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## TECHNICAL DIRECTORATE AND NATIONAL NETWORK – SOCIEVEN PROJECT “FIVE SENSES IN ACTION FOR DEAFBLINDNESS IN VENEZUELA” SECOND INTERIM REPORT 2025 (November 2024 – April 2025)

### INTRODUCTION

In the framework of its 30th Anniversary, SOCIEVEN continues to carry out activities with its collaborative team, offering guidance and training to people with deafblindness, professionals, and families. It provides individuals with specialized products and materials, appointments and specialized exams, counseling, and functional assessments. It also supports educational and workforce inclusion and promotes accessibility.

This second interim report (Nov 2024 – Apr 2025) presents the outcomes of the goals and activities carried out under the SOCIEVEN Project (2024–2025): **Five Senses in Action “Deafblindness in Venezuela”**, thanks to the support of Global Giving and other partnerships and projects. The initiative aims to improve the quality of life of people with deafblindness in Greater Caracas and other states across the country by offering direct benefits and support to them and their families, forming alliances with the health and education sectors, conducting medical operations with accurate assessments, training in deafblindness for public institutions, donating and training in the use of special devices (canes, magnifiers, etc.), donating eye and ear medications, implementing alternative communication strategies, and promoting the Practical Guides for Usher Syndrome.

Below are the specific results of the **Technical Department** and the **SOCIEVEN National Network** during this second implementation period of the project:

### SPECIFIC RESULTS – TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT

#### Training Activities: 51

- 30 knitting sessions at the Model House for Deafblindness (27 in the Model House and 3 in La Guaira), attended by 11 people with deafblindness, 5 with hearing disabilities, 4 with visual disabilities, 22 volunteers, 8 relatives, 5 knitting leaders, and 2 technical leaders — totaling 57 participants.
- 2 talks on deafblindness for 29 staff members and 3 visits to SOCIEVEN branches in Altos Mirandinos, Los Ruices, and Santa Eduvigis by the technical

team, with support from Belkis Piñate (secretary) and an adult with deafblindness (Amarilis Sánchez).

- Updating and organizing the Educational Resource Center (physical and digital) and assessment materials.
- Implementation of the projects: “Comprehensive Approach to People with Deafblindness from Usher Syndrome in Nueva Esparta” and “Phase II of the Weaving Together for Deafblindness Project.”
- Photo backups and updates to the drive of the Weaving Project.
- Consultation and ecological visit to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), attended by Yadira Sánchez (leader with Usher Syndrome II) and the technical team (Elaine Moya and Nelly Ramírez), together with 8 field officers (from Apure, Aragua, and Petare) and ICRC departments on health, economic security, and water/habitat, along with Sofía Colina (ICRC/AAP advisor).
- Delivery of the Deafblindness Support Guide to the Ophthalmology Service at Dr. Domingo Luciani Hospital.
- Sending the Usher Syndrome Digital Kit to four partners (3 retina specialists and 1 expert in deafblindness and multiple disabilities).
- Registration of the “Weaving Together for Deafblindness” Project – Awareness Campaign for Social Media #Create&Connect “Beyond Barriers: Expressions for All Senses” by DbI.
- Workshop “Disability and Accessibility in Armed Violence Contexts” on International Disability Day, with 25 staff participants, Yadira Sánchez, and the SOCIEVEN technical team.
- Visit to the Model House by José Luis Fernández (adult with acquired deafblindness).
- Visit to the Louis Braille CAIDV (Comprehensive Care Center for Visual Disability) in La Guaira.

### **Population Activities and Gatherings: 59**

- Additional knitting sessions
- Medical accompaniment visits
- Consultations and functional assessments
- Celebration of Caracas Deaf Association’s 75th anniversary
- Christmas event “Five Senses in Action Bakery”
- “Inclusive Master” account opening evento
- Distribution of ophthalmology appointments



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## **Project Contributions and Consultations: 72**

- Inventory updates
- Global Giving and other campaigns (DbI, Giving Tuesday, Littel by Little etc.)
- Reports and reviews for projects like BanCaribe, Digitel, FLASC, etc.
- Assessment and medical case reviews
- Contributions to training materials and campaigns

## **Advisory Services: 277**

- Reached 93 professionals, 27 people with deafblindness, 23 representatives, 16 people with other disabilities, and 5 students — total of 164 individuals.

## **Reports, Documents, References, and Certificates: 22**

- Medical references, project summaries, internal reports, campaign contributions, document audits, technical reports, and meeting summaries.

## **Team and Institutional Meetings: 43**

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### **SPECIFIC RESULTS – SOCIEVEN NATIONAL NETWORK**

- 331 users (178 professionals, 58 with deafblindness, 64 family members, 26 with other disabilities, 5 students) received direct and indirect support.
- Strengthened with 10 strategic partnerships (BanCaribe, CAIDV La Guaira, ICRC, Gama, etc.)
- 144 products delivered (see details of medical care, training, donations, etc.)

Addressed needs included: 38 medicines delivered, 30 knitting sessions, 17 medical consultations, 17 counseling sessions, 5 awareness sessions/workshops, 4 digital kit deliveries, 3 functional evaluations, 1 support guide, 1 magnifier, Ecological visit to ICRC, Christmas gathering, "Inclusive Master" evento, Appointment delivery day

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### **GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Continue executing the "Five Senses in Action for Deafblindness in Venezuela" Project, SOCIEVEN's Macro Accessibility Project (2018–2024) to 2025-2027, and the "Weaving Together for Deafblindness" Project.
- Launch the new project on the "Current Situation and Training Strategies for the Comprehensive and Inclusive Care of People with Deafblindness in Four States of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela" under the DbI Global Education Campaign "Let Me In."



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- Redefine SOCIEVEN's institutional image during its 30th Anniversary.
- Resume and expand the use of Five Senses in Action Training Products such as: Usher Syndrome Digital Kit (SU). SOCIEVEN "With-Sense" Web Project, "Getting to Know My Deafblindness from Usher Syndrome" (Macanao Peninsula)
- Continue in-person and virtual courses on Usher Syndrome and Communication with Congenitally Deafblind Persons for professionals in Venezuela and the region.
- Keep promoting the rights and recognition of deafblindness as a unique disability in 2025.
- Continue producing training videos and tools for people with deafblindness, families, and professionals.
- Expand the "Raising Awareness on Deafblindness" Program (DbI's "Let Me In" campaign) through workshops, state visits, media interviews, and outreach materials.
- Provide ongoing support, evaluations, and functional planning to ensure educational, social, and workplace inclusion.
- Organize population meetings and the "Five Senses in Action Donation Operation" (medications, PPE, clothing, food, special devices) via SOCIEVEN's National Network.

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