



EVOLUTION OF COOPI'S PRESENCE IN THE COUNTRY

Venezuela is currently experiencing a complex socioeconomic situation that has created significant challenges across various aspects of the country's social and productive life. This context has affected both the internal dynamics of many communities and regional human mobility patterns. Despite institutional efforts to mitigate these effects, remain persistent gaps that require a coordinated, technical, and locally sensitive approach.

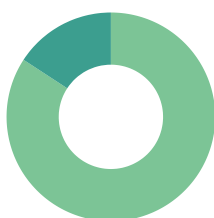
Within this framework, COOPI – Cooperazione Internazionale has maintained an operational presence in Venezuela since 2018, implementing actions aligned with the principles of complementarity, institutional coordination, and the strengthening of local capacities. Its interventions are based on a comprehensive protection approach, aiming to support communities facing the greatest barriers to access essential goods and services.

In close coordination with relevant authorities, community organizations, and technical partners, COOPI focuses its efforts on the sectors of protection, sexual and reproductive health, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), environment, and sustainable livelihoods. It promotes context-specific, culturally appropriate, and sustainable solutions. All actions carried out by COOPI in the country are guided by the principles of neutrality, impartiality, and respect for national institutions, with a strong commitment to contribute, from a technical and collaborative perspective, to the strengthening of resilient, inclusive, and locally aligned community environments.

FROM 2018 TO 2024:

27
PROJECTS

18%
DEVELOPMENT



82%
EMERGENCY

408,322
DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

SECTORS IN WHICH COOPI HAS OPERATED IN THE COUNTRY



PROTECTION



GENDER BASED
VIOLENCE



HUMAN
TRAFFICKING



HEALTH



WASH



ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT



ENVIRONMENT
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FOOD SECURITY AND
LIVELIHOODS

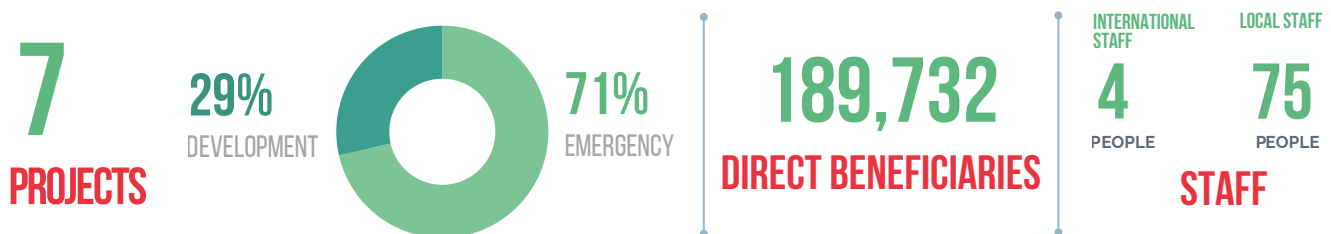


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COOPI IN VENEZUELA TODAY

COOPI – Cooperazione Internazionale currently operates in five Venezuelan states: Sucre, Bolívar, Delta Amacuro, Distrito Capital, and Miranda. Its work focuses on strengthening community capacities and supporting people in vulnerable situations, particularly women survivors of gender-based violence and individuals at risk of trafficking.

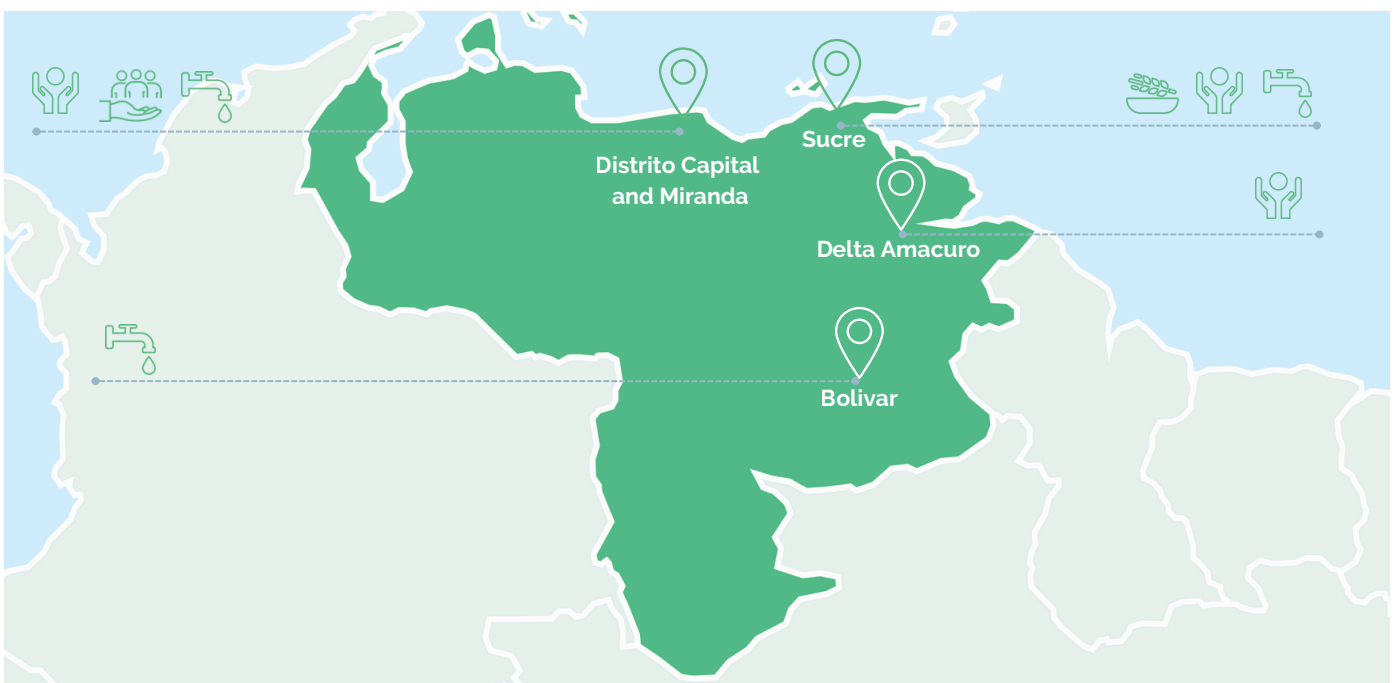
In close collaboration with local authorities, community organizations, and technical partners, COOPI implements actions in key sectors such as protection, health, WASH, environment, food security, and sustainable livelihoods. All interventions follow a multisectoral, people-centered approach, aligned with institutional efforts and guided by the principles of neutrality, impartiality, and respect for national institutions, with a strong commitment to sustainable and culturally appropriate solutions.



