofits that benefit a larger number of individuals and could help build the capacity to treat certain high-risk diseases in the country.

**I am very proud of what we achieved in 2020. In record time, the Foundation was able to carry out several competitive rounds to provide grants to large and small charitable organizations.** Three of the rounds were focused on COVID-19-related vulnerabilities and have impacted more than 100,000 vulnerable individuals in and out of Venezuela. At the same time we improved our governance and transparency amidst the very challenging environment the pandemic restrictions have posed for charitable activities. Some of our successes in 2020 include:

- ▶ Through five grantmaking rounds, the Foundation awarded \$2.6 million in charitable grants to 40 organizations.
- ▶ We reviewed more than 70 organizations that presented charitable projects to help with Venezuela's humanitarian crisis.

- ▶ We provided training to our grantees on grantmaking processes and humanitarian health services, and the organizations that did not qualify for our grants received feedback that can help them improve their chances for obtaining funding with us or with other organizations.
- ▶ We raised awareness about the humanitarian crisis in Venezuela, transferring knowledge and supporting capacity-building through six webinars where 25 speakers and eight moderators from different countries shared their expertise.

The Foundation continued supporting existing patients and working diligently to find organizations that could provide long-term care to these patients after their grant agreements are completed.

**Transparency, Governance and Collaboration** have been the key drivers for this year. Our grantmaking processes are guided by the best philanthropy practices, a defined evaluation criteria, and an independent advisory team assessing all proposals. More details on our grantmaking processes are available on our [website](#).

All these achievements were possible thanks to the joint efforts and support of the Foundation's staff, the board of directors, CITGO, and the generosity of the many volunteers working with the NGOs we partner with. I am happy to say that in less than a year, the Foundation has created and nurtured a network of NGOs, national and international academics and experts, and other individuals and organizations that together work to improve the humanitarian emergency in Venezuela. This has been done amidst a very challenging environment.

Special thanks to Luisa Palacios, who led the Board in the transition to the new mission, with compassion and empathy, focusing on the impact to many more individuals. I hope 2021 will provide us with more opportunities for strengthening our mission and supporting vulnerable Venezuelans, in and out of the country.

Sincerely,  
Mariela Poleo  
President, Simón Bolívar Foundation

## ABOUT US



## Simón Bolívar Foundation®

The Simón Bolívar Foundation was established in 2006 as the 501(c)(3) nonprofit, private foundation of CITGO Petroleum Corporation.

**The Foundation serves as a catalyst to transform lives by connecting and networking with community members to work together and take community action to assist those in need.** Initiatives leverage existing resources and invest in organizations to meet the immediate and long-term health needs of the most vulnerable in and from Venezuela, residing in the United States and other countries, as well as other vulnerable communities. The Foundation supports a wide range of programming and direct support—creating dividends to benefit the wider community for years to come.



## OUR MISSION

### *Our Vision: A future where access to basic health care is a valued human right.*

With a revised mission where the focus is improving the health of vulnerable people affected by disasters, conflict, and poverty, with special attention to children and mothers, inside and outside Venezuela, the Foundation has established three objectives:

1

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

2

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

3

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 children and mothers.



# GOVERNANCE

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

- ▶ Subject to federal, state and local laws in the United States and to audits and controls by authorities such as the Internal Revenue Service (IRS-Tax) and State Attorneys General for the states where the Foundation is registered.
- ▶ Subject to the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) and U.S. sanctions issued by Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC).
- ▶ 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 Board of Directors. The Foundation periodically reports to the CITGO Board of Directors on its activities, as CITGO is the sole member of the Foundation.
- ▶ Supported by CITGO employees who contribute in the areas of tax, accounting, legal and regulatory compliance, among others, whose time is donated as an in-kind donation, as well as office space, equipment and other support.
- ▶ Subject to CITGO internal audits, and the Foundation's financial statements are annually audited by a recognized external audit firm.
- ▶ Required to annually report its charitable activities to the IRS, including: (i) details of the funded charitable programs, (ii) grantees benefited with donations, and (iii) donation amounts.

To maintain the tax-exempt status approved by the IRS and to be able to legally operate as a U.S. registered 501(c)(3) private foundation, all donations must be for strictly charitable purposes and are subject to special restrictions, including:

- ▶ Prohibition of lobbying and political activity.
- ▶ Independent selection of beneficiaries based solely on charitable criteria (without external influence or interference).
- ▶ Prohibition on making donations to, or transactions for the benefit of disqualified persons and organizations under the IRS self-dealing rules, including CITGO, PDVSA and the division of the Venezuelan government that controls PDVSA, and employees and family members of these entities and governmental division.





