



COOPI PRESENCE IN THE COUNTRY

For several years, Venezuela has been experiencing an unprecedented complex crisis with major economic, political and social repercussions, leading to the largest exodus in modern Latin American history. So much so that, to date, more than 7 million people – 24% of the population - have left the country, while more than 65% of the remaining families live in multidimensional poverty, with limited access to food, education, public services, income and employment.

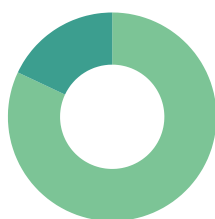
Since 2018, COOPI has been implementing regional programs to assist migratory flows in neighboring countries. Since 2019, COOPI has maintained a stable presence in Venezuela, operating in a humanitarian context that requires coordinated and sustainable multisectoral interventions.

In collaboration with local organizations, COOPI focuses its efforts on protection, sexual and reproductive health, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), and sustainable livelihoods, benefiting the most vulnerable populations, especially women, children and at-risk communities.

FROM 2018 TO 2024:

27
PROJECTS

18%
DEVELOPMENT



82%
EMERGENCY

480,322
DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

SECTORS IN WHICH COOPI HAS WORKED IN THE COUNTRY



PROTECTION



GENDER-BASED
VIOLENCE



HUMAN
TRAFFICKING



HEALTH



WASH



ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT



ENVIRONMENT
AND DISASTER
RISK REDUCTION



FOOD
SECURITY AND
LIVELIHOODS

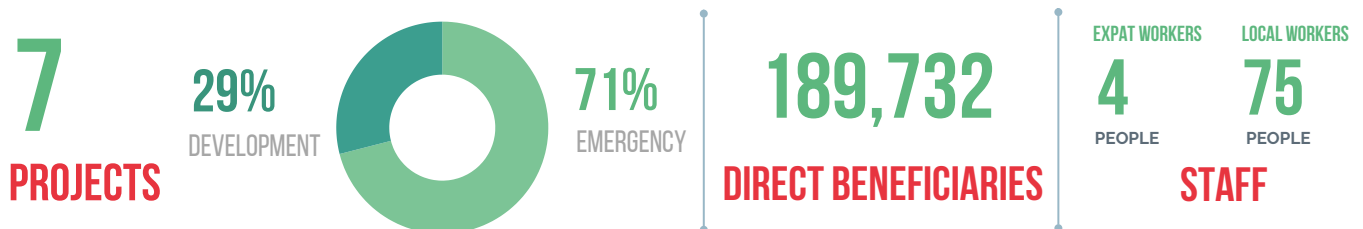


MIGRATION

COOPI IN VENEZUELA TODAY

Currently, COOPI is present in five **states** in **Venezuela (Sucre, Bolívar, Delta Amacuro, Distrito Capital and Miranda)** to protect vulnerable individuals, such as **survivors of gender-based violence and victims of human trafficking**. Its programs focus on key areas such as **protection, health, water, sanitation and hygiene, and food security**, always with a multisectoral approach centered on the protection of individuals.

COOPI applies humanitarian principles and adapts to the specific needs of each community, **promoting inclusion and diversity in all its interventions**.



