



Simón Bolívar  
Foundation®

# ANNUAL REPORT 2022





## CONTENTS

### Introduction

Letter from the Board of Directors	1
Letter from the President	2

### Foundations

About Us, Mission, and Goals	4
The Current Situation in Venezuela	5
Mission and Charitable Contributions	8
Governance	10
Achievements in 2022	11

### Performance and Progress

Financial Information	13
Description of Grants by Charitable Program	14
Charitable Impact and Estimated Beneficiaries' Map	15
Humanitarian Health Grants	16
Improve Access to Health Services in Venezuela	17
IMNC Venezuela	18
Colombia, Ecuador, and Perú	24
Migrants	32
Natural Disaster Relief	34
Hoy Invita Simón II	36
Knowledge Transfer, Networking and Education Grant Program • Capacity Building	39
Equipment Donation • Donation to Hospitals	41
Updates to Previous Years' Grants	42
Closing Comments	45

## LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Since redefining our strategy and mission in 2019, **the Simón Bolívar Foundation has successfully impacted the large vulnerable population in and from Venezuela.** We have reached new heights through grantmaking in the focus areas of Humanitarian Health, Knowledge Transfer and Capacity Building.

After engaging researchers with Johns Hopkins University and analyzing the study<sup>1</sup> prepared for us, our mission was ratified and we moved forward with reinforcing our current approach of providing primary care for mothers and children in need given the health situation in Venezuela. **In 2022, the Foundation remained focused on raising awareness of the humanitarian crisis in Venezuela by supporting existing nonprofits with a long-standing presence in Venezuela and training our Foundation staff to improve the grantmaking process in the areas of selection, reporting and evaluation competency.**

The Foundation has audited financial statements in addition to internal and external audits conducted to review the Foundation's processes and grants. In 2022, we engaged one of the "Big 4" auditing firms to conduct an audit of the controls relating to the issuance and monitoring of grants. We are pleased to announce that the audit identified great strengths, including:

- Personnel with comprehensive knowledge of the processes, control points, and related regulatory requirements,
- Well-designed processes and controls to protect the Foundation by requiring the grantees to provide expense documentation that goes beyond regulatory requirements, and
- A continuous improvement mindset as a team.

It gives me great pleasure to serve alongside very professional and dedicated board colleagues and management team.

Our initiatives and strategic collaborations with organizations in 2022 were a great success. **We are very excited for the current year as we continue to discover new ways to deliver healthcare and provide nutritious meals to the vulnerable population in and from Venezuela.**

In closing, I would like to thank CITGO Petroleum Corporation for its support of the Simón Bolívar Foundation over the last 16 years.



**David Weaver**

Director, Simón Bolívar Foundation



***We are very excited for the current year as we continue to discover new ways to deliver healthcare and provide nutritious meals to the vulnerable population in and from Venezuela.***



<sup>1</sup> [Venezuela Health Profile 2021, Johns Hopkins Center for Humanitarian Health](#)



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Mariela Poleo**

President, Simón Bolívar Foundation



***Through the grant agreements signed in 2022, we will be able to benefit liver transplant patients and congenital heart disease patients in Venezuela.***



It has been three years since I joined the Foundation with the goal to implement a new vision and mission that aims to create a much greater impact with the Foundation's resources. I am proud to look back at what we have achieved so far and the basis we have set for the future with the ongoing support from the Foundation's sole member CITGO Petroleum Corporation.

**This year's annual report highlights our focus around fulfilling our mission. We spent last year reinforcing existing strategic relationships and developing new ones, helping expand our impact and supporting Venezuelans and others in need in eight countries across the continent.** The additional contributions from CITGO this year allowed us to increase our activity and provide much needed assistance in humanitarian health, especially considering the current migrant situation.

We have been able to effectively conclude most of the remaining individual patient agreements. In 2022, we entered into agreements with organizations in Venezuela that support the patients' transition plan and are aligned with our mission of benefitting a larger number of individuals. **Through the grant agreements signed in 2022, we will be able to benefit liver transplant patients and congenital heart disease patients in Venezuela.**

The Foundation's achievements are a group effort, and I would like to acknowledge those people now. First, my thanks to the Simón Bolívar Foundation team that continues to build knowledge and competencies in grantmaking and has shown dedication and a willingness to learn amid a strong commitment to deliver. To the volunteer community advisory team who has shared its expertise, allowing us to learn from diverse experiences in the field and implement those techniques in our work. To the Board Members and Officers, for your guidance on the strategy which has been key in directing the Foundation in this new mission. And lastly, to the CITGO executive team, its employees, and volunteers, as all of this would not have been possible without the financial contribution and commitment to support Venezuelans and others in need impacted by the humanitarian crisis.

**We will continue to execute our mission in 2023 with a larger budget that will allow us to extend some of our existing successful grants while, at the same time, consider implementing new rounds of grants to further extend our reach.**

I invite you to learn more about our work, our grantees, and our impact through our grant programs. Please join us in improving the health of vulnerable individuals in and from Venezuela.



# FOUNDATIONS

## In this section

---

About Us, Mission, and Goals	4
The Current Situation in Venezuela	5
Mission and Charitable Contributions	8
Governance	10
Achievements in 2022	11

## 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 qualified 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 that benefit the larger community for years to come.

### 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 Foundation mission is aligned specially with the following sustainable development goals:



### 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.

# The Current Situation in Venezuela

In 2022, researchers at the Johns Hopkins Center for Humanitarian Health reported that Venezuela's crisis was posing a threat to the country's health system<sup>1</sup>. **Although the situation in 2022 improved, it is still critical. An estimated 81.5% of the population lives in poverty, and 53.3% lives in extreme poverty<sup>2</sup>**, with millions lacking access to food, clean water, electricity, essential medical supplies, medicines, and adequate healthcare. This has caused inequality, in all its forms, to become a constant in Venezuela. The GINI Index, which is a measure of income inequality, continues to grow, reaching .603. **The country has become the most unequal in the Americas, which is already the continent with the highest levels of inequality worldwide.**

This delicate humanitarian situation in Venezuela has led millions of individuals and families to leave their country in search of better living conditions. **By December 2022, it was estimated that there were more than 7 million Venezuelan refugees and migrants worldwide<sup>3</sup>**, with many of them being families with vulnerable members. These individuals are often forced to take irregular and dangerous routes to reach safety, leaving them exposed to exploitation by smugglers, traffickers, and armed groups. Moreover, the harsh economic conditions have caused many migrant and refugee families to face poverty, leading them to reduce their food intake and take on debt to survive.