# THE COMPLEX HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN VENEZUELA

Venezuela has suffered an economic collapse that threatens the nations' health and stability and has precipitated the largest mass migration in the region. The full impact on public health has been difficult to assess due to suppression of health indicators, but available evidence points to a health system deteriorating for a decade and that collapsed in recent years.

The COVID-19 pandemic has devastated Latin America, increasing poverty throughout the region. Venezuela's suffering is dramatically worse due to the ongoing economic collapse that preceded the COVID outbreak. Hyperinflation, a shattered private sector, dwindling foreign exchange reserves and mass unemployment were all well entrenched prior to the pandemic. Venezuelan households now depend significantly on transfers, not wages, to meet their basic needs.

COVID-19 is a crisis within Venezuela's humanitarian crisis. Fourteen million of the country's 27 million citizens now struggle to meet basic humanitarian needs such as nutrition, health or economic subsistence. **95% of the population is living in poverty** and almost 70% of Venezuelans are experiencing extreme poverty.

**5.2 million Venezuelans have left the country**, fueling a refugee crisis in neighboring countries. The pandemic has hit Venezuelan refugees hard, already among the most vulnerable population globally. COVID-19 has severely impacted refugees' health, social and economic well-being. This pandemic has reduced remittances to Venezuela, today one of the country's most important sources of income.

The country's economic devastation has deepened the food security and public health crises. According to the Food Security Information Network (FSIN), Venezuela was suffering the world's **4th-worst food crisis** – behind only Yemen, Democratic Republic of Congo and Afghanistan – even before the pandemic. Severe malnutrition,

particularly among mothers and children five years of age or younger, show worrying increases in mortality rates.

Equally concerning are risks related to vaccination delays in Venezuela, which could lead to a surge in other infectious diseases thought to have been eradicated.

The health crisis has been exacerbated by the collapse of the nation's hospitals and health care infrastructure, the thousands of health care professionals forced to leave the country and the mortality rates of those who have stayed, but do not have minimum protections to combat the surge of COVID-19.

Against this dire backdrop, Venezuela's humanitarian funding is below what is needed. In 2019 the country **could secure only 40 percent of allocated humanitarian funding** with 2020 actual funding standing at less than 20 percent of allocated – even as needs have doubled, if not tripled. Of the almost \$800 million in allocated 2020 funding for Venezuela's humanitarian response, only \$164 million or 21.6% of the committed funds had been disbursed, according to the [United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs](#). While the reasons for such low execution are numerous, bureaucratic impediments and unnecessary regulatory obstacles within Venezuela have also contributed to the very low implementation of humanitarian aid.

The complex humanitarian emergency suffered by Venezuelans has dramatically worsened with the appearance and spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, which is why the response of humanitarian actors that contribute to the daily efforts of providing aid has become essential.

## 2020: OUR CHANGE IN PHILOSOPHY

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

In the past, the Foundation utilized a grant model under which a limited group of individual patients received grants that funded medical treatments outside of Venezuela. The last grants for individual patients Bone Marrow Transplants were awarded in 2018. The Foundation recently chose to move away from this approach for a number of reasons:

1. This model did not create the capacity for the treatment of high-risk diseases in Venezuela, but instead devoted funds for a small group of individuals to access treatments outside of Venezuela. This action inherently limited the Foundation's charitable efforts impact to a select few and did little to build capacity inside Venezuela.
2. The original grants were supposed to provide medical treatment for transplants or complex surgeries for only 5-6 months, but as the Venezuela health care system deteriorated, they became open-ended with an average of 4-5 years of financial aid. In some cases, the Foundation extended its assistance for more than 8 years.
3. The average grant amount per patient was approximately \$100,000 per year, but certain patients over time received almost a million dollars in assistance. The charitable grant was comprehensive: it included medical treatment, housing and living expenses, which is uncommon for this type of foundation. Although this support was vital for the individual recipients, creating capacity in Venezuela for treatment of these high risk diseases can benefit a much greater number of Venezuelans in need now and in the future.

For the Foundation, serving these patients and their families was an honor and a fulfilling experience. However, due to the complex humanitarian crisis in Venezuela, we redefined our mission and adopted a grant model that:

1. Reaches more people and institutions and has the greatest possible impact with the Foundation's limited budget.
2. Rebuilds expertise and capacity in Venezuela so that health care providers and medical institutions can treat many more patients.

**This new philosophy not only enables us to expand the impact of the Foundation's charitable efforts to a greater number of people, but also helps us build capacity within Venezuela.**

"When my son's life was slipping out of my hands, the doors of the Simón Bolívar Foundation opened and they became our angels. We have had their unconditional support: medicines, medical consultations, surgical interventions, as well as providing us with everything necessary to make our stay in Colombia, a country we did not know, as comfortable as possible.