SECTORS IN WHICH COOPI OPERATES IN THE COUNTRY



PROTECTION



HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE



WASH

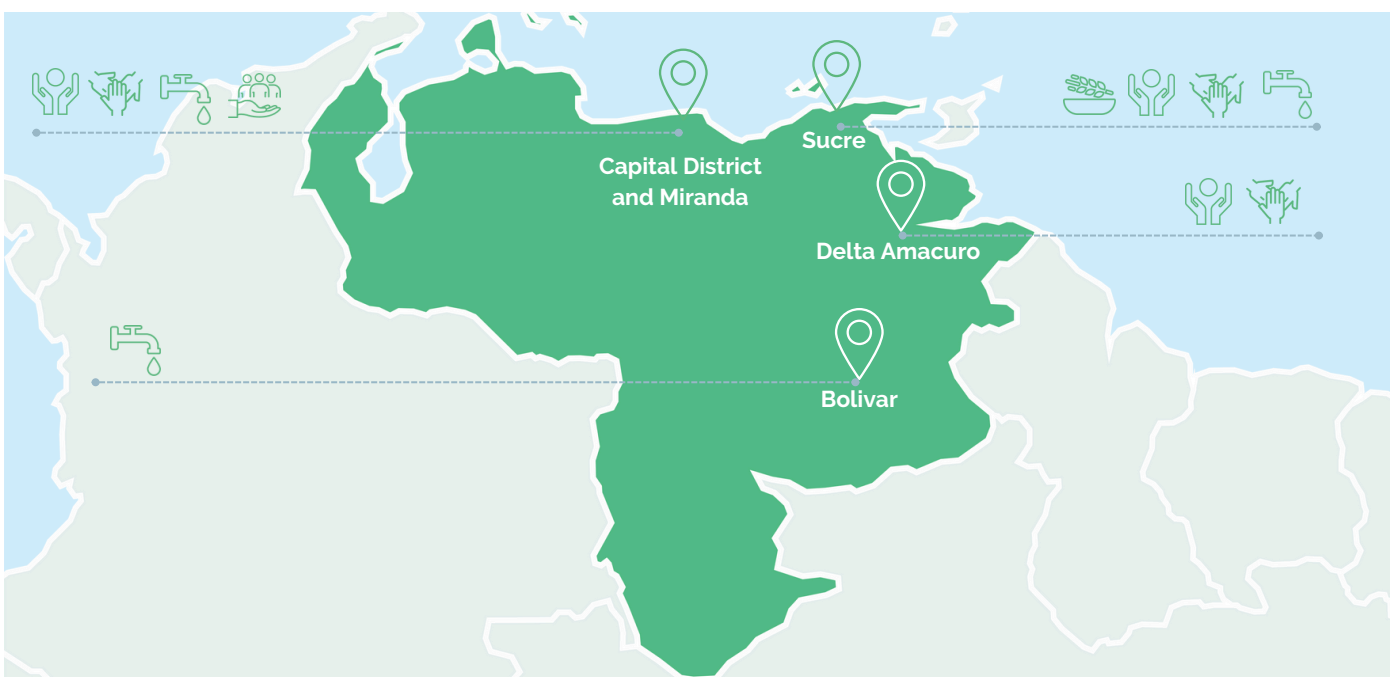


ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

COOPI currently operates directly in Venezuela in the Capital District of Caracas and in the states of Miranda, Sucre, Delta Amacuro and Bolivar. The headquarters of COOPI national coordination in Venezuela is located in Caracas, while two bases have recently opened in Cumaná (Sucre) and Ciudad Guayana (Bolívar).



MAIN AREAS OF INTERVENTION



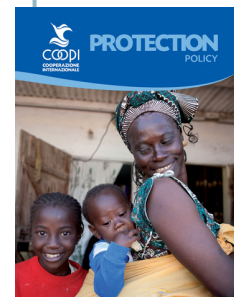
PROTECTION

The emergency context generated by the socioeconomic crisis in Venezuela has intensified inequalities and increased cases of gender-based violence, human trafficking, and smuggling, primarily affecting women, adolescents, and members of the LGBTQIA+ community. The progressive weakening of the state protection and public health systems has undermined prevention and care measures, hampering the response to these issues and leaving the most vulnerable populations at greater risk.

In Venezuela, COOPI promotes protection activities on multiple levels:

- AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING, SHARING PREVENTION, REPORTING, LEGAL AND PSYCHOSOCIAL ASSISTANCE MEASURES;
- RECEPTION AND DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO MIGRANTS, VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE, EXPLOITATION, AND ABUSE;
- IMPROVEMENT OF "SAFE SPACES" AND ACCESS TO CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND/OR CASES OF TRAFFICKING AND SMUGGLING, IN CONDITIONS OF SEVERE VULNERABILITY;
- PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN, CAREGIVERS, AND WORKERS IN SITUATIONS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST MINORS;
- PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND SUPPORT TO WOMEN'S COOPERATIVES OF VIOLENCE SURVIVORS FOR THE COLLECTION AND TREATMENT OF SOLID WASTE, PROMOTING CIRCULAR ECONOMY INITIATIVES;
- STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITIES OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN ACTIVITIES FOR THE PROTECTION AGAINST SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE, TRAFFICKING, AND SMUGGLING OF PERSONS.

2024:
1
 PROJECT
58,390
 BENEFICIARIES



READ MORE ABOUT

PROTECTION POLICY: WWW.COOPI.ORG/PROTECTION-POLICY



MAIN AREAS OF INTERVENTION



HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

The collapse of basic service systems in Venezuela has created major challenges in accessing minimum standards of sanitation and medical care, affecting the health and well-being of the population.

COOPI works on the rehabilitation of health infrastructures and the improvement of water quality, promoting access to essential services in vulnerable communities through:"**

- CASE MANAGEMENT AND PSYCHOSOCIAL CARE: ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE WITH PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT;
- SANITATION: REHABILITATION OF HEALTH AND SANITARY INFRASTRUCTURES;
- HYGIENE: DISTRIBUTION OF MENSTRUAL HYGIENE KITS AND WATER PURIFICATION;
- HEALTH: FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES AND GYNECOLOGICAL CARE.

