

Venezuela Earthquakes

SITUATION REPORT #1

Latin America & the Caribbean Response Plan
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Our Response

Airlink has activated its Latin America & the Caribbean Regional Response Plan in response to the impacts from the two recent Venezuelan earthquakes. Airlink is coordinating with humanitarian, logistics, and airline partners in the region to assess main needs and response capabilities and will continue to monitor the situation to best support partners' responses. Please reach out to ops@airlinkflight.org if your organization is planning to respond and/or has a request for transportation assistance.

The Situation

Two earthquakes hit northern Venezuela on Wednesday, June 24 at 17:04 local time, with respective magnitudes of 7.2 and 7.5 between 10-15km of depth. 590,000 people were located in severe to violent shaking zones, across both events. 4.8 million people were exposed to strong shaking from the M 7.5 quake. 16 million total people were exposed to earthquake shaking across both quakes.

Acting President Delcy Rodríguez has declared a state of emergency and requested international support for search and rescue. Reports indicate that at least 1,700 people have died and over 5,000 have been injured, with the death toll likely to rise dramatically in the coming days as urban search and rescue efforts continue.

Infrastructure has been hammered by the earthquakes - buildings across the region have collapsed, roads are blocked, communications have been disrupted, and parts of Caracas and La Guaira are without power, water, and gas. Access to emergency healthcare is a grave concern, given the pre-existing weaknesses in Venezuela's health systems. Caracas Airport (CCS), the main international airport for the country, is closed to commercial flights due to earthquake damage, with Valencia airport (VLN) being designated as the alternate hub for international entry. Roads between Valencia and Caracas are open and operational.

Additionally, a M 4.4 earthquake was reported on June 25th, 19 miles away from Caracas. No damage has been attributed to that quake but there may be continued tectonic activity during the response and recovery process.

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Common Services

Airlink is assisting nonprofit partners collaborating with local organizations and coordination mechanisms in Venezuela through cargo and responder flight support. All organizations requesting support should submit a [mission request](#) and subsequent [passenger](#) and [cargo](#) requests to Airlink's request management system.

Cargo Support

Airlink is working with airline partners to identify space available to VLN and CCS (once reopened) for humanitarian cargo. Airlink is also exploring charter options from hubs including MIA. All flights are subject to government approval.

Responder Flights

Airlink is staging passengers in BOG and PTY and booking flights to VLN as they become available. Airline partners expect to have more capacity into VLN and CCS later this week.



Humanitarian Logistics Overview

Personnel movement: Airlink is supporting flights into VLN through BOG and PTY.

- Please keep Airlink informed about your planned programming in the coming weeks to maximize matching efficiency.
- Airbnb is offering housing for teams staging outside of Venezuela and waiting to deploy. Contact emergencyresponse@airbnb.org if your organization is interested.

Visas: If you are coming from the US, you will need a visa—Venezuelan embassy's online portal (<https://cancilleriadigital.mppre.gob.ve/login>).

Cargo movement: Airlink has airline partners with cargo capacity into CCS once airports reopen and is exploring charter options from hubs, including MIA.

Customs clearance: GUIDANCE SUBJECT TO CHANGE - Venezuelan customs require all documentation to be submitted in Spanish, including an original Commercial Invoice, Packing List, Letter of Donation, Shipper's Letter of Instruction (if departing from the US), Certificates of Origin, and any applicable certifications (Phytosanitary Certificates) and permits. Depending on the type of goods being imported, additional approvals from relevant ministries may be required. For example, medical products generally require authorization from the Ministry of Health, while food products may require approval from the Ministry of Agriculture.

Importers must be declared electronically through SENIAT. Consignee details must include a valid RIF (Registro de Identificación Fiscal) number and telephone number, and must be registered with SENIAT. Wooden pallets must comply with ISPM 15 standards and be heat-treated or fumigated with the appropriate certification, Customs operations, particularly through La Guaira, may experience disruptions, so shipment timelines should be confirmed with logistics partners before dispatch.

Other considerations: For up to date information about accessibility of key infrastructure in affected countries, please use the Logistics Cluster's tool [LogIE](#).

Airport Status:

Open and Operational

- Valencia (VLN): Open and operational with limited flights, 2 hour drive to the epicenter
- Maracaibo (MAR): Open and operational, 10+ hour drive to the epicenter

Open at Reduced Capacity

- Caracas/Maiquetia (CCS): Simon Bolivar Open solely to humanitarian and emergency response flights with government approval. Commercial flights will resume later this week.

Humanitarian Logistics Coordination

Airlink will continue organizing situation reports and coordination calls as necessary. All deploying USAR teams must coordinate their efforts on VOSOCC. Airlink is coordinating with the Venezuela Logistics Cluster Working Group. Updates on customs requirements will be shared in the IMPACCT Working Group WhatsApp, and Airlink will update partners as information is verified. Reach out to Virginie for more information at virginie.bohl@wfp.org.



Responding Partner Agencies

If you do not see your organization listed and you are responding, please email ops@airlinkflight.org.

To better support your organization, we ask that all partners submit [this needs assessment survey](#).

ACTIVE NGO PARTNERS

- @fire
- All Hands and Hearts
- Bayat Foundation (collaboration TBD)
- Burnaby USAR
- BUDAID
- CADENA
- Community Organized Relief Effort (CORE)
- Footprint Project
- Humenica
- IFRC
- IsrAID (collaboration tbd)
- Mercy Chefs Global
- NATAN Worldwide Relief
- Operation Blessing
- Operation Orphan
- Peace Winds Japan
- Project HOPE
- REACT
- Rescue Response International
- SAMU
- SARAID
- ShelterBox (collaboration tbd)
- Water Mission
- Wine to Water

ACTIVE AIRLINE & LOGISTICS PARTNERS

- American Airlines
- Avianca
- Copa Airlines
- Global Logistics Cluster
- Priority Worldwide
- SEKO Logistics
- United Airlines
- UPS Foundation



For questions related to Airlink's programmatic response, please contact ops@airlinkflight.org.

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