Today my child can run, jump, play, dance, do sports. He is a healthy, and above all, happy child.

THANK YOU SIMÓN BOLÍVAR FOUNDATION and thank you to all who have made our happiness possible. Because there's nothing that makes a mother happier than seeing her child smile."

— Patient parent, Colombia

# ACHIEVEMENTS



## Governance

- ▶ Updated procedures - corporate governance: ethics and compliance committees.
- ▶ Training for the Foundation's staff and NGOs working with the Foundation on the best practices in grant development and humanitarian health.
- ▶ Development of a standard grant agreement that clearly defines the scope reporting requirements, including budget and metrics to measure progress and relevant requirements and laws to comply with.
- ▶ Development of a grant-making manual for grantee organizations.
- ▶ Adaptation of the Foundation's processes and procedures in grantmaking to follow best practices.



## Transparency

- ▶ Strict due diligence process to vet grant recipients.
- ▶ Development of a comprehensive website that includes information about grant processes and evaluation criteria.
- ▶ Frequent reports on our grant activities.
- ▶ Open calls for small grants.
- ▶ Ongoing public update of activities through our website and social media channels.

[simonbolivarfoundation.org](https://simonbolivarfoundation.org)

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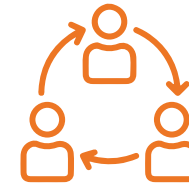


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## Collaboration

- ▶ Establishing relationships with other organizations that provide funds to help with the humanitarian crisis in Venezuela.
- ▶ Hosting webinars with experts in the area of health and humanitarian crisis to promote dialogue and cooperation.

# HOW WE AWARD AND MONITOR GRANTS

The Foundation has three grant categories that provide access to funding, help build capacity, and empower nonprofits, all with the goal of expanding access to medicine and nutrition that ultimately improves well-being for the most vulnerable individuals in and from Venezuela.

## Humanitarian Health Small Grants

Empowering nonprofits, mostly founded by the Venezuelan diaspora, to help those affected by the humanitarian crisis in Venezuela. Includes Small Grants, COVID-19 Small Grants and Hoy Invita Simón.

## Humanitarian Health Medium Large Grants

Renowned nonprofits with long standing presence and demonstrated capacity to execute programs in Venezuela and the Region are invited to participate. These agreements are considered strategic partnerships.

## Knowledge Transfer Medium/Large Grants

Aims to enhance the capacity of medical professionals and caregivers to serve and treat patients in Venezuela through training in nutrition, global health practices, and disaster medicine. Additionally, this grant category will help retain doctors in Venezuela and improve infrastructure of medical training facilities. In 2020, groundwork was laid towards mapping and screening potential organizations that can help treat patients affected by high-risk conditions in Venezuela.

Grant awards are conferred either by invitation or by an open call for proposals. **All grants are evaluated by a volunteer Community Advisory Team, made up of internal and external leaders who have in-depth knowledge and expertise in the non-profit field, infectious disease and/or the public health area.**

Proposals are evaluated based on:

- ▶ Ability to address program priorities
- ▶ Cost-effectiveness
- ▶ Project design/plan
- ▶ Project impact
- ▶ Implementation time frame
- ▶ Sustainability over time

The final decision on grant awards is made by the Foundation Board of Directors.



# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Amidst an unprecedented year of financial challenges, our sole member and donor, CITGO Petroleum Corporation, provided a donation of \$4.5 million to the Foundation.

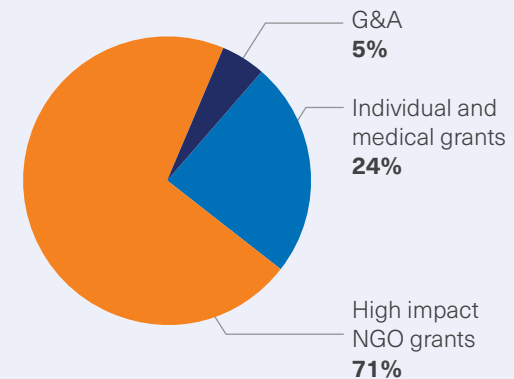
The approved 2020 budget was \$6.6 million, including carry over from previous year, of which \$3.7 million was executed and \$2.9 million has been approved to be carried over to 2021.

2020 expenditures were distributed as follows: 71% of the budget went to high impact grants, 24% for individual patients and medical hospital grants, and 5% for Grant Administration expenses.

The COVID-19 pandemic limited travel and disrupted planned programs, so certain funds earmarked for specific patient programs were affected by delays.

## 2020 Expenditures

\$3.7 million



In kind donations (volunteers, office space and other administrative costs) from CITGO Petroleum Corporation are not captured in this chart.

