



## About us:

The MAS IS MORE Foundation was born because of the economic problems being experienced by Venezuela and its corresponding lack of food supplies. This situation particularly affects mothers and their newborns—babies up to 2 years old—who are suffering nutritional deficiencies that are harming their physical and intellectual development. These vital food supplies are infant formulas that have been disappearing from store shelves across the country. Furthermore, what little supplies of formula that can be found in various commercial establishments are being sold at such high prices that parents are becoming exceedingly frustrated at not being able to acquire the formula. Consequently, there is a large percentage of children with a high malnutrition index. Indeed, many newborns are dying.

The MAS IS MORE FOUNDATION supports breastfeeding and the nutritional and love benefits that this form of nourishment brings to newborns.

However, since not all babies can be fed in this way, we have made a commitment to collect and ship formula to Venezuela in support of families there. The primary beneficiaries of our efforts will be the children who cannot be breastfed by their mothers due to the potential of disease transmission, those who suffer from HIV or from other medical conditions such as stress, those who are already malnourished, and those whose mothers died during childbirth. These scenarios leave the newborn absolutely devoid of food and at a high risk of death.

The MAS IS MORE FOUNDATION was established in Miami in August, 2017 for the purpose of working to benefit the diet and nutrition of those who are the future of Venezuela. The Foundation was created by Rayma Suprani and Katherine Gruber.

Aid to Venezuela—beginning as the Infant Formulas Campaign—began in May 2017. Subsequently a non-profit foundation was formed, now known as the MAS IS MORE Foundation.

For now, the campaign is specifically for the purchase, shipment and distribution of infant formulas. At the moment, we are not asking for anything more, although later we want to expand our campaign to include other needs such as bottles, diapers and even formula for older children, since malnutrition reaches ages of up to 7 years. Venezuelans and people in solidarity abroad who know the problems of the country have begun to join our effort and to donate cans of infant formula to the collection center created for this campaign. A bridge was created between Miami and Venezuela with the collaboration of Susana Raffalli, a nutritionist specializing in food security management, humanitarian emergencies and disaster risk, who connects us with organizations such as Cáritas, Mapani, and Prepara Familia, among others. These organizations at the same time distribute to pediatricians, institutions and families with children in a state of malnutrition in different centers throughout the country. We also partner with the organization Eslabones de Amor Venezuela to reach more institutions and foundation, cities and states of the country.

Our partners are:

**Eslabones de Amor Venezuela** (a non-profit organization helping children with malnutrition problems due either to lack of resources or problems of the mother in breastfeeding)

**Prepara Familia** (a NGO dedicated to preventing violence against women and supporting mothers and children at the Hospital de Niños J. M. de los Ríos)

**Fe Fundacion** (a non-profit organization helping children with malnutrition problems due either to lack of resources or problems of the mother in breastfeeding)

**Mapani Venezuela** (“We defend the Right to Life after birth”. An association that defends the human rights of Venezuelan children. [www.redmapani.org](http://www.redmapani.org))

**Fundana** (Friends of the Children that Need Protection Foundation)

**Cáritas Venezuela** (an organization that promotes the social assistance of the Catholic Church and which serves of the most vulnerable communities)

**Sohi** (Hominis Iura Society) (a non-profit civil association that promotes and defends human rights, democracy, peace and freedom)

**AMAVIDA Zulia** (a community leadership organization, recognized for its actions in favor of human rights and its contribution in reducing the impact of HIV/AIDS)

And dozens of anonymous Venezuelans, dedicated volunteers in both in Miami throughout Venezuela who are making deliveries, selecting formulas, making phone calls, directing deliveries, packing, etc.

## **INFANT FORMULAS CAMPAIGN**

The Infant Formulas Campaign was created to let people living abroad buy online through any internet portal that has the option of shipping, for example Amazon, Walgreens, Walmart, Ebay, etc. No specific brand, size or price is required, but it is preferable to purchase formula in powder to make it easier to transport to Venezuela.

At the same time, a button for monetary donations has been created for all those who want to help but cannot buy a can of formula and prefer instead to contribute what they can from \$1. This financial aid is used to pay for Miami-to-Venezuela door-to-door deliveries of the infant formula boxes that are being collected. Money is also needed to buy specific milk and formulas such as Ensure for older children who have a bodyweight well below regular values. This help button is located in the Rayma Suprani page in the section below. <https://raymasuprani.com/mas-is-more-foundation/>