

Venezuela Earthquake Response – Situation Update I (August 5th)

Response Status: Active Coordination and Operational Mobilization

Following the devastating earthquakes that affected north-central Venezuela in June 2026, the Global Clinical Engineering Alliance (GCEA) - working alongside Venezuelan healthcare organizations, international professional societies, healthcare industry partners, academic institutions, and technical experts - is contributing to a coordinated healthcare technology recovery initiative.

Progress since Initial Mobilization

Significant progress has been achieved over recent weeks, including:

- Establishment of four active Working Groups:
 - Health Technology Assessment and Recovery
 - Technical Human Resources and International Technical Support
 - Procurement, Donations, and Logistics
 - Digital Health and Continuity of Care
- Engagement of healthcare technology professionals, healthcare organizations, academic institutions, professional societies, industry partners, and technical experts from more than ten countries.
- Participation in the International Forum of Solidarity with Venezuela, helping strengthen international collaboration and visibility for healthcare recovery initiatives.
- Continued engagement with PAHO and Health Cluster stakeholders to support alignment with ongoing humanitarian coordination efforts.

Ministry of Health Engagement

Recent coordination efforts with Venezuelan healthcare authorities have resulted in increased engagement and collaboration opportunities. Most notably, access has been granted for coalition participants to begin assessment activities at nine priority public hospitals, supporting the development of evidence-based recovery plans and healthcare technology restoration strategies.

Operational Coordination Infrastructure

To support the growing coalition, a dedicated project management platform has been deployed to coordinate activities across all Working Groups.

Current activities include:

- User onboarding and training
- Working Group coordination
- Task management and progress tracking
- Documentation management
- Reporting and governance support

The platform continues to evolve as additional participants and organizations join recovery activities.

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Healthcare Technology Management and Digital Health

The coalition continues advancing two parallel initiatives:

- **Health Technology Management**

Working Group 1 is preparing the foundation for a national health technology assessment and recovery effort, including inventory development, hospital assessment activities, and future implementation of healthcare technology management tools.

- **Digital Health and Continuity of Care**

Working Group 4 continues coordinating digital health initiatives focused on continuity of care, electronic health records, interoperability, and healthcare information management.

Technical discussions are currently underway between Parker Apex, Saludirecta, Mediprosos, and other stakeholders to explore future integration opportunities across the developing healthcare ecosystem.

Expanding International Collaboration

The coalition continues expanding relationships with national and international partners. Recent opportunities include discussions with the International Federation of Hospital Engineering (IFHE) regarding potential collaboration and participation in global healthcare infrastructure and resilience initiatives.

Looking Ahead

Priority activities over the coming weeks include:

- Completion of Working Group progress reviews
- Expansion of hospital assessment activities
- Development of healthcare technology inventories
- Mobilization of international technical expertise
- Strengthening digital health coordination
- Identification of healthcare recovery priorities
- Development of long-term healthcare resilience frameworks

Together, we can restore healthcare capacity, strengthen healthcare systems, and support long-term resilience for the people of Venezuela.

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