SECTORS IN WHICH COOPI OPERATES IN THE COUNTRY



COOPI currently operates directly in Caracas, Distrito Capital, and the states of Miranda, Sucre, Delta Amacuro, and Bolívar. Its national headquarter is located in Caracas, with operational bases in Cumaná (Sucre) and Ciudad Guayana (Bolívar), which also serves as the operational hub for Delta Amacuro.



MAIN SECTORS OF INTERVENTION



PROTECTION

In the current Venezuelan context, significant protection challenges persist, particularly regarding gender-based violence, human trafficking, and other forms of violence that disproportionately affect women, adolescents, and LGBTIQ+ individuals. While local systems have made notable efforts, structural limitations hinder a comprehensive response, especially in communities with limited access. In this context, COOPI supports and complements local efforts by strengthening community and institutional capacities through a people-centered, culturally appropriate approach aligned with national frameworks and in close coordination with local actors.

In Venezuela, COOPI promotes protection activities at various levels:



- AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING, SHARING PREVENTION MEASURES, REPORTING MECHANISMS, AND PROVIDING LEGAL AND PSYCHOSOCIAL ASSISTANCE.
- RECEPTION AND DIRECT ASSISTANCE FOR MIGRANTS, VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE, EXPLOITATION, AND ABUSE.
- IMPROVEMENT OF "SAFE SPACES" AND ACCESS TO CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND/OR TRAFFICKING AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING CASES IN CONDITIONS OF SEVERE VULNERABILITY.
- PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN, CAREGIVERS, AND WORKERS IN SITUATIONS INVOLVING VIOLENCE AGAINST MINORS.
- PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND SUPPORT FOR WOMEN SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE IN COOPERATIVE VENTURES FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND TREATMENT, PROMOTING CIRCULAR ECONOMY INITIATIVES.
- STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITIES OF INSTITUTIONAL OFFICIALS AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN PROTECTION ACTIVITIES AGAINST SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE, TRAFFICKING, AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS.
- CASE MANAGEMENT AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT: ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE WITH PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT.

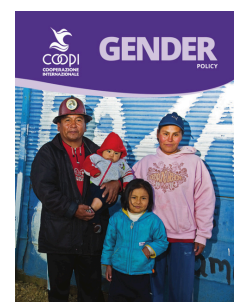
2024:

1

PROJECT

58,390

BENEFICIARIES



TO LEARN MORE:

PROTECTION POLICY: WWW.COOPI.ORG/PROTECTION-POLICY

GENDER POLICY: WWW.COOPI.ORG/GENDER-POLICY

MAIN SECTORS OF INTERVENTION



WASH

COOPI promotes fair and broader access to water and contributes to the dissemination of good hygiene practices, working at the community level and intervening across various levels:

- REHABILITATION OF COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND WATER SYSTEMS: ENSURING ACCESS TO DRINKING WATER AND ADEQUATE SANITATION SERVICES, PARTICULARLY IN OUTPATIENT CLINICS, HEALTH CENTERS, AND PROTECTION FACILITIES, USING WASH FIT/WASH SIS METHODOLOGIES.
- TRAINING ON GOOD HYGIENE PRACTICES AND DISTRIBUTION OF HYGIENE KITS: FOCUSED ON REMOTE AREAS TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND HYGIENE STANDARDS.
- REHABILITATION AND EQUIPMENT OF HEALTH CENTERS AND CLINICS: INCLUDING MOBILE UNITS, IN URBAN AND REMOTE AREAS, AS PART OF PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST THE SPREAD OF COVID-19.
- SANITATION: REHABILITATION OF HEALTH AND SANITATION INFRASTRUCTURES.
- HYGIENE: DISTRIBUTION OF MENSTRUAL HYGIENE KITS AND WATER PURIFICATION SYSTEMS.
- HEALTH: FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES AND GYNECOLOGICAL CARE.

