

Clean Water for Venezuela's Earthquake-Displaced Children and Families

Emergency Water System Project Proposal — Submitted for GlobalGiving

Following the magnitude 7.2 and 7.5 earthquakes that struck northwestern and central Venezuela on June 24, 2026, killing nearly 1,000 people and displacing tens of thousands of families, access to safe drinking water has become one of the most urgent needs in affected communities. This proposal outlines a \$30,000 project to install proven, low-cost water purification systems and deliver direct support to children and families in the hardest-hit areas of La Guaira, Caracas, and surrounding regions.

Funding Goal	\$30,000
Project Duration	6 months (emergency response + early recovery)
Primary Activity	Installation of water purification systems and family relief support
Target Region	La Guaira, Caracas, and surrounding earthquake-affected communities, Venezuela
Estimated Reach	Up to 6,000 people through water systems, plus direct family support

Note: This document includes a few remaining bracketed placeholders — such as a description of Educare Now's local partner in Venezuela — to be completed before submission.

The Crisis

On June 24, 2026, a magnitude 7.2 foreshock and a magnitude 7.5 mainshock struck northwestern and central Venezuela within seconds of each other, with epicenters near San Felipe, Yaracuy. The earthquakes caused widespread destruction across Caracas and La Guaira, Venezuela's hardest-hit coastal state. As of late June 2026, the death toll is approaching 1,000, with thousands more injured and tens of thousands displaced from homes that are now unsafe or destroyed. It is the deadliest earthquake to strike Venezuela in over a century.

Even before the earthquakes, Venezuela was navigating a severe economic crisis with strained public services and limited infrastructure investment. The disaster has overwhelmed an already fragile system: hospitals are short on supplies, electricity and water service remain only partially restored in the hardest-hit areas, and families are sheltering in parks, tents, and informal camps with little access to basic necessities.

Clean water is among the most urgent unmet needs. Damaged pipelines, power outages affecting pumping stations, and overwhelmed shelters have left many displaced families without reliable access to safe drinking water — sharply raising the risk of waterborne illnesses such as cholera, typhoid, hepatitis, and dysentery at a moment when the healthcare system can least absorb additional strain.

Our Response

Educare Now is responding to this crisis by installing emergency water purification systems in the communities hit hardest by the earthquakes, while also providing direct relief and support to displaced children and families. This project focuses on two core pillars:

- **Emergency water infrastructure** — installing durable, field-proven water purification systems capable of serving entire shelter sites and neighborhoods.
- **Family and child support** — distributing hygiene kits, safe-storage containers, and essential relief supplies to displaced children and families.

The Water Solution

This project deploys water purification technology developed by New Life International, a proven approach already in use across multiple developing-country and disaster-response contexts. Each unit uses a 12-volt battery, ordinary table salt, and water to generate mixed oxidant disinfectants (chlorine) that eliminate harmful bacteria — the same core method that has safeguarded U.S. municipal water supplies for nearly a century.

Capacity	Treats up to 55 gallons of water per minute, depending on unit size and water quality
Reach	A single unit can provide safe water to an entire community of up to 1,000 people
Design	Lightweight, durable, and built for harsh field conditions with minimal maintenance
Ongoing cost	As low as \$1 per person, per year, to maintain — far less than bottled water

Source: New Life International, Safe Water Program (newlifeinternational.org/safewater).

Project Budget — \$30,000 Goal

The table below outlines planned use of funds. Figures are estimates based on typical equipment, transport, and program costs for emergency water response; final allocations will be adjusted based on on-the-ground assessments and supplier quotes at time of purchase.

Budget Item	Description	Estimated Cost
Water purification units (6)	Field-deployable chlorination systems, each capable of serving up to 1,000 people	\$21,000
Transport & installation	Freight, in-country transport, and on-site setup of water systems in affected communities	\$4,000
Operating supplies (salt & batteries)	Table salt and 12-volt batteries to operate purification units through the project period	\$2,000
Hygiene & water-storage kits	Safe water containers and hygiene supplies for displaced children and families	\$1,500
Community training & distribution	Local volunteer/staff training on system operation, maintenance, and water distribution	\$1,000
Program monitoring & administration	Site assessments, reporting, and project coordination	\$500
Total		\$30,000

Donation Impact Levels

Gift Amount	Impact
\$10	Provides water purification tablets or a basic filtration kit for one displaced family for several days
\$25	Supplies a hygiene kit and personal water container for one child in a shelter or camp
\$50	Covers a family's clean water needs for about a week through trucking, storage, or treatment supplies
\$100	Helps fund a shared water access point — a tank or tap stand — serving multiple families
\$250	Contributes to repairing or installing piping, pumps, or storage for an entire neighborhood
\$500+	Supports a full package of water infrastructure plus hygiene and family relief supplies for a community
\$1,000	Funds a water system for an entire emergency shelter site housing dozens of families
\$2,500	Supports a major repair or installation — restoring a well, pump station, or piping network
\$5,000	Funds a complete water system installation plus wraparound family recovery support for a community

Implementation Timeline

Phase	Timeframe	Activities
Phase 1: Assessment & Procurement	Weeks 1–4	Site assessments in affected communities; procurement and shipping of purification systems
Phase 2: Installation	Weeks 4–10	Installation of water systems at shelter sites and neighborhoods; staff and volunteer training
Phase 3: Distribution & Support	Weeks 6–20	Ongoing water access, hygiene kit distribution, and family support services
Phase 4: Monitoring & Reporting	Weeks 12–26	Tracking water quality, usage, and community impact; donor reporting

Expected Outcomes

- Up to 6,000 people gain access to safe, chlorinated drinking water through 6 installed purification systems.
- Reduced risk of waterborne illness among displaced children and families in shelters and camps.
- Hundreds of children and families receive hygiene kits and direct relief support.
- Local volunteers and community members trained to operate and maintain water systems beyond the immediate emergency phase.

Voices from the Field

Communities that have received this water technology in past deployments have described its impact in their own words. One pastor receiving a system for the first time said having safe water meant everything for his community after years of hardship. Another recipient shared relief at finally seeing outside help arrive during a difficult crisis, and expressed hope that illnesses caused by contaminated water would now stop.

Quotes adapted from testimonials shared by New Life International, Safe Water Program.

About Educare Now

[Insert a short paragraph here describing Educare Now's mission, history, relevant experience in disaster response or water/sanitation programs, and your local partner(s) on the ground in Venezuela. GlobalGiving requires an established, vetted local partner — be sure to name and describe that partnership here.]

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