The total amount of High Impact NGO grants includes \$77,500 for sponsorships, networking and education and \$150,000 on grants awarded for Humanitarian Health PP

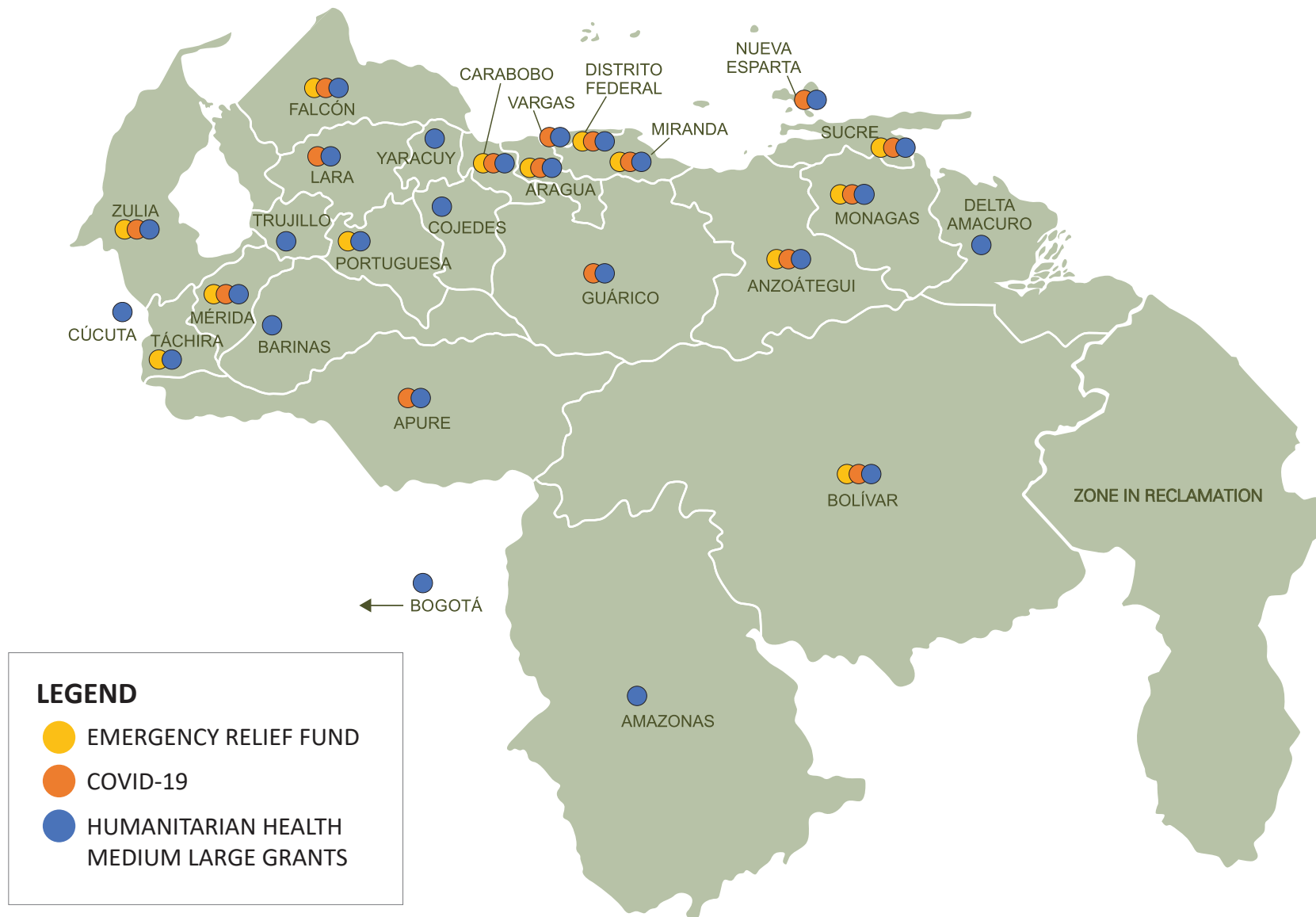


# 16,590

VOLUNTEER HOURS DONATED  
BY CITGO TO THE FOUNDATION



# AID PROVIDED BY STATE IN VENEZUELA

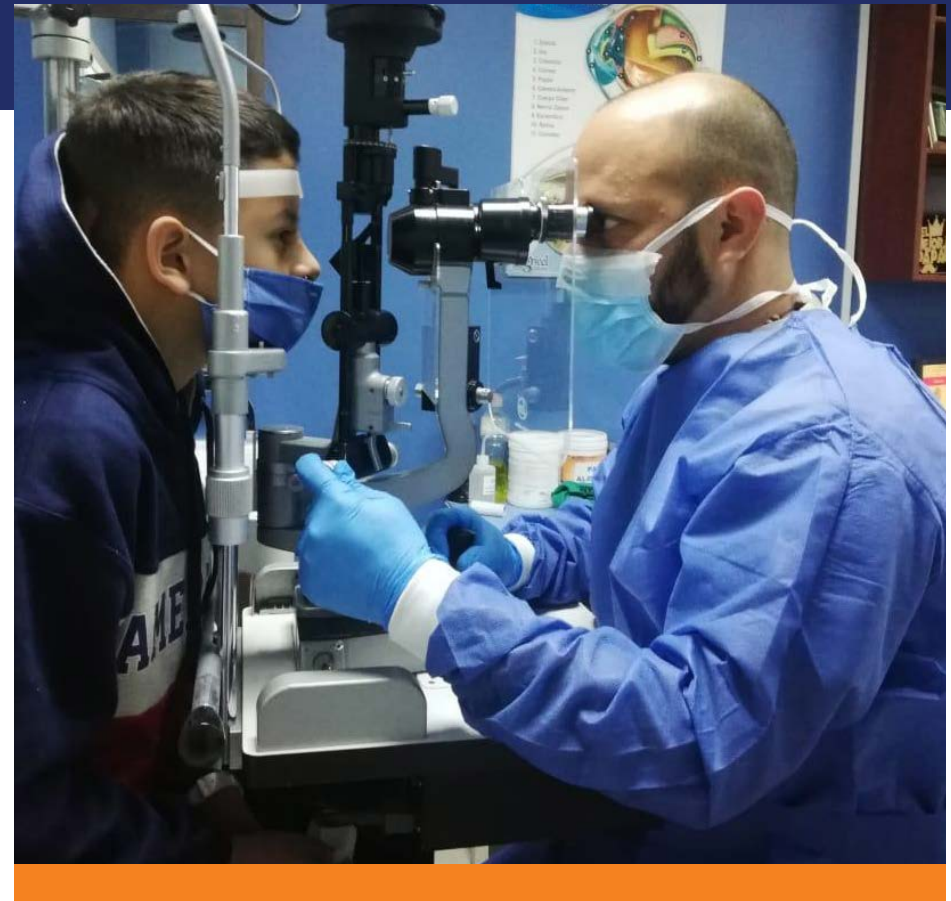


Metrics and information provided reflects data from Grant Agreements signed in 2020.  
Some projects are still in execution.

## SMALL GRANTS

Small grants are designed to empower local nonprofit organizations working to help vulnerable people and those affected by the complex humanitarian emergency in Venezuela by:

- ▶ Increasing access to medicines and health care services;
- ▶ Improving health professionals' capabilities to serve and treat patients through education and support;
- ▶ Supporting educational, preventive health care, nutrition and well-being initiatives;
- ▶ Increasing nonprofits' skills and knowledge to better serve their beneficiaries; and
- ▶ Prioritizing projects that help children and address maternal health issues.



# SMALL GRANTS

## Projects that Received Grants

### Family Planning and Prenatal Care Immigration Program

Supported approximately 350 women with access to health care services in Colombia, reducing maternal and perinatal morbidity and mortality and diminishing complications for high-risk pregnancies.

### Academic Initiative for Implementation of Critical Congenital Heart Disease Screening in Venezuelan Newborns Program

Focused on supporting newborns with Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD). This program would improve CCHD screening and would decrease the existing diagnostic gap.

### A New Hope: Huntington Program

Focused on enhancing the lives of Venezuelans with Huntington's disease, a rare disease that breaks down nerve cells in the brain.

### Supplemental Iron and Folic Acid for Pregnant Women Program

Will provide folic acid and iron supplements to approximately 200 pregnant women, preventing premature births and reducing low birth weight in newborns. The project is currently on hold.

### Tacrolimus for the prevention of organ rejection in transplanted patients

Provided specialized treatment for liver, heart and kidney transplant recipients to reduce organ rejection.

### Mano a Mano

Provided direct medical, dental and vision care through a clinic in Riobamba, Ecuador, including free care to an estimated 300 Venezuelan refugees.

### Damaged operating rooms and pre-anesthetic areas repair and update project

Repaired and updated two damaged operating rooms and a pre-anesthetic area, returning them to proper functionality.

### Volunteer doctors incentive program

This team also worked with doctors to incentivize them to voluntarily provide care to children in the most remote parts of Venezuela.