**The situation demands urgent attention from the international community to provide support and aid to these vulnerable individuals and families.**

<sup>1</sup> *Venezuela Health Profile 2021, Johns Hopkins Center for Humanitarian Health*

<sup>2</sup> *Encuesta Nacional de Condiciones de Vida (Encovi 2022)*

<sup>3</sup> *Inter-Agency Coordination Platform for Refugees and Migrants (R4V)*





# Macroeconomic Factors



In December 2022,  
annualized inflation was  
**305.7%.**<sup>1</sup>

A family needs

**\$486.9  
per month**



**(80.1 minimum wages)**  
to cover basic needs.<sup>2</sup>



In Venezuela,  
**81.5%**  
of the population  
is poor.<sup>3</sup>

Cumulative GDP reduction  
from 2014 to 2022 is

**72.7%.**<sup>4</sup>



**53.3%**  
of the total population lives  
in extreme poverty.<sup>3</sup>

# Demographic Factors



Venezuela's population  
in 2022 was  
**28.3 million.**<sup>3</sup>

**Life expectancy** was reduced  
by 1.4 years between 2000 and  
2022, and is currently at

**71.1 years.**<sup>5</sup>



## Mortality increase:



An estimated 21 deceased  
children for every 1,000 births.<sup>6</sup>



An estimated 24 children  
under five years deceased  
for every 1,000 births.<sup>6</sup>



125 of every 1,000 mothers  
die during childbirth.<sup>6</sup>

By October 2022, there were  
more than

**7.1 million  
Venezuelan Refugees and  
Migrants** in the World.<sup>7</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Observatorio Venezolano de Finanzas

<sup>2</sup> Centro de Documentación y Análisis Social de la Federación Venezolana de Maestros (Cendas-FVM)

<sup>3</sup> Encuesta Nacional de Condiciones de Vida (Encovi 2022)

<sup>4</sup> World Economic Outlook (WEO), October 2022, by the International Monetary Fund (IMF)

<sup>5</sup> Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)

<sup>6</sup> Venezuela Health Profile 2021, Johns Hopkins Center for Humanitarian Health

<sup>7</sup> Inter-Agency Coordination Platform for Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela (R4V)

# Public Health



## 78.1%

of the households in Venezuela suffer from **food insecurity**.<sup>3</sup>



**50% of the doctors** and **25% of the nursing staff** have emigrated since 2012.<sup>6</sup>



Approximately

## 65%

of children suffer from **chronic malnutrition**.<sup>8</sup>



A **decrease in vaccination coverage**

has resulted in a resurgence of contagious diseases such as measles, diphtheria, whooping cough, and mumps.<sup>6</sup>



More than **70%** of hospitals do not have regular access to **water and electricity**.<sup>6</sup>



# Humanitarian Response



With more than

## 7 million Venezuelan refugees and migrants

worldwide, the vast majority in countries within Latin America and the Caribbean, this has become **one of the largest displacement crises in the world**.<sup>9</sup>



## 37.3%

**of needs of the Regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plan (RMRP) have been funded as of December 2022**, with 67.2% of funds from the

United Nations and 29.2% from International NGOs. 26.5% of funds are dedicated to food security, 8.1% to health, and less than 1% to nutrition.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Encuesta Nacional de Condiciones de Vida (Encovi 2022)

<sup>6</sup> Venezuela Health Profile 2021, Johns Hopkins Center for Humanitarian Health

<sup>8</sup> Cáritas de Venezuela

<sup>9</sup> The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR)

<sup>10</sup> End-year report 2022 - Regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plan (RMRP)



# Mission and Charitable Contributions

In the past, the Foundation implemented a grant model through which a very limited group of individuals received grants to cover the expenses of medical treatments outside of Venezuela. In 2018, the last agreements –under this model– were signed with individual patients for bone marrow transplants. The Foundation has honored the agreements signed until their completion date, so it has continued to help these patients –mostly children– who require complex medical treatments.

**In 2019, the Foundation decided to move away from this approach and change its mission for the following reasons:**

**01**

**The 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.

**02**

**The original grants were supposed to provide medical treatment for only five to six months**, but as Venezuela's healthcare system continued to deteriorate, they were extended by four to five years on average, and in some cases for more than 10 years.

**03**

**The average grant amount per patient was approximately \$100,000 per year, but certain patients over time received more than \$1 million in assistance.** In addition, the charitable grant included travel, housing and living expenses, which is uncommon for this type of foundation.



The Foundation decided that it could significantly expand its impact by supporting qualified charities and NGOs operating in Venezuela and the region by adopting a grant model capable of:

01

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

02

**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 five 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.<sup>1</sup>*

”

<sup>1</sup> Venezuela Health Profile 2021, Johns Hopkins Center for Humanitarian Health, page 16

# Governance

The Foundation is subject to a strict legal framework as a private 501(c)(3) organization registered in the United States, which means the Foundation:

Must comply with federal, state, and local laws and regulations, as well as audits and controls by authorities like the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Must also follow the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA) and other applicable laws.

Operates as a separate legal entity from CITGO, with its own governing documents, Board of Directors, budget, and grant-making requirements.

Regularly, the Foundation informs the CITGO Board of Directors about its charitable activities given that CITGO is its sole member.

Its grant programs adhere to stringent and transparent guidelines for eligibility and awards. To ensure accountability, these guidelines are readily accessible to the public in the Grants and Recipients section of the Foundation's website at [www.simonbolivarfoundation.org](http://www.simonbolivarfoundation.org). The Foundation's financials are audited annually and are available upon request and financial information is disclosed in the corresponding sections of the [2020](#), [2021](#), and [2022](#) Annual Reports.

In addition, the Foundation's tax returns are reported to the IRS and are available on the [IRS charitable organization information search section](#) on its website.

# Achievements in 2022



## Governance

---

- Corporate governance processes continue to be reinforced for the Foundation's Board of Directors, Officers, the Foundation's staff, and the Foundation's grantees.
- The Foundation has a Grantee Manual and Simón Bolívar Foundation Grant Manual for CITGO employees who support the Foundation which it continues to update as needed.
- An audit was performed by one of the "Big 4" firms on the Foundation and its grant-making process. The audit identified key strengths of the Foundation and confirmed the Foundation followed the compliance process for monitoring and closing each grant program.
- After satisfactory review of verification tools and final reports, 36 grants have been closed to date.

## Transparency

---

- The second Annual Report was issued in the first half of 2022.
- The Foundation continues to periodically report its charitable activities and results to CITGO as part of its accountability processes to its sole member and donor.

## Collaboration

---

- Continued to strengthen relationships with experienced charitable organizations and NGOs in Venezuela and the region, which are considered strategic.
- Implemented programs in partnership with the academic sector and other nonprofit organizations to assess health needs in Venezuela and the region, as well as to direct the use of resources more efficiently and with greater reach to those in need.
- Continued our alliances to facilitate knowledge transfer in Venezuela through scholarship programs on tropical medicine, and support for programs in Venezuela to increase education and awareness.



