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VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKES 2026 — DATA REPORT

Information update as at 14 July 2026

The event. On 24 June 2026, a double earthquake struck north-central Venezuela: a first quake measuring 7.2 Mw (at 18:04 local time, near San Felipe, Yaracuy, at a depth of 20.3 km) and, 39 seconds later, a second of magnitude 7.5 Mw (28 km south-east of Yumare, at a depth of 10 km). These are among the strongest earthquakes in over a century. Affected states: La Guaira —‘ground zero’, declared a disaster area—, Caracas, Carabobo, Miranda, Yaracuy and Aragua.¹

Casualties (official toll rising). The death toll rose from 32 (24 June) to 920 (26 June), 1,943 (30 June), 2,595 (2 July), 3,685 (8 July) and 4,490 by 12–13 July, with over 16,000 injured. 6,461 people were rescued alive through technical operations and 19,861 were saved through self-organised evacuations.²

The biggest question mark: the missing. On 29 June, the IRC estimated that almost 50,000 people were still missing under the rubble in La Guaira and Caracas. The UN did not provide an official figure: its humanitarian coordinator, Gianluca Rampolla, merely warned that the death toll would exceed the figures reported and that 10,000 body bags had been procured.³

Affected population. Up to 6.7 million people affected (around 2 million in Caracas) and some 680,000 children in need of assistance, according to UNICEF.⁴

Sources

¹ Wikipedia — 2026 Venezuela earthquakes

² CNN Español, 29 June · CNN Español, 2 July · [El Nacional](#), 1 July

³ CNN Español, 29 June (IRC) · [CNN Español](#), 1 July

⁴ [UN News](#) · [CNN Español](#), 2 July

⁵ [Miyamoto International](#) · [La Silla Rota](#)

Infrastructure. 58,000 damaged buildings (hospitals, over 400 schools, water networks and Maiquetía Airport). In La Guaira: 1.2 million tonnes of rubble (UNDP).⁵

Economic impact. Direct damage: US\$6,700 M (~6% of GDP). Estimated reconstruction costs: from US\$12,000 M to US\$37,000 M (30% of GDP) depending on the source.⁶

International response. 27 countries deployed 44 urban search and rescue (USAR) teams: 2,378 rescue workers and 140 dogs. Largest contingents: Mexico (473 rescue workers, 17 dogs), El Salvador (300), the US (250) and Spain (137 rescuers and 19 dogs). UN coordination via INSARAG/OCHA. In Venezuela, 7,876 volunteers registered at the Poliedro de Caracas.⁷

Financial aid. USA: US\$150 million. CAF: a donation of US\$300,000 and a Recovery Fund of up to US\$200 million. UN: US\$15 million. EU: ~US\$5.5 million. UNICEF: requires ~US\$52 million. Red Cross: ~US\$2.3 million plus an appeal for ~US\$57 million. Government fund: US\$200 million from IMF reserves.⁸

Recovery timeframe. The Venezuelan Red Cross estimates that relief efforts will last around two years. The UNDP warns that the total economic impact is typically 1.5 to 3 times the direct damage.⁹

⁶ [El Nacional](#) / [BBC Mundo](#) · [El Estímulo](#)

⁷ [La República](#) · [UN News](#) · [Infobae](#) / [EFE](#)

⁸ [CAF — Recovery and Reconstruction Fund](#) · [CAF — donation of US\\$300,000](#) · [Cuatro.com](#) — [government fund \(IMF\)](#)

⁹ [Otilca / UN \(two years of aid\)](#) · [Miyamoto International](#)

UCAB IN THE WAKE OF THE 24 JUNE EARTHQUAKE

Impact and action plan · Preliminary inspection

Scope of the inspection. Sixteen buildings at the Montalbán campus, the Manuel Aguirre S.J. Social Park and external sites (CIAP-CEPYG in La Castellana and ITER) were assessed following the two consecutive earthquakes measuring 7.1 and 7.5 on the Richter scale, separated by 39 seconds and with a combined duration of over 2 minutes 30 seconds.

Structural assessment (key finding). 100 per cent of the buildings were found to have no structural damage: no damage caused by axial load, moment or torsion; no loss of cover, exposed steel, settlement or foundation displacement; intermediate floor and roof slabs intact. The damage was confined to non-structural elements (partition walls, skirting boards, tiles, ceilings, façades), none of which compromises structural stability.

Estimated total investment in civil works: US\$560,000 (at the BCV exchange rate), with an expected variation of ± 20 per cent.

