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SHIPMENTS RECEIVED.

- June 28, 2017
- July 29, 2017
- August 31, 2017
- September 15, 2017
- October 01, 2017
- November 6, 2017

WHAT WAS RECEIVED.

- Infant formulas / Milk
- Bottles

The totality of infant formulas received, include the following:

- 80% complete formulas for healthy babies under one year old (yellow or blue cap)
- 5% formulas for newborns up to three months old (lid color green water)
- 5% special formulas: without lactose (orange cap), hypoallergenic, for allergies to whole milk proteins, (purple top), semi-elemental for babies with digestion problems and severe malnutrition (Nutramigen), soy milk and elemental formulas (for therapeutic feeding by tubes)
- 5% formulas for premature babies
- 5% formulas 2 and 3 for babies over one year old, full milk, cereal powder.

RECEPTION / DISTRIBUTION PLATFORM

- Collection centers for the formulas:
- Collection center of the “Prepara Familia Association”, Caracas.
- Collection center of CESAP.
- Distribution network for shipments of formulas to organizations, health professionals and beneficiaries throughout the country:
- Venezuelan Network of Positive People RGV + and ACCSI - HIV / AIDS (all the country).
- Assembly of Attention Entities (shelters) (all the country).
- Health Services of Christian Counseling Associations (AVESSOC) (Caracas and Vargas State).
- Venezuelan Child Care and Pediatrics Society (SVPP) (throughout the country).
- Human Rights Organizations : "Aula Abierta" and "PROMEDEHUM".
- “Meals4Hope” Organization

OTHER FOUNDATIONS

- "Puerto Rico Humanitarian Aid Program for Venezuela".
- “Meals4Hope”, Foundation that receives donations in Miami and Spain, and develops projects in Venezuela in “Zea”, Mérida state and Puerto Ordaz, Bolívar state.
- “Cuatro por Venezuela”, Foundation that receives donations in Houston, Texas.
- María Angélica, Valencia, Independent benefactor, Miami Florida.