# PERFORMANCE AND PROGRESS

## In this section

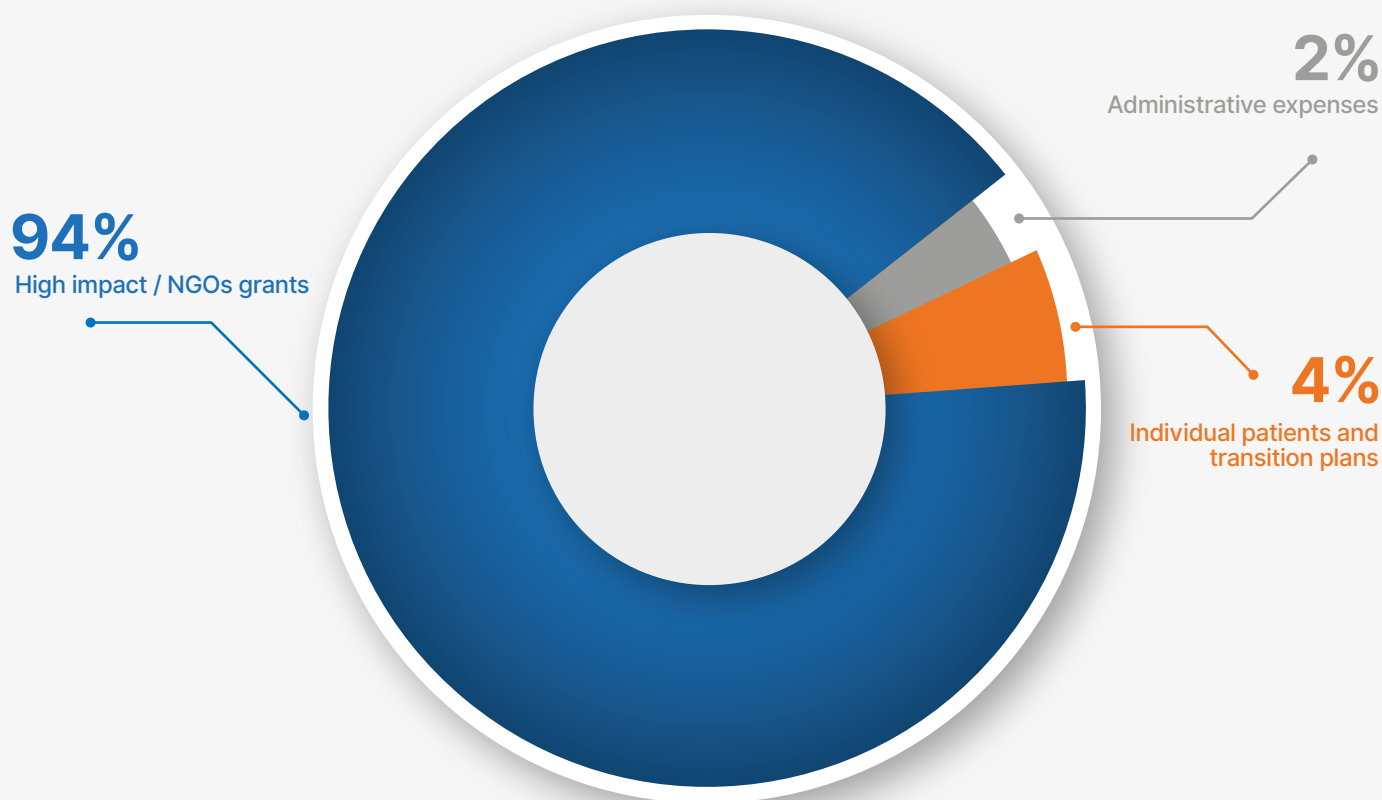
---

<b>Financial Information</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Description of Grants by Charitable Program</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Charitable Impact and Estimated Beneficiaries' Map</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Humanitarian Health Grants</b>	<b>16</b>
Improve Access to Health Services in Venezuela	17
IMNC Venezuela	18
Colombia, Ecuador, and Perú	24
Migrants	32
Natural Disaster Relief	34
Hoy Invita Simón II	36
<b>Knowledge Transfer, Networking and Education Grant Program • Capacity Building</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Equipment Donation • Donation to Hospitals</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Updates to Previous Years' Grants</b>	<b>42</b>

# Financial Information\*

In 2022, CITGO committed \$3.9 million to the Simón Bolívar Foundation, bringing the 2022 approved budget to \$5.4 million, including the transfers of funds donated the previous year.

At year end closing, \$3.8 million (94%) were committed to high impact/NGOs grants, \$0.2 million (4%) to individual patients and transition plans, and \$0.1 million (2%) for administrative expenses. In addition, the Foundation has an outstanding conditional commitment of \$1.2 million.



\* Actual amounts shown are from audited 2022 financial statements which are available upon request. Amounts are GAAP basis of accounting and do not include donated services from CITGO. Budget as approved by the SBF Board of Directors.

# Description of Grants by Charitable Program

The Foundation funds programs implemented by qualified charitable organizations that have boots on the ground and the capacity to execute programs in line with the Foundation's objectives.

In 2022, the Foundation increased its activity via its grants programs. While the Foundation's outreach extends throughout the Americas, most of its estimated beneficiaries, comprising approximately 76% of the total, were concentrated in programs that assist vulnerable populations in Venezuela, in addition to other programs that serve migrants and refugees in Latin and Central America.

During 2022, the Foundation signed agreements under two grant modalities:

## Humanitarian Health Grants

Knowledge Transfer, Networking and Education  
Grant Program / Capacity Building / Equipment  
Donation / Donation to Hospitals



# Charitable Impact and Estimated Beneficiaries' Map



# Humanitarian Health Grants

This program focuses on helping address the complex humanitarian crisis in Venezuela through initiatives that **improve access to medicines, nutrition, and healthcare for low income and vulnerable individuals and populations, in and from Venezuela.** These grants are limited to U.S. registered 501 (c)(3) charitable organizations or fiscal equivalent organizations with a long-standing presence and demonstrated capacity to perform projects in Venezuela or in the region.

Selected organizations are invited to present proposals that are evaluated by the Foundation with assistance from an independent volunteer community advisory team based on the criteria below:

- Meets the Foundation's objectives
- Budget and cost-effectiveness
- Project design/plan
- Project impact
- Implementation time-frame
- Sustainability over time / strategic relationship

**Under this grant modality, the Foundation designed six programs in 2022 that cover the following areas:**

- 1 Improved Access to Health Services in Venezuela
- 2 Integral Maternal, Neonatal and Childhood Health Care Program in Venezuela
- 3 Health Programs for Venezuelan and other Migrants in Colombia, Ecuador, and Perú
- 4 Migrants
- 5 Natural Disaster Relief
- 6 Hoy Invita Simón II

## Humanitarian Health Medium/Large Grants

# Agreement with IFRC\* to Improve Access to Health Services in Venezuela



### Description

Support the work of the Venezuelan Red Cross in providing primary healthcare through health days, which include triage, registration, disease prevention, the supply of medicines, vitamins, deworming medication, promotion of handwashing and hygiene, as well as weight and height measurements. These events are organized in coordination with community leaders. People in need receive information through educational sessions aimed at empowering communities, raising awareness, and promoting behavioral change.