2024:

1

PROJECT

58,174

BENEFICIARIES



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

COOPI promotes a fair and broader access to water and contributes to the dissemination of good hygiene practices, working from the community level and intervening at various levels:

- REHABILITATION OF COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURES AND WATER SYSTEMS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO SAFE DRINKING WATER AND ADEQUATE SANITATION SERVICES, ESPECIALLY IN CLINICS, HEALTH CENTERS, AND PROTECTION CENTERS, USING THE WASH FIT / WASH SIS METHODOLOGY;
- TRAINING ON GOOD HYGIENE PRACTICES AND DISTRIBUTION OF HYGIENE KITS IN REMOTE AREAS;
- REHABILITATION AND EQUIPMENT OF HEALTH CENTERS AND CLINICS, INCLUDING MOBILE UNITS, IN URBAN AND REMOTE AREAS AS PART OF PREVENTION MEASURES AGAINST THE SPREAD OF COVID-19.

2024:

3

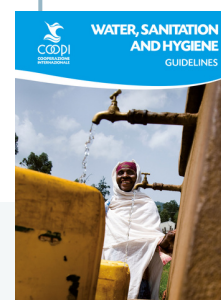
PROJECTS

30,582

BENEFICIARIES

READ MORE ABOUT

WATER AND HYGIENE GUIDELINES: WWW.COOPI.ORG/WASH-POLICY



MAIN AREAS OF INTERVENTION



FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

In the context of the economic and social crisis in Venezuela, COOPI – Cooperazione Internazionale, in collaboration with the World Food Programme (WFP), has been implementing a project since 2023 in Sucre State to improve the food security of the most vulnerable communities. This project aims to mitigate food insecurity and strengthen the resilience of families affected by food shortages and malnutrition, combining direct assistance through modalities such as food distribution and cooked meals.

In particular, COOPI:

- ORGANIZES COMMUNITY CANTEENS IN SCHOOLS IN SUCRE STATE, WHERE NUTRITIOUS DAILY MEALS ARE PREPARED AND SERVED, ENSURING A BALANCED DIET FOR BENEFICIARIES;
- THE COOKED MEAL MODALITY IS MANAGED BY VOLUNTEERS AND TRAINED STAFF WHO PREPARE AND DISTRIBUTE THE MEALS, COMPLYING WITH FOOD HYGIENE AND SAFETY STANDARDS;
- COOPI DISTRIBUTES FOOD BASKETS TO BENEFICIARIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, INCLUDING BASIC PRODUCTS SUCH AS RICE, LEGUMES, VEGETABLE OIL, AND OTHER ESSENTIAL FOODS.

READ MORE ABOUT

FOOD SECURITY POLICY: WWW.COOPI.ORG/FOODSEC-POLICY

2024:
1
PROJECT
44,474
BENEFICIARIES



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The crisis context in Venezuela has limited economic opportunities and access to sustainable sources of income, especially for women and vulnerable communities. COOPI works to strengthen local capacities and promote economic self-sufficiency through training and awareness-raising on key topics for economic development, such as

- COOPI TRAINS WOMEN IN ADMINISTRATION, ACCOUNTING, BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, PROMOTING ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY, WHILE ALSO RAISING COMMUNITY AWARENESS ABOUT THE PROPER MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES AND WASTE.

2024:
1
PROJECT
2,730
BENEFICIARIES

COOPI NETWORK IN VENEZUELA

CLUSTERS IN WHICH COOPI PARTICIPATES

Protection Cluster (including the Areas of Responsibility for GBV and Child Protection) • Working Group for the Prevention and Response to Human Trafficking (GTTdP) • Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Technical Group • WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) Cluster • Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster • Logistics Cluster • Shelter, Energy, and Non-Food Items Cluster

INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH COOPI COOPERATES

United Nations • IOM • Humanitarian Coordination Forums • NGO Forum • Municipalities • Ministries

COOPI NATIONAL AND LOCAL PARTNERS

Asociación Civil Tinta Violeta • PLAFAM • Cedisuc • Visión Mujer • Hias Venezuela

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Civil Protection and
Humanitarian Aid



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COOPI DEVELOPMENT LINES IN VENEZUELA

COOPI main areas of intervention in Venezuela in the near future will be:

- **Protection**, emergency response, by consolidating ongoing interventions, such as case management, legal and psychosocial assistance, and strengthening casas de paso, temporary accommodation, for victims of gender-based violence, or trafficking and smuggling, especially in border areas, like Trinidad y Tobago, Colombia, Brazil and Guyana;
- Promotion and implementation of **sexual and reproductive health** activities;
- Rehabilitation and equipping of **health and protection clinics and community centres** to ensure access to water, energy and adequate sanitation;
- Distribution of **hygiene kits**, primarily in vulnerable and remote areas and raising awareness campaigns to prevent the spread of infectious diseases;
- Vocational training courses to promote alternative livelihoods, including circular economy initiatives.

In the upcoming years, COOPI also aims to strengthen the socio-economic recovery of vulnerable groups, to give them access to alternative employment and break out of the cycle of violence.



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