



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

6 YEARS OF EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN RESPONSES

Synthesis of Implementations and Lessons
Learned in Venezuela (2021-2026)

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GENERAL CONTEXT AND SCOPE OF THE RESPONSE

This document presents a strategic and institutional balance summarizing six years of uninterrupted emergency humanitarian responses carried out by **Convite A.C.** in Venezuela.

As part of the organization’s 20th anniversary, we have consolidated the results of 14 critical field operations across five highly vulnerable states: **Lara (4)**, **Bolívar (3)**, **Mérida (3)**, **Delta Amacuro (2)**, and **Sucre (2)**, covering the operational period from 2021 to June 2026.

Throughout these operations, direct assistance was provided to **35,945 people**, equivalent to **7,489 households** in extreme urgency. Most interventions were linked to climatic and environmental dynamics, responding to **12 acute contingencies** caused by floods or prolonged droughts, and, on two occasions through anticipatory response planning ahead of severe rainy seasons.

Territorial References

- Western Region: Lara (4 projects) | Mérida (3 projects)
- Eastern & Delta Region: Sucre (2 projects) | Delta Amacuro (2 projects)
- Southern Region: Bolívar (3 projects)

TERRITORIAL REFERENCES



Indicator	Metric / Coverage
Operational Period	6 years (2021-June 2026)
Projects	15 emergency implementations
Total People Assisted	35,945 people (7,489 households)
Total Field Days	630 days (avg. 45 days per project)
Initial Response Time	4 days from alert activation
Total Funding Mobilized	USD 1,197,824.42

SECTORAL COVERAGE AREAS AND FINANCING

Convite A.C.'s multisectoral interventions adhered to rigorous international standards, focusing on:

- **Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH):** Highest execution and priority index.
- **Food Security & Livelihoods (SAMDV):** Second in operational volume and calorie needs assistance.
- **Health and Shelter/NFI:** Provision of medical supplies, essential items, and critical energy drink solutions.
- **Protection & Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR):** Cross-cutting sectors safeguarding dignity and resilience, especially for the elderly.

Funding Sources

- **StartFund:** Main financier of 9 projects.
- **Global Emergency Fund (GEF):** 2 projects co-financed by HelpAge and Margareth Cargill Philanthropies.
- **German Embassy in Venezuela:** 2 infrastructure and mitigation projects.
- **European Union (DG ECHO):** 1 large-scale life-saving humanitarian project.

DESCRIPTIVE CHRONOLOGY OF IMPLEMENTATIONS (2021-2026)

Project Matrix

Year	Project	Crisis Type	Location	Donor	Dates	Assisted	Amount (USD)
2021	Flood Victims - Palmarito	Floods	Mérida	GEF-MACP	May-June	424	36.461,40
2021	Emergency Aid - Delta	Floods	Delta Amacuro	StartFund	July-Aug	3.834	128.568,64
2021	Emergency Aid - Zea	Floods	Mérida	StartFund	Sept-Oct	4.310	139.734,71
Subtotal 2021				3 projects	-	8.568	304.764,75
2022	Floods - La Municipal	Floods	Lara	StartFund	Mar-May	4.505	118.783,10
2022	Flood Victims - Pavia	Floods	Lara	GEF-MACP	May-June	866	32.382,00
2022	Floods - Río Caura	Floods	Bolívar	StartFund	Aug-Sept	2.651	112.835,81
2022	Flood Response - Zea	Floods	Mérida	StartFund	Jul-Aug	486	43.935,85
Subtotal Año 2022				4 projects	-	8.508	307.936,76
2023	Anticipatory Flood Response	Anticipatory	Delta Amacuro	StartFund	Jul-Sept	2.559	87.890,86
Subtotal 2023				1 project	-	2.559	87.890,86
2024	Emergency Drought Response	Sequía	Bolívar / Lara	StartFund	Mar-May	2.609	101.680,80
2024	Life-Saving Flood Assistance	Floods	Sucre	DG ECHO	Jul-Oct	6.411	100.199,81
2024	Affected Families - Aguada Grande	Floods	Lara	German Embassy	Nov-Dec	1.260	52.346,01
Subtotal 2024				3 projects	-	10.280	254.226,62
2025	Proactive Resilience - Indigenous Communities	Anticipatory	Bolívar	StartFund	Jul-Sept	2.981	145.099,70
2025	Emergency Assistance - Palmarito	Floods	Bolívar	German Embassy	Jul-Aug	529	19.276,73

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DESCRIPTIVE CHRONOLOGY OF IMPLEMENTATIONS (2021-2026)

Year	Project	Crisis Type	Location	Donor	Dates	Assisted	Amount (USD)
Subtotal 2025				2 projects	-	3.510	164.376,43
2026	Inclusive Emergency Humanitarian Response	Water Contingency	Sucre	StartFund	Apr-May	3.425	78.629,00
1 project				1 project	-	3.425	78.629,00
Total				14 proyectos	630 field days	36.850	1.197.824,42



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IMPACT MILESTONES AND INSTITUTIONAL EFFICIENCY

On commemorating our twentieth anniversary, the analysis carried out over these six years highlights milestones of outstanding administrative and technical efficiency, consolidating our organization as a benchmark of transparency among Venezuelan humanitarian institutions.

- **Optimized Direct Response Time:** Reduced from 7 to just 4 days on average.
- **Flawless Financial Execution:** 100% of funds executed with zero ineligible costs.
- **Outstanding External Audits:** A major alert underwent exhaustive external auditing, scoring 99/100, the highest rating ever awarded to a HelpAge emergency partner in the region.
- **Robust Transparency Mechanisms (FCRM):** Only one complaint registered, later confirmed as a beneficiary data-entry error. Zero irregularities reported.
- **Logistical Capacity & Localization:** Strengthened local supplier networks meeting Sphere standards; StartFund recognized Convite's localization model.
- **Governance & Strategic Alliances:** Reinforced partnerships with global and local actors (HelpAge, Cadena, GOAL, HI, Kape Kape, Promedehum, Meal4Hope).

LESSONS LEARNED FROM FIELD OPERATIONS

The systematization of the 630-day operational cycle establishes a strategic learning framework through five priority dimensions which will be essential for future operations of rapid response.

- 1. Rigorous and Inclusive Selection Criteria:** The MIRA tool applied to household heads ensures impartiality; coordination with local leaders enables inclusion of geographically isolated individuals through proper identification and census of marginalized communities.
- 2. Cultural and Human Relevance:** Hiring local technical staff ensures language and cultural alignment; tools like “prior informed consultation” and “family verification committees” adapt assistance to community culture.
- 3. Risk Mitigation and Logistical Security:** Close coordination with regional and local authorities reduces risks for staff and supply warehouses.
- 4. Environmental Sustainability & Local Commercial Focus:** Prioritizing local purchasing reduces transport time, carbon footprint, and injects capital into affected economies; reusable packaging reduces environmental impact of the kits provided.
- 5. Ancestral Knowledge in Early Warning Systems:** Climate monitoring must integrate the empirical knowledge of older community members, who deeply understand local habitat and historical risks.



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