### Location

Barinas, Delta Amacuro, Sucre, and Capital District; Venezuela

### Estimated beneficiaries

83,000 adults; 15,000 children; and 1,000 health professionals

### Grant award

\$806,500

### UN SDGs



*"The Venezuelan Red Cross provided a medical assistance day in Delta Amacuro. This represents an effort to serve a population that otherwise lacks access to healthcare services, and we are grateful for it. We hope to have more similar initiatives in the future."*

Beneficiary

\*International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

## Humanitarian Health Medium/Large Grants

# Integral Maternal, Neonatal and Childhood Health Care (IMNC) Program Venezuela

18 concept notes received

7 applicants invited to present proposal

5 grants awarded

Through an open round for grant proposals, five qualified organizations were selected to receive grants for a total of \$1,180,500. The approved projects are:

**Integral Maternal, Neonatal and Childhood Health Program in Zulia**

**Never Forgotten: Health, Hope, and Opportunities**

**Sexual and Reproductive Health Needs Project**

**Improving Maternal and Newborn Health in Bolívar**

**One Hope for Mothers and Children**



# Humanitarian Health Medium/Large Grants · IMNC Venezuela

## Project: Integral Maternal, Neonatal and Childhood Health Program in Zulia

### Description

Detect and control the malnutrition of pregnant mothers. Monitor, evaluate, and assist in ensuring that their children are born with stable nutritional indices to avoid diseases associated with poor maternal nutrition, and treat children under five years of age with nutritional deficits.

### Location

Zulia, Venezuela

### Estimated beneficiaries

10,500 patients and  
15 health professionals

### Grant award

\$200,000

### UN SDGs



*“Every staff member and child, we are very grateful for the help and support that we have been receiving. We extend our thanks to all those who contributed to this benefit. Your generosity has made a significant impact, and we appreciate it deeply.”*

Beneficiary







## Humanitarian Health Medium/Large Grants · IMNC Venezuela

### Project: **Never Forgotten: Health, Hope, and Opportunities**

#### Description

Strengthen the current nutrition and health program for newborns and children and develop processes, training, and education in a pediatric hospital in Venezuela, acting as a primary healthcare service provider in more than 14 municipalities and adjacent states.

The program also assists pregnant women and health workers to enhance access to and the quality of medical attention.

#### Location

Carabobo, Venezuela

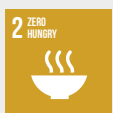
#### Estimated beneficiaries

12,000 direct beneficiaries

#### Grant award

\$250,000

#### UN SDGs



*"We have been using the system provided by the Foundation for about two months now, and the truth is that our experience has been positive. From my point of view, it has helped us a lot to streamline work with patients, coordinate care, and stratify them according to the level of severity. I have found it quite positive, and my experience with the system has been very satisfying."*

Medical resident

## Humanitarian Health Medium/Large Grants · IMNC Venezuela

### Project: Sexual and Reproductive Health Needs Project



#### Description

Respond to the urgent needs of sexual and reproductive health of the most affected and vulnerable populations, including prevention of maternal and neonatal morbidity and mortality, unwanted pregnancies, sexual violence, responding to the needs of survivors of gender-based violence and preventing the transmission from HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.

#### Location

Amazonas and Apure, Venezuela

#### Grant award

\$250,000

#### Estimated beneficiaries

34,440 direct beneficiaries

#### UN SDGs



*"We feel supported and considered; health is very important and having them as a backup is wonderful."*

Beneficiary





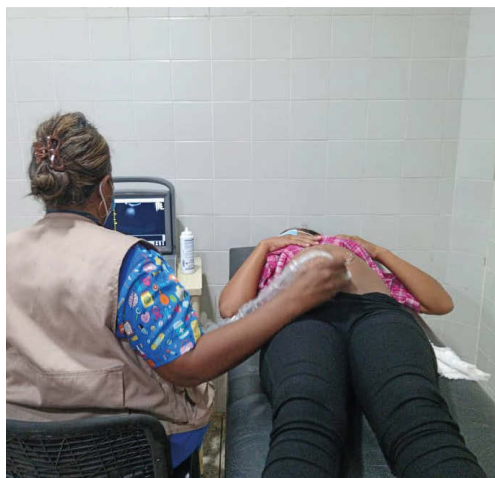
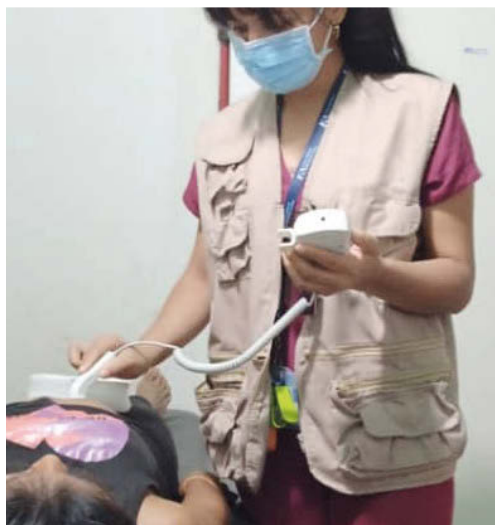
## Humanitarian Health Medium/Large Grants

### IMNC Venezuela

## Project: Improving Maternal and Newborn Health in Bolívar

### Description

Enhance access to quality care at Maripa and Majadakuwe Mai Outpatient Clinics, serving indigenous and non-indigenous communities. The project deploys an obstetrician-gynecologist (ObGyn) for a period of eight (8) months, to train and supervise providers on Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (BEmONC) and provide essential medicines, medical supplies, anti-helminthics, and vitamin supplements to the two clinics. In addition, the project includes raising awareness of perinatal care, deliveries in a health facility, identification of high-risk pregnancies, prevention of sexually transmitted infections, and family planning.



### Location

Bolívar, Venezuela

### Estimated beneficiaries

4,199 Indigenous and non-indigenous people

### Grant award

\$230,500

### UN SDGs



*Oscarlys had her first pregnancy at 16 years old and immediately began receiving prenatal care services at Maripa Outpatient Clinic.*

*"I am progressing very well after my c-section, and I am grateful for the excellent service."*

**Oscarlys** | Beneficiary



# Humanitarian Health Medium/Large Grants · IMNC Venezuela

## Project: One Hope for Mothers and Children



"I am especially grateful to the Foundation and the project because they have been providing assistance to my beautiful grandson, Jeremias, every month. He was orphaned at birth because his mother, Rosianyely, died of pre-eclampsia a few days after giving birth. One Hope for Mothers and Children helped me with the formula for exclusive feeding of my grandson, who is now three months old. I thank God for their help since He is the one who truly has no borders for his children."

**Rosa** | Beneficiary

### Description

Expand health access to vulnerable mothers and children by increasing the number of medical center locations and, through community health fairs and offer prenatal care and health screening for infant and young children, focusing on malnourishment, anemia, and respiratory illness. Also provide nutritional support and potable water, and increased education to patients and healthcare workers.