# \$100,000

AWARDED

# 1,600

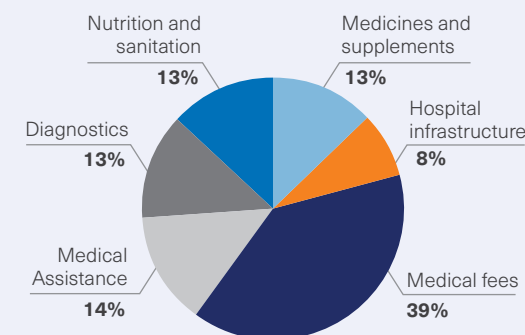
MEALS  
NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS

# >116

BENEFICIARIES:  
HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

# >5,700

BENEFICIARIES: PATIENTS  
(ADULTS AND PEDIATRICS)



Disclaimer: Awarded in 2019; executed in 2020.

## COVID-19 EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

SBF's first response to the COVID-19 pandemic was the activation of the Emergency Relief Fund in March 2020, shortly after the virus reached the Americas. In order to begin an immediate response, \$145,751 was awarded to organizations that were working to mitigate the effects of the pandemic in Venezuela and had an existing relationship with the Foundation.



"Thank you for this excellent donation to the hospital in this critical moment. Please send my best to this group of doctors in the U.S. for this assistance. We appreciate everything you can give us in this difficult time for Venezuela."

— Venezuelan Hospital Representative

# COVID-19 EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

## Projects that Received Grants

### Medical supplies to prevent COVID-19 spread among Venezuelan health workers

Purchased and distributed PPE throughout Venezuela's primary hospitals, including masks, gowns and gloves. The supplies protected 1,800 health care workers on the front lines of the fight against the virus.

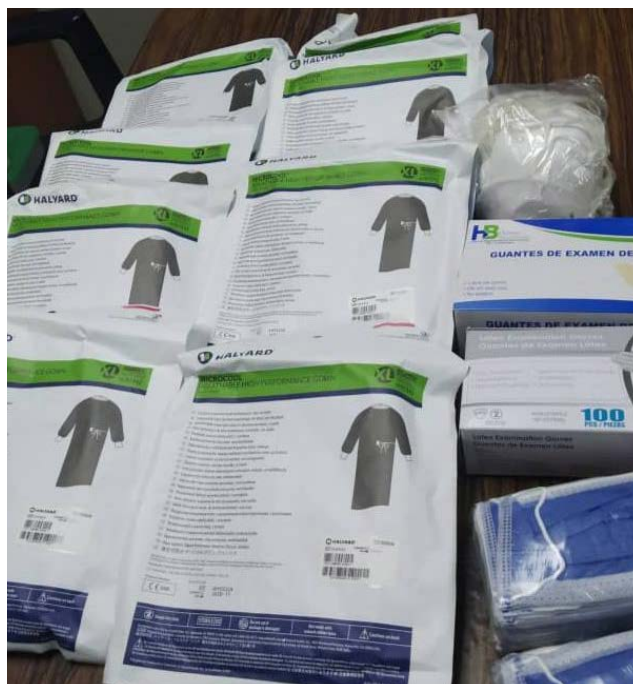
### A New Hope Huntington Program - COVID-19

Delivered sanitation supplies, personal protective equipment and medicine to at-risk communities in Zulia state, Venezuela.



### Connectivity - COVID 19 and beyond

Provided a health center in Portuguesa state, Venezuela, with the funding needed to support. Enhance interactive connections and mobility, call center, and technology. This system helped provide preventative, diagnostic and follow-up medical care to over 5,000 patients.



## \$145,751

AWARDED

## >35

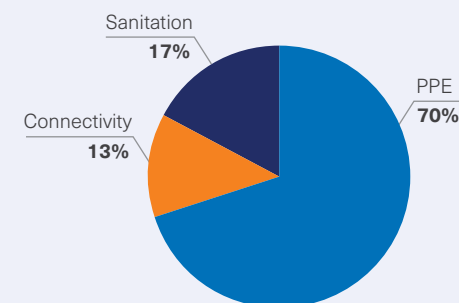
HOSPITALS, OUTPATIENT CLINICS  
AND SURGICAL CARE FACILITIES

## >7,500

BENEFICIARIES: FAMILIES

## >1,800

BENEFICIARIES:  
HEALTH PROFESSIONALS



## SMALL GRANTS COVID-19

In response to the significant outbreak of COVID-19 in Venezuela, the Foundation opened a public call for proposals addressing the pandemic within its Small Grants Program. The Venezuelan population was considered particularly susceptible to the virus in light of its deteriorated public health system.

