



Aid Live Foundation announces the launch of its first programs after finishing a research process that established the needs and priorities that it will focus on.

In the last two months, a group of experts in social development and migration, working on behalf of Aid Live Foundation, conducted a field study in Venezuela and Colombia. This evaluation was carried out to identify the most urgent humanitarian needs and also medium-term requirements of people and communities affected.

Analysis of various studies, and information obtained from the visits to the regions and the organizations responding to the humanitarian emergency, has resulted in the development of a social intervention strategy.

The goal is to leverage the work of the grassroots organizations addressing the fundamental needs of Venezuelan refugees in Colombia and the most vulnerable populations in Venezuela.

Aid Live Foundation has been established as a second-level organization that will support civil society organizations working in Venezuela and with Venezuelan refugees in Colombia. The support to the organizations will include financial resources and technical capacity building through supporting specialized personnel in order to increase the impact of their programs on the beneficiaries. In the first phase of operations, the focus areas will be:

In Colombia,

- Comprehensive development for children.
- Nutritional support for children.
- Health services for children and adolescents.
- Clean water access.
- Integration and training programs for young people.
- Wellbeing for families with a focus on migratory grief and programs aimed at reducing xenophobia in schools and communities.

In Venezuela,

- Comprehensive development for early childhood.
- Nutritional support for children.
- Access to essential health services for children and adolescents.
- Clean water service in vulnerable regions.

The process for the identification and selection of suitable projects, was based on international guidelines that involved: analysis of/due diligence on the legal and financial documentation of the organizations; impact evaluation; and an assessment of experience in the development of programmes related to nutrition, health and access to basic services. The process also assessed the relevance of the projects to the priorities identified by the Aid Live Foundation.

Aid Live Foundation only supports programs run by non-governmental, non- profit organizations.

In following this selection process, two partner organizations have been chosen to begin work in the most vulnerable regions in Colombia and Venezuela. The first is **Comparte por una vida Colombia**, which focuses on nutrition and access to drinking water for children in Villa del Rosario, Norte de Santander. The “**Stay at school**” program will benefit 400 children over one year, improving their daily nutrition, and 1700 children through providing access to clean water and primary health care to prevent parasites, iron deficiency and gastrointestinal diseases. In addition to addressing children's health, the project seeks to prevent children from leaving schools due to a lack of food.

In the Semprún Municipality in Venezuela, the program “**Walking in hope, we walk without borders**” will improve the daily nutrition of 1000 children in early childhood and support 2550 families by giving them access to clean water in their communities as well as personal hygiene kits to improve their quality of life. As part of the action plan, monitoring and evaluations will be carried out to certify the results of the programmes, as well as quantitative and qualitative tracking to guarantee transparency in the use of resources and to assess the impact of the programs.

****Within the next two months, Aid Live Foundation will be selecting more programs to receive financial investments and technical support. Visit us at www.aidlivefoundation.org to learn more..***