The project includes delivery of medical supplies, medicines, vitamins, and nutritional support (for mother and infant), birthing kits, and water purification supplies.

### Location

Aragua, Falcón, and Lara; Venezuela

### Estimated beneficiaries

500 mothers and  
750 children

### Grant award

\$250,000

### UN SDGs



## Humanitarian Health Medium/Large Grants

# Health Programs for Venezuelan and other Migrants in Colombia, Ecuador, and Perú

**17** concept notes received

**8** applicants invited to present proposal

**7** grants awarded

The continuous increase in the flow of Venezuelan migrants and the results of a study by researchers from the Center for Disaster Philanthropy, who produced a report in 2021 titled "The Dangers of Forced Displacement: Chronic and Emerging Health Needs of Venezuelans in the Americas Region", provide a robust case for expanding the Foundation's activities to support more programs in the region; consequently, the Foundation awarded seven grants for a total of \$1,68 million. The approved projects are:

**Community Health CARE (Capacity, Access, Reach, and Education)**

**Boosting the Health and Nutrition of Mothers and Children in Colombia**

**Children and Mother's Care Guajira (CHIMOG)**

**Providing Quality Healthcare and Information for Venezuelan and other Women and Children in Perú**

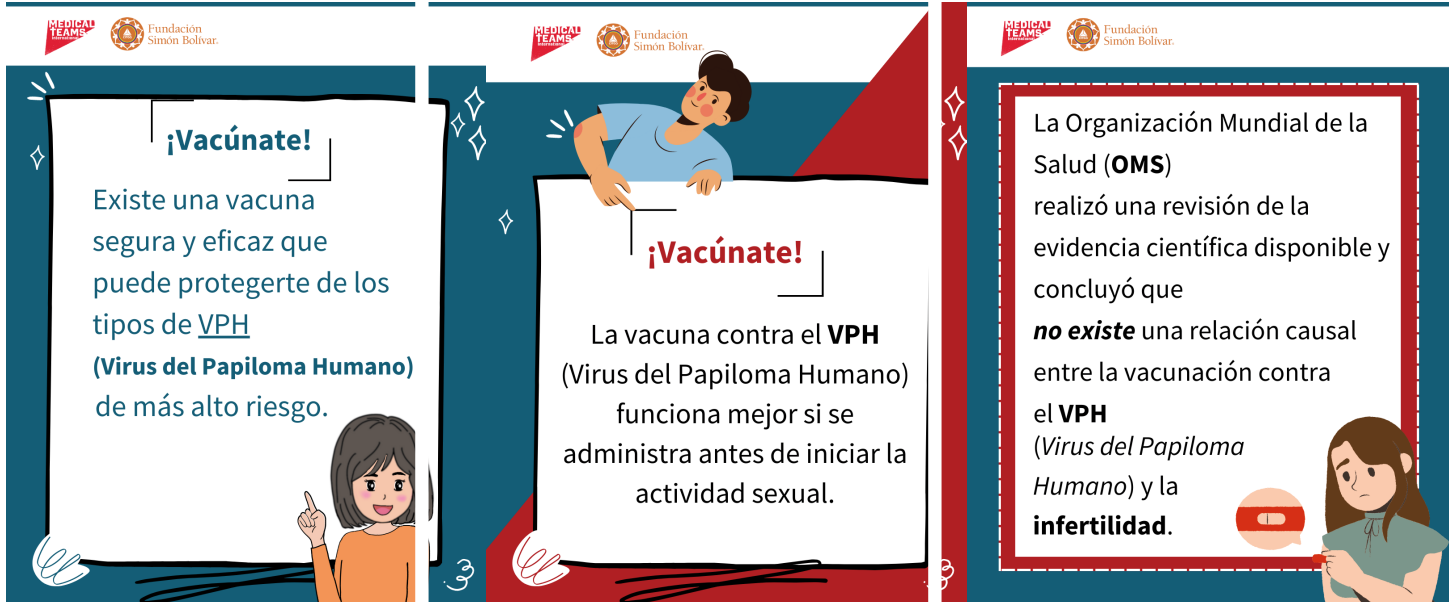
**Sembrando Salud – Increasing Access to Quality Nutrition and Healthcare for Vulnerable Venezuelan and Other Women and Children in Ecuador**

**Providing Medical Care Services to Vulnerable Venezuelan Migrants and Vulnerable Host Community Residents in Guayaquil, Ecuador**

**Exercising My Right in Inclusive Health**

# Humanitarian Health Medium/Large Grants Colombia, Ecuador, and Perú

## Project: Community Health CARE (Capacity, Access, Reach, and Education)



### Description

Improve access to existing healthcare facilities for Venezuelan migrants and other migrants in need who are not registered in Colombia's health system. Empower communities to improve their own health through preventative health education and adoption of healthy practices.

### Location

Santa Marta, Ciénaga, Barranquilla; Colombia

### Grant award

\$250,000

### Estimated beneficiaries

8,400 Venezuelan migrants and other vulnerable population

### UN SDGs



*"In Venezuela, I used to control my blood pressure with medicine, and since I arrived in Colombia a few months ago, I have had to buy them with what I earn, but they are expensive. These programs that help people are very important because medicines are costly and difficult to access."*

**Jairo** | Beneficiary







## Humanitarian Health Medium/Large Grants Colombia, Ecuador, and Perú

### Project: **Boosting the Health and Nutrition of Mothers and Children in Colombia**

#### Description

Support the health, food security, and nutrition of Venezuelan migrants, especially women and children, and other vulnerable populations through a program that serves 800 meals daily, distributes 5,000 hygiene/sanitary kits, and provides legal, medical, and psychosocial assistance in the current location in Cúcuta, and distributes 600 meals to women and children at a new location on the Simón Bolívar International Bridge, where little food provision currently exists.

#### Location

Cúcuta, Colombia

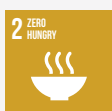
#### Estimated beneficiaries

271,116 Venezuelan migrants and *caminantes*<sup>1</sup> in Colombia

#### Grant award

\$250,000

#### UN SDGs



*"In addition to helping us with food, they have given us workshops on gender violence and violence against children. I feel very grateful for everything they have done and continue to do to help me daily."*

**Geralyn** | Beneficiary

<sup>1</sup> Migrants who leave the country by foot





## Humanitarian Health Medium/Large Grants Colombia, Ecuador, and Perú

### Project: **Children and Mother's Care Guajira (CHIMOG)**

#### Description

Improve health and nutritional outcomes for vulnerable migrant and host populations, specifically pregnant and lactating women, and children under five years old, by providing access to quality healthcare and nutritional services, treating non-communicable diseases, preventing and controlling infectious diseases, providing malnutrition treatment, supporting mental health needs, and offering water, sanitation, and hygiene support.