Action plan and timelines

- Start of repairs: from the week following the inspection, prioritising work that requires early decisions on materials and equipment to initiate procurement.
- Equipment certification: special site visits to verify that lifts, pumping systems, the deep well and electrical transformers are 100% operational.
- Gas safety measure: gas cylinders in the cafeterias, Postgraduate Centre, Cincuentenario and Parents' Residence to be shut off until the installations have been certified.
- Continuous monitoring: structural monitoring for 3 to 4 months following the event, given recurring aftershocks of up to magnitude 4.5 which could cause new cracks in partition walls.

Technical conclusion: The campus is in good structural condition, with an acceptable degree of damage to partition walls and non-structural elements.

Source: Summary of Preliminary Inspection, Vincenzo Bonadío Pedrón, Eng. (CIV 63.016), Director-General of Services, UCAB.

FAITH AND JOY IN VENEZUELA IN THE WAKE OF THE 24 JULY EARTHQUAKE

Assessment of damage and response · Report No. 2 (10 July 2026)

Affected centres. The organisation prioritised assistance at 25 educational centres in five states—Carabobo, Caracas, Miranda, La Guaira and Aragua—which recorded the highest levels of damage.

Human impact.

- 26 students died.
- 15,332 pupils with school disrupted.
- 1,398 workers affected (teachers, administrative staff and support staff).
- 12,351 families affected to the schools, affected.
- 83 families of staff members surveyed and provided with direct assistance.

Technical assessment of infrastructure.

- 32 field inspections carried out.
- 12 detailed technical reports submitted.
- Target: 52 premises and offices to be inspected nationwide.
- Working with volunteer engineers, in coordination with the Ministry of Housing and Habitat, using reports and safety labels to certify habitability.

Psychosocial and spiritual support.

- Daily Psychological First Aid (PFA) sessions via digital channels, with networks of psychologists in Caracas and Carabobo.
- Two daily prayer meetings (3.00 pm and 5.00 pm) via Google Meet, with 100 to 120 participants per session.

Communication network in place.

- 22 stations in the Fe y Alegría National Radio Network.
- More than 40 broadcasters in the field.

Coordination of solidarity efforts.

- Initial support partnership with three organisations: Cáritas, UCAB and Colegio San Ignacio.
- International 'Café por Venezuela' event (8 July) with Entreculturas Valencia: around 40 people taking part in a hybrid format.
- Letters of support from two international organisations: the Servants of the Divine Heart (Madrid) and the Jesuit Radio Network of Latin America and the Caribbean (SJLAC).

COLLECTION CENTRE — SAN IGNACIO SCHOOL

Management Progress Report · 5 to 11 July 2026

Flow of applications (total: 756).

- 302 successfully submitted (40%).
- 210 pending in the processing queue (28%).
- 162 in the verification and audit phase (21%).
- 82 allocated to partner organisations (11%).

Arrival of supplies. Receipt of 8 additional containers from the Dominican Republic containing various supplies. Large shipments of drinking water provided by two key donors: Empresas Polar and the Embassy of the Netherlands.

Stock depleted (critical alert). No stock of mattresses, sheets, blankets, tents or awnings — among the most requested items.

Distribution network. 82 recipient organisations formally registered. Those receiving the largest volumes: Casa Madre Siervas de Jesús (4), Vargas Hospital — Paediatrics Department (4) and Fe y Alegría (4), followed by Colegio San Ignacio (3) and OSCASI (3).

Volunteering.

- Over 300 volunteers registered this week (an all-time high).
- A significant drop in daily attendance since Wednesday 8 July, which is slowing down the sorting of the 8 containers and the preparation of orders.

Logistical bottleneck. Delays in the collection area: long waiting times for vehicles and beneficiaries, with queues at access points and congestion at the delivery gates.

Proposed action plan (3 measures).

- Urgent campaign to re-recruit volunteers (representatives, former pupils, teachers and students).
- A 'pre-dispatch' area near the exit gate to prepare the 210 outstanding orders.
- Donation drive focused exclusively on mattresses, sheets and blankets, with a temporary suspension of donations of other items of clothing.

Source: Coordination of the Collection Centre, Colegio San Ignacio — Ana Teresa De Sola de Mata, 11 July 2026.

DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

To join the global 'Emergency 2026' campaign and support those affected, we invite you to visit <https://unidosenlamision.org/emergencia2026/>. On this website, you will find all the available channels for making your donations quickly, securely and transparently through our worldwide Jesuit network.