The program focused on projects that:

- ▶ Increase access to medicine and health care services for COVID-19 risk population and communities.
- ▶ Increase capacity of health professionals including: physicians, nurses and other caregivers and/or social workers to serve and treat patients affected by coronavirus through education and support.
- ▶ Support preventative health care, nutrition and well-being initiatives.
- ▶ Contribute to improve infrastructure capacity at hospitals and/or community clinics.

Fifteen projects were funded, totaling \$425,631. The projects included supply of personal protection equipment and medicines, sponsorship of local production of face shields, training for first responders and emergency services personnel and equipment such as an ambulance and testing material.



## SMALL GRANTS COVID-19



**\$427,631**

AWARDED

**320**

FOOD PANTRIES  
COMMUNITY  
CENTERS

**21**

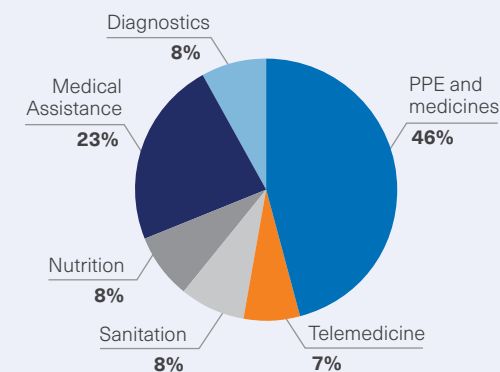
HOSPITALS

**426,368**

MEALS

**>5,151**

BENEFICIARIES:  
HEALTH PROFESSIONALS



# HOY INVITA SIMÓN SMALL GRANT FOOD PROGRAM

Given the huge economic impact the pandemic had in vulnerable populations, like the Venezuelan diaspora, the Foundation launched the Hoy Invita Simón Small Grant Food Program, a food assistance initiative to help with food insecurity in eight cities in the United States. In addition, the program got Venezuelan-owned, local entrepreneurs and restaurants involved as suppliers to help them sustain their businesses and staff during the pandemic lockdown and recession. After a successful pilot program, the initiative was expanded through a call for proposals that led to award five grants for a total of \$248,395.



“Thank you to the Simón Bolívar Foundation for supporting us, for blessing so many families. Our budget has been so widespread that we have been able to help more than 100 families each month with food needed to outlast the pandemic. Many have lost their jobs or are apart from their families. Your support will help them survive this.

Most of the Venezuelans in Houston are immigrants, many of them seeking asylum, working in industries that have closed. Your support has been a blessing.”

— Lidia Villamizar, Big Little JC Association



# HOY INVITA SIMÓN SMALL GRANT FOOD PROGRAM

## Grant Recipients

### Hoy Invita Simón Pilot Program Florida

Served meals to families in Miami, Weston, and Doral, Florida.

### Healing Venezuela Emergency Relief Food Program

Provided food and resources to the Venezuelan population in New York. The project created a database of needs in the community.

### Hoy Invita Simón - Houston

Provided food and nonperishable items to Venezuelans living in the Greater Houston area, with a focus on families with special needs children.



### Community Kitchen Program

Opened community kitchens in Washington DC Maryland and Virginia to distribute approximately 4,500 free meals.

### Food Fair

Provided approximately 24,000 pounds of food to communities in Fulshear, Texas.

### Matthew 25:35 Food Bank

Supported families in need in Doral, Florida with a food bank and the construction of a cold room to preserve food.



# \$248,395

AWARDED

# 28,900

BENEFICIARIES

# 10,700

MEALS DELIVERED

# 11,500

GROCERY BAGS DELIVERED

# 8

U.S. CITIES WITH HIGH  
CONCENTRATION OF VENEZUELAN  
MIGRANTS BENEFITED

# 67

FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL-NEEDS  
CHILDREN BENEFITED

# HUMANITARIAN HEALTH MEDIUM LARGE GRANTS

To help address the Venezuelan humanitarian crisis, the Foundation established the Humanitarian Health Medium Large Grants. Awards are limited to U.S. 501(c)(3) organizations or other qualified organizations with a long-standing presence and demonstrated capacity to perform projects in Venezuela or in the region.

These grant agreements are an important milestone for the Foundation's new focus. The grantees not only have proven experience with humanitarian aid and a long-standing presence in Latin America, but also have a consolidated track record of performance thanks to a rooted distribution and support network that can reach vulnerable populations in the region.

The Foundation partnered with the selected organizations to carry out the following projects:

- ▶ Improvement of the Health Conditions of Vulnerable Populations
- ▶ COVID-19 Food Assistance for Venezuelans Migrants
- ▶ Healing Venezuela Food Support Program
- ▶ Strengthening the Health Response Capacity in Venezuela

"The impact of the pandemic and unemployment pushed thousands into food lines to beg for help. We're honored to be chosen to receive this grant from the Simón Bolívar Foundation and pledge to continue doing everything we can, with the help of our donors and partners, to help these families through this crisis."