#### Location

La Guajira, Colombia

#### Estimated beneficiaries

5,500 vulnerable people

#### Grant award

\$249,979

#### UN SDGs



*"They have provided me with a lot of support, thank God, with my pregnancy and the health issues of my children. The care has been very good; I have no complaints. I am very grateful to the Foundations for their excellent support, and I thank them from the bottom of my heart."*

**Rosa Angela** | Beneficiary



# Humanitarian Health Medium/Large Grants Colombia, Ecuador, and Perú

## Project: Providing Quality Healthcare and Information for Venezuelan and other Women and Children in Perú

### Description

Provide healthcare services and health information sessions for vulnerable women and children, focused on infant care, sexual and reproductive health, and/or gynecological care. Establish local capacity by training local community leaders to increase their knowledge of infant and maternal health, available community health resources, and access to public health system.

### Location

La Libertad and Lima, Perú

### Estimated beneficiaries

5,500 Venezuelan women and children

### Grant award

\$250,000

### UN SDGs



*"For many of us, it's sometimes difficult to access these types of services. I'm grateful for all the work you do daily in favor of the migrant population. The best thing is to be able to have the confidence of being attended by a professional from our land who understands our customs, feelings, and what we eat, and maybe most importantly, can tell us what we should do with all the love and characteristic humor of Venezuelans."*

**Javier** | Beneficiary





## Humanitarian Health Medium/Large Grants Colombia, Ecuador, and Perú

### Project: **Sembrando Salud – Increasing Access to Quality Nutrition and Healthcare for Vulnerable Venezuelan and Other Women and Children in Ecuador**



*"They helped me with medical attention. The health system in Ecuador never gave me an appointment, so I came here, and they provided me with timely assistance."*

**Mairen** | Venezuelan migrant

#### Description

Enhance migrant knowledge of nutrition and health, strengthen local capacity to address these needs, and provide direct nutritional and health services to the most vulnerable cases aiming to enhance the long-term health and wellbeing of women and children, enabling them to thrive and reach their full potential.

#### Location

Quito, Ecuador

#### Estimated beneficiaries

3,000 Venezuelan women and children

#### Grant award

\$250,000

#### UN SDGs



## Humanitarian Health Medium/Large Grants Colombia, Ecuador, and Perú

### Project: Providing Medical Care Services to Vulnerable Venezuelan Migrants and Vulnerable Host Community Residents in Guayaquil, Ecuador

#### Description

Expand the ongoing work of charitable organizations in Ecuador by providing small, intermittent mobile medical brigades in Guayaquil and surrounding neighborhoods, serving vulnerable Venezuelans and other migrant populations.

#### Location

Guayaquil, Ecuador

#### Estimated beneficiaries

8,500 vulnerable people

#### Grant award

\$249,700

#### UN SDGs



"I have been living in Ecuador for 7 years, without any type of medical assistance for me and my family, so these brigades and health services provided at the Migrant Care Center, where we also received medications, vitamins, and food supplements for my daughter, have become a hope for us."

**José** | Beneficiary



# Humanitarian Health Medium/Large Grants Colombia, Ecuador, and Perú

## Project: **Exercising my Right in Inclusive Health**



### Description

Provide comprehensive care to Venezuelan migrants and other vulnerable populations with a focus on physical, mental, and social well-being, through the provision of sufficient amounts of nutritious and affordable food.

### Location

Santo Domingo City and Ibarra City, Ecuador

### Grant award

\$206,250

### Estimated beneficiaries

1,000 women, adolescents and children

### UN SDGs



*"I was a beneficiary of the Simón Bolívar project for food assistance in December. It helped our family a lot, and was a great support and blessing. Thank you very much."*

**Viviana** | Beneficiary



## Humanitarian Health Medium/Large Grants

# Migrants

Due to the increased migration flows, the Foundation received an additional donation from CITGO Petroleum Corporation in 2022 to address the upsurge in critical assistance and protection needs in Latin America and the United States. The Foundation approved two projects under the Humanitarian Health Medium/Large Grants – Migrants' Program:

## Organization: International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies



### Description

Support the work of the National Societies (NSs) of Central America in enhancing community health for people in need and *caminantes* through a route-based approach, providing primary healthcare, mental health and psychosocial support, protection, and humanitarian diplomacy actions at Humanitarian Service Points (HSPs).

### Location

Guatemala, Honduras, and Mexico

### Estimated beneficiaries

2,500 in Mexico, 3,500 in Guatemala, 6,175 in Honduras

### Grant award

\$250,213

### UN SDGs



## Organization: GlobalGiving



GlobalGiving

### Description

Support partners providing relief to Venezuelan and other migrants in need with a focus on health needs, including medical attention, meals, psychosocial support, and basic needs.

### Location

Dominican Republic; Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, and other states in the United States

### Estimated beneficiaries

2,200 patients

4,000 Venezuelans

### Grant award

\$150,000

### UN SDGs



*"The journey made by courageous Venezuelans is a difficult one, to say the least. At GlobalGiving we are grateful to partner with incredible community led organizations to help families seeking refuge and safety, with the support of the Simón Bolívar Foundation."*

**Kristina Joss** | GlobalGiving Vice President of Growth

## Humanitarian Health Medium/Large Grants

# Natural Disaster Relief

On October 8, 2022, heavy rain triggered a huge landslide in the city of Las Tejerías, Aragua state in Venezuela. In the first 72 hours, more than 750 homes were destroyed and 33 schools were affected, one of which was severely damaged. More than 1,000 children and adolescents would not be able to attend classes<sup>1</sup>. The Foundation provided emergency response to two organizations:

## 01 Project: Improving the sanitation conditions of the people affected in Aragua

### Description

Provide safe water during six months, mobilizing an emergency water treatment plant with the support of four water, sanitation, and hygiene technical specialists. Evaluate building a water storage and an emergency water distribution system.

### Estimated beneficiaries

7,500 individuals

### Grant award

\$100,000

### UN SDGs



<sup>1</sup> *Unicef Venezuela, "This was no longer Las Tejerías, this was a disaster" Valennis, 11 years old. March 27, 2023.*



02

## Project: Emergency response to Las Tejerías with protection, water, hygiene, sanitation services, and strengthening of rescue brigades

### Description

Provide dignity kits and water, sanitation, and hygiene kits to families affected. Strengthen eight emergency brigades and rescuers with personal protection equipment and response supplies, as well as implementing an information campaign on prevention and education.

### Estimated beneficiaries

1,000 families benefited and 8 local rescue teams

### Grant award

\$50,000

### UN SDGs



*"We have been granted a great resource for us as rescue volunteers. This resource is very valuable to us, and we are extremely grateful."*

Rescue volunteer



## Humanitarian Health Small Grants

# Hoy Invita Simón II

NY • Houston • Miami

To provide support to migrants in the United States, the Foundation has relaunched "Hoy Invita Simón II" as part of the Small Grant Program. This initiative started in 2020, where meals and food bags are provided to migrants in need in different cities. As part of this program, the Foundation awarded grants to three charitable organizations:

**Grant award to  
three organizations  
\$165,030**

## New York City

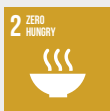
### Description

Provide hot meal and drinks to migrants through 12 events.

