#CHEFSFORVENEZUELA

World Central Kitchen (WCK) arrived in Cúcuta, Colombia in mid-February amid a growing hunger crisis among Venezuelans on the border. Shortly after arriving, trucks attempting to bring aid and supplies to Venezuela were burned amidst a conflict on the Francisco de Paula Santander bridge between the two countries. As a result, both Colombia and Venezuela closed their borders, leaving thousands of Venezuelans in need of support. As a humanitarian organization, World Central Kitchen is not engaged in the politics of this crisis, but rather onsite solely to support those in need.

WCK RESPONSE

Initially, WCK distributed bagged lunches and sandwiches to those stranded in Cúcuta. The Chef Relief Team quickly worked with local partners to identify a kitchen to begin preparing hot meals. At the same time, the team learned of the need to feed refugees inside the country, on the road as they took the journey to a better life. Since then, with a core team of Venezuelan refugees themselves, WCK has been supporting shelters along the road from Cúcuta, through Pamplona, on to Bucaramanga.

AS OF 19 SEPTEMBER 2019:

678,000 MEALS SERVED

211 DAYS

936 DELIVERY LOCATIONS

OUTFITTED/ 5 KITCHENS FOR ENHANCED 5 COOKING

40.6 TONS OF DONATED PRODUCE FROM OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH ACCESO OFERTA LOCAL

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