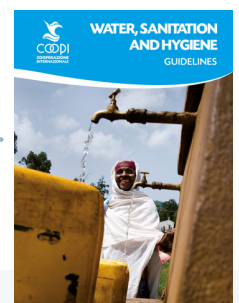
2024:

3

PROJECTS

30,582

BENEFICIARIES



TO LEARN MORE:

WATER AND HYGIENE GUIDELINES: WWW.COOPI.ORG/WASH-POLICY



MAIN SECTORS OF INTERVENTION



FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

Within the current economic and social scenario in Venezuela, COOPI - Cooperazione Internazionale, in collaboration with the World Food Programme (WFP), has been implementing a project since 2023 in Sucre State to improve the food security of the most vulnerable communities. This project aims to mitigate food insecurity and strengthen the capacities of families facing difficulties in accessing food and nutritional risks, combining direct assistance through modalities such as food distribution and served meals.

- COOPI ORGANIZES COMMUNITY KITCHENS IN SCHOOLS IN SUCRE STATE, WHERE NUTRITIOUS DAILY MEALS ARE PREPARED AND SERVED, ENSURING BALANCED NUTRITION FOR BENEFICIARIES.
- THE SERVED MEAL MODALITY IS MANAGED BY VOLUNTEERS AND TRAINED STAFF WHO PREPARE AND DISTRIBUTE MEALS, ADHERING TO HYGIENE AND FOOD SAFETY STANDARDS.
- COOPI DISTRIBUTES FOOD BASKETS TO BENEFICIARIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, INCLUDING BASIC PRODUCTS SUCH AS RICE, LEGUMES, VEGETABLE OIL, AND OTHER ESSENTIAL ITEMS.

2024:
1
 PROJECT
44,474
 BENEFICIARIES



TO LEARN MORE: FOOD SECURITY GUIDELINES

FOOD SECURITY POLICY: WWW.COOPI.ORG/FOODSEC-POLICY



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In the current context, challenges related to access to employment opportunities and sustainable income have been identified, particularly in communities facing higher levels of vulnerability. In response, COOPI promotes initiatives aimed at strengthening local capacities and supporting sustainable livelihoods, with a focus on the economic empowerment of women and youth. These efforts are implemented through training, technical support, and awareness-raising activities, addressing key areas of local economic development such as small business management, community savings, circular economy, and community-based marketing. Some of its actions include:

- COOPI TRAINS WOMEN IN ADMINISTRATION, ACCOUNTING, BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, PROMOTING ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY. IN ADDITION, IT RAISES AWARENESS IN THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE PROPER MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES AND WASTE.

2024:
1
 PROJECT
2,730
 BENEFICIARIES

COOPI NETWORK IN VENEZUELA

CLUSTER IN WHICH COOPI PARTICIPATES

Protection Cluster (including the Areas of Responsibility for GBV and Child Protection) • Task Force for the Prevention and Response to Human Trafficking (GTTdP) • Technical Group on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support • WASH Cluster (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) • Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster • Logistics Cluster • Shelter, Energy, and Non-Food Items Cluster.

INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH COOPI COLLABORATES

United Nations • IOM • Humanitarian Coordination Forums • NGO Forum • Municipalities • Ministries.

NATIONAL AND LOCAL PARTNERS OF COOPI

Asociación Civil Tinta Violeta • PLAFAM • Cedisuc • Visión Mujer • Hias Venezuela

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European Union



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Civil Protection and
Humanitarian Aid



DEVELOPMENT LINES OF COOPI IN VENEZUELA

COOPI's priority sectors of intervention in the near future in Venezuela will continue to be:

- Protection, consolidating ongoing interventions (case management, legal and psychosocial assistance) and strengthening temporary shelters for victims of gender-based violence, trafficking, and illicit human trafficking, especially in border areas (Trinidad and Tobago, Colombia, Brazil, and Guyana).
- Promotion and implementation of sexual and reproductive health activities.
- Rehabilitation and equipping of outpatient clinics and community health and protection centers, to ensure access to water, energy, and adequate sanitation services.
- Distribution of hygiene kits and water purification kits in particularly vulnerable and remote areas, accompanied by campaigns to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.
- Professional training courses to promote alternative livelihoods, including through circular economy initiatives.

Among the areas of intervention that COOPI aims to strengthen in the coming years is the socio-economic recovery of vulnerable groups, enabling them to access employment alternatives and improve their living conditions.



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT COOPI'S PROJECTS IN VENEZUELA

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