### Estimated beneficiaries

3,240 adults and children

### UN SDGs



*"From AID FOR AIDS and AID FOR LIFE, as the implementing team, we feel grateful for the alliance with the Simón Bolívar Foundation, offering culturally appropriate hot meals to this vulnerable population."*

**Lupe Aguais** | Director of AID FOR AIDS Venezuela





## Houston

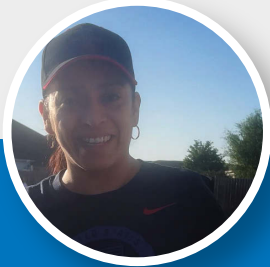
### Description

Provide high-quality food to 150 families in need, and nutritional supplements and hygiene supplies to 30 families with children with disabilities. The project also provides psychological and social support through empowerment meetings.

### Estimated beneficiaries

150 families

### UN SDGs



*"I found Big Little JC by the work of God... It has been spectacular - a lot of help not only with food but also with motivation and support of all kinds."*

**Blanca** | Beneficiary





## Miami

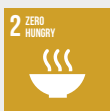
### Description

Meet the basic needs of migrant individuals arriving in Miami through daily warm, healthy meals and hygiene supplies or basic groceries for nine weeks.

### Estimated beneficiaries

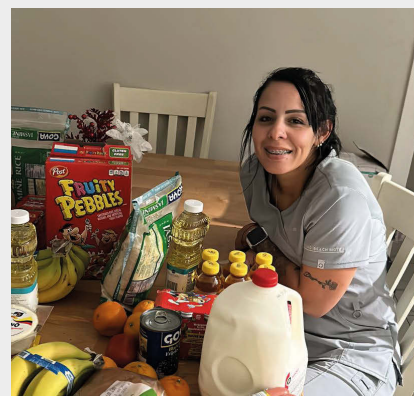
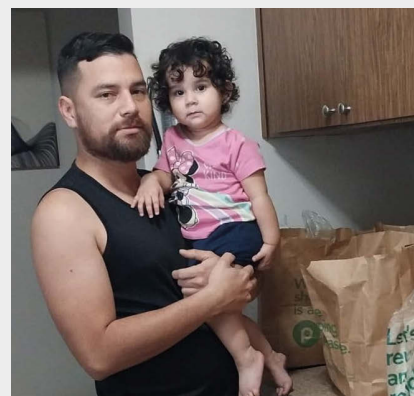
50 adults and 40 children

### UN SDGs



"We were able to reach hundreds of migrant people. Seeing the happiness and satisfaction in the mothers when they know they have food for their children and basic necessities. Thanks to you, we were able to achieve the smile of the children and the peace of mind of the mothers. We are very grateful to the Simón Bolívar Foundation for this project."

**Daisy** | Manager of project implementation





# Knowledge Transfer, Networking and Education Grant Program · Capacity Building · Equipment Donation

**These programs aim to enhance the capacity of medical professionals, doctors, nurses, and caregivers to serve and treat patients in and from Venezuela** through training in nutrition, global health practices, and disaster medicine. Additionally, this category of grants assists in financing organizations that educate and raise awareness about the complex humanitarian crisis in Venezuela, as well as retaining doctors and improving the infrastructure of medical training facilities.



## SOS Telemedicina

	<b>Description</b> Provide specialized training for health professionals in primary care and education to promote healthy lifestyles and prevent the most common diseases using information and communication technology (ICT).	<b>Location</b> Venezuela (online)
		<b>Estimated beneficiaries</b> Audience of 200,000 adults
		<b>Grant award</b> \$130,000

## Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

	<b>Description</b> Provide information about health and healthcare to migrants through an outreach initiative with a captive audience.	<b>Location</b> Houston, United States
		<b>Estimated beneficiaries</b> Audience of 100,000 individuals
		<b>Grant award</b> \$30,000

UN SDGs



*"As director of the 'SOS Telemedicina'; I would like to express my gratitude for the funds obtained from the Simón Bolívar Foundation. This contribution has allowed us to incorporate into our online medical education platform important contents referring to the most frequent critical problems of the obstetric, pediatric, and neonatal population. Contents that are a fundamental contribution to the education and training of the health team, as well as to the training of members of the community, oriented to work for the health benefit and the reduction of maternal and infant mortality in a country like Venezuela, with a complex humanitarian crisis."*

**Héctor Arrechdera PhD.** | Director, SOS Telemedicina



# Equipment Donation Donations to Hospitals



## Description

Fund follow-up appointments, laboratory testing, abdominal doppler ultrasounds, and immunosuppressant medication for six months, for an estimated 52 patients that have received liver transplants.

## Location

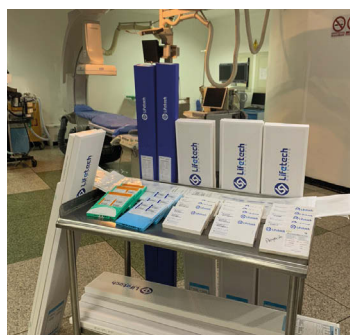
Caracas, Venezuela

## Estimated beneficiaries

25 adults, 27 children

## Grant award

\$138,836



## Description

Donation of 42 cardiovascular medical devices to patients in need with congenital heart diseases.

## Location

Lara, Venezuela

## Estimated beneficiaries

52 adults and children

## Grant award

\$100,000

## UN SDGs



*"This generous grant gives us a much-needed opportunity to reestablish transplant capacities and care for post-transplant patients. FundaHígado is pleased to collaborate with the Simón Bolívar Foundation in helping to alleviate the impact of this crisis on underserved Venezuelan patients."*

Spokesperson for FundaHígado América

*"On behalf of our institution, we would like to recognize the Simón Bolívar Foundation and all its members. We have received the sincerest gestures of thanks from the personnel involved, and particularly from our beloved patients."*

**Dr. Bartolome Finizola-Flores** | ASCARDIO Interventional Cardiologist



# Updates to Previous Years' Grants

Since 2020, the Foundation has signed 72 grants; of these, 36 projects were active by the end of 2022. Some of the grants signed in 2020 and 2021 have been amended to address the challenges they faced during implementation and extend the grant duration to allow for completion. These charitable programs are currently being completed at no additional cost.

Two of the projects from the Colombia 2021 Round have been completed, and extensions have been granted to continue the programs following successful implementation.

Some of the ongoing projects have been completed, and final reports have been submitted; final closing is pending verification of the reports.

## GlobalGiving

In 2021, the Foundation awarded \$1.0 million to GlobalGiving as part of the Humanitarian Health Medium/Large Grants to fund nonprofits working on health, medicine, and nutrition programs mostly in Venezuela.

As of February 2023, 13 grantees have received funds through GlobalGiving, which have impacted approximately 57,336 lives. An estimated 7,004 health kits have been distributed, 10,536 medical appointments or procedures have taken place, and 3,750 people attended health education opportunities.





From providing medical assistance to Enepa and Jivi communities in Maniapure to distributing hygiene kits among Venezuelan women crossing the Darién Gap, this group of nonprofits is strengthening and, in some cases, building a foundation upon which Venezuelan families and communities can not only survive but flourish.

In addition, 11 organizations participated in a design challenge to explore how GlobalGiving can help Venezuelan nonprofits increase their visibility and capacity to raise more funds. These organizations received a two-week-long course on fundraising, storytelling, and building relationships with donors, and had a collective fundraising campaign that raised \$34,966, which equated to \$3,200 for each organization. Read more about this process [here](#).



*"We have appreciated the active invitation to participate in the grant program, and particularly the responsiveness and proactive outreach of the program officer and staff. We also very much appreciate the essential willingness of GlobalGiving and the Simón Bolívar Foundation to be sensitive to the complex concerns of operating in Venezuela in the health sector."*

One of the grantees

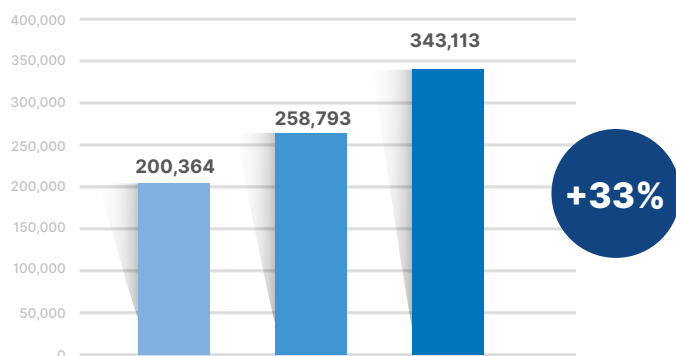


## Closed Projects

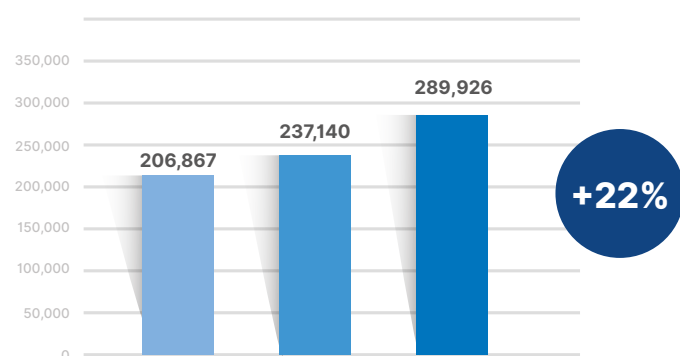
By year-end 2022, 36 grants have been closed after a thorough and rigorous review process of final reports presented by the grantees. This includes a review of the implementation of the charitable program, the number of beneficiaries reached, and the objectives achieved, all in accordance with the grant agreement, as well as challenges encountered and lessons learned.

The charts below show the initial estimated target, and the actual numbers achieved. Cost reductions and favorable exchange rates were drivers in achieving better results in these 36 grants closed so far.

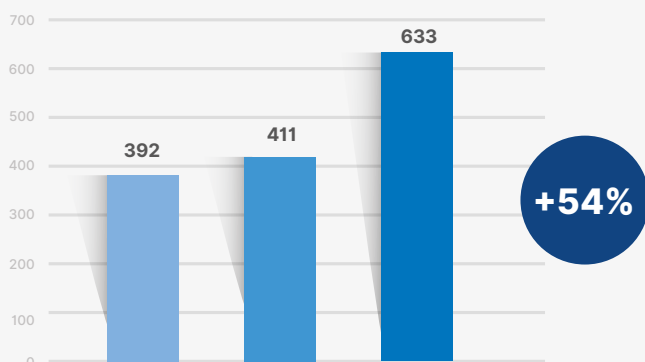
### Beneficiaries



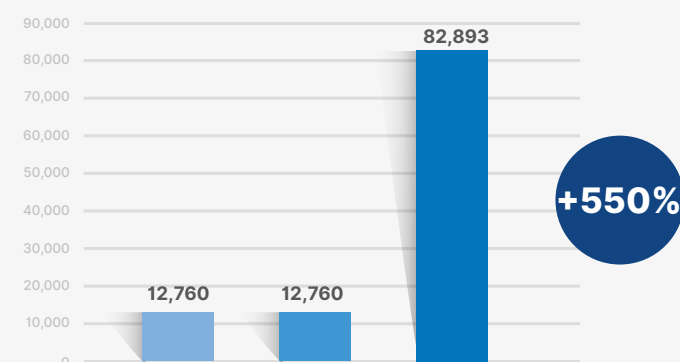
### PPE



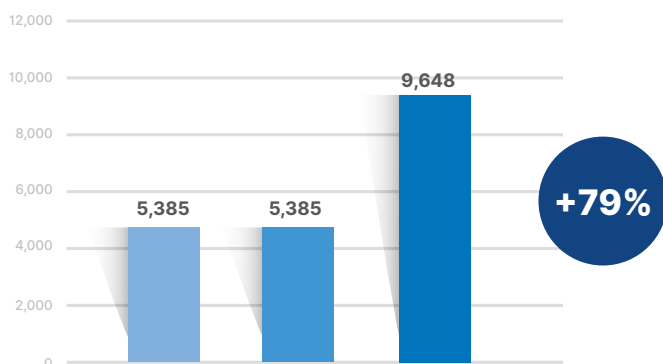
### Hospitals and Community centers



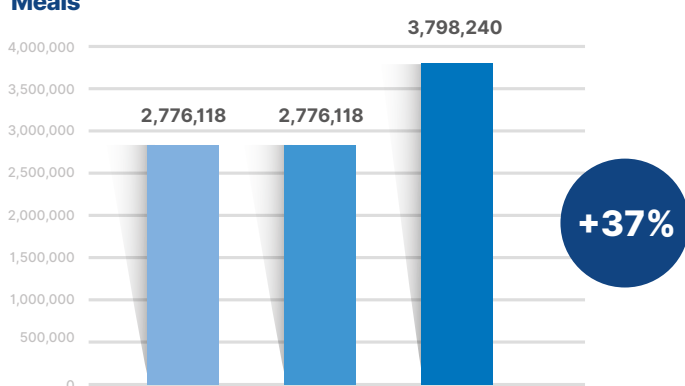
### Vitamins / nutritional supplements



### Medicines



### Meals



Target Revised target Actual

## CLOSING COMMENTS



*“We are optimistic for 2023. The credibility and trust that we have developed with the charitable organizations we work with, as well as with potential new organizations, indicate that we will be able to execute larger grant programs with an increased budget for 2023. This will enable us to benefit a greater number of individuals and create more impact through programs that help improve the quality of life of Venezuelans, both in and from the country and others in need.”*

### Mariela Poleo

President, Simón Bolívar Foundation



Simón Bolívar  
Foundation®

[www.simonbolivarfoundation.org](http://www.simonbolivarfoundation.org)