— Ed Raine, Food For The Poor President/CEO



## \$1,650,000

AWARDED

## 84,350

BENEFICIARIES

## >2,396,000

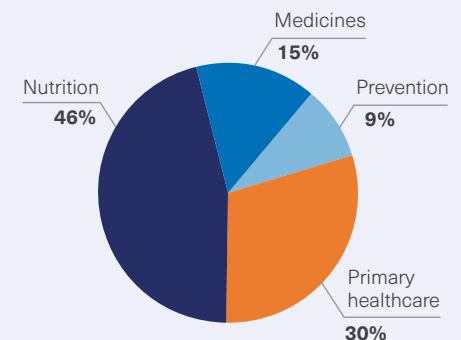
MEALS / NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS

## 69

HOSPITALS  
(AND OUTPATIENT  
CLINICS)

## >14

COMMUNITY  
CENTERS



# HUMANITARIAN HEALTH MEDIUM LARGE GRANTS

## Grant Recipients

### Healing Venezuela Food Support Program

To supply nutritional supplements for an estimated 6,000 children and teenagers in need in five states and the Capital District in Venezuela for six months.

### Improvement of the Health Conditions of Vulnerable Populations in Venezuela

To provide 1.4 metric tons of medicines to assist an estimated 7,000 vulnerable Venezuelans over six months. Project execution on hold.

### COVID-19 Food Assistance for Venezuelans Migrants

Implemented a food assistance program for an estimated 36,000 Venezuelan migrants in Bogotá and Cúcuta, Colombia.

### Strengthening the Health Response Capacity in Venezuela

To fund two Venezuelan Red Cross health facilities in Venezuela's Capital District and Santa Elena de Uairén, Bolívar state. The facilities serve approximately 10,000 patients and provide basic health care, nutritional support for women and children, mental health care, hygiene and medicines.

### Humanitarian Health PPE Grant Program

To continue supporting the health professionals in Venezuela, through provision of Personal Protective Equipment, given the increase in Covid-19 Cases in Venezuela.

"Families were faced with two difficult choices: stay in Colombia where there were no jobs or make the long journey back to Venezuela. These meals were lifesaving."

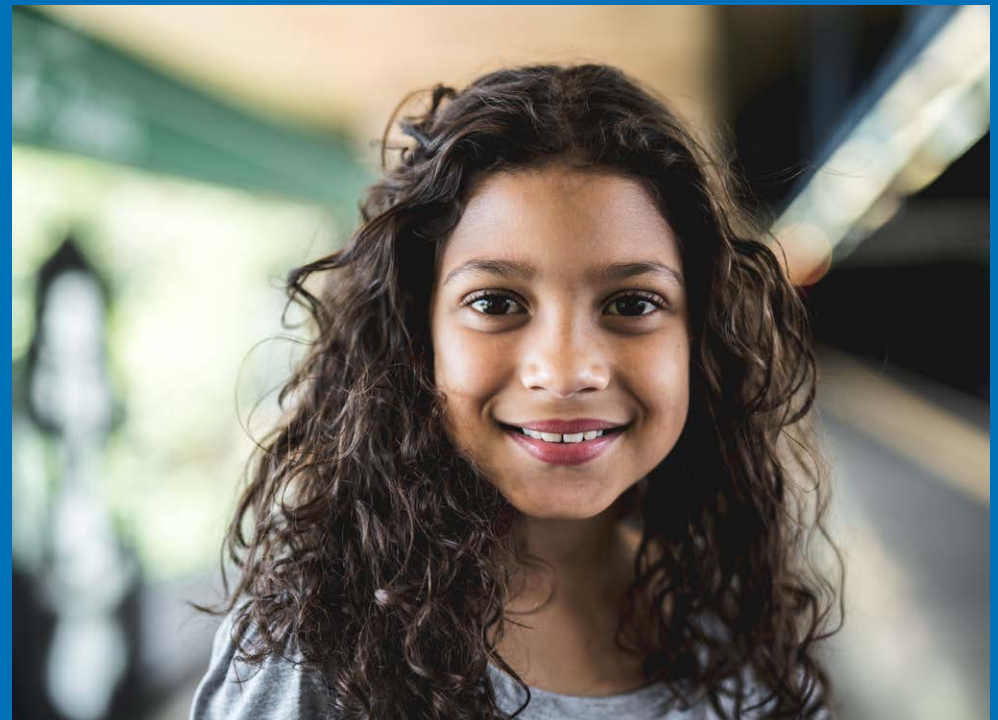
— Katherine Lavin, Food For The Poor  
Lead Advisor, Corporations and Foundations



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