

Project Documentation: Passport to Purpose – Venezuela

Project Title

Passport to Purpose: Healing Hearts in Venezuela

1. Problem Statement

Each year, more than **4,200 children in Venezuela** are born with congenital heart disease (CHD)—the most common birth defect worldwide. Years of political and economic instability have crippled the healthcare system, leading to severe shortages of medicines, medical supplies, and specialized staff.

Now, with **USAID funding cuts impacting vulnerable nations like Venezuela**, the crisis has deepened. Public hospitals are unable to provide timely surgeries, diagnostics, or follow-up care, and families face impossible choices—selling their homes or watching their child’s health decline.

Without immediate intervention, many children will **die from treatable conditions** simply because care is out of reach.

2. Project Solution

Fundación Estrellita de Belén directly bridges the gap in care for children with CHD by:

- **Funding life-saving surgeries and procedures** for children in urgent need.
- **Providing diagnostic tests** such as echocardiograms, X-rays, and lab work to ensure fast and accurate treatment.
- **Maintaining pacemakers** and other life-sustaining devices for children dependent on them.

- **Delivering medicines and nutritional support** to strengthen children before and after medical interventions.
- **Offering emotional and logistical support** to families navigating complex medical processes.

By combining **medical aid** with **advocacy and family support**, we ensure that children not only survive but thrive.

3. How We Will Measure Success

We will track:

- **Number of children receiving surgeries and procedures** funded through this project.
- **Number of diagnostic tests** provided.
- **Amount of medical and nutritional supplies distributed.**
- **Number of pacemaker maintenances** performed.
- **Survival and recovery rates** of children treated.
- **Follow-up care outcomes** at 3, 6, and 12 months post-treatment.

4. Potential Long-Term Impact

Saving a child's life today transforms the future:

- **Healthier generations** capable of growing into active, contributing adults.
- **Strengthened healthcare capacity** through partnerships with local hospitals and specialists.
- **Reduced financial and emotional burden** on families.
- **Greater awareness and early detection** of CHD in communities.

Over time, this creates a Venezuela where **no child dies from a treatable heart condition**—and where survival is not determined by economic status.

5. Funding Needs

Contribution	Impact
\$25	Provides medicines for one child
\$50	Provides a complete nutritional and medical supply kit.
\$75	Covers a cardiology consultation and diagnostic test.
\$100	Provides EKG and Echoes for 15 children
\$150	Provides Holter monitors for 5 children
\$200	Advocacy information
\$500	Funds life-saving procedure preparation or specialized equipment.
\$3,000	Life saving non invasive procedure

6. Call to Action

Your donation is more than charity—it's a **passport to life**. Join us in giving Venezuela's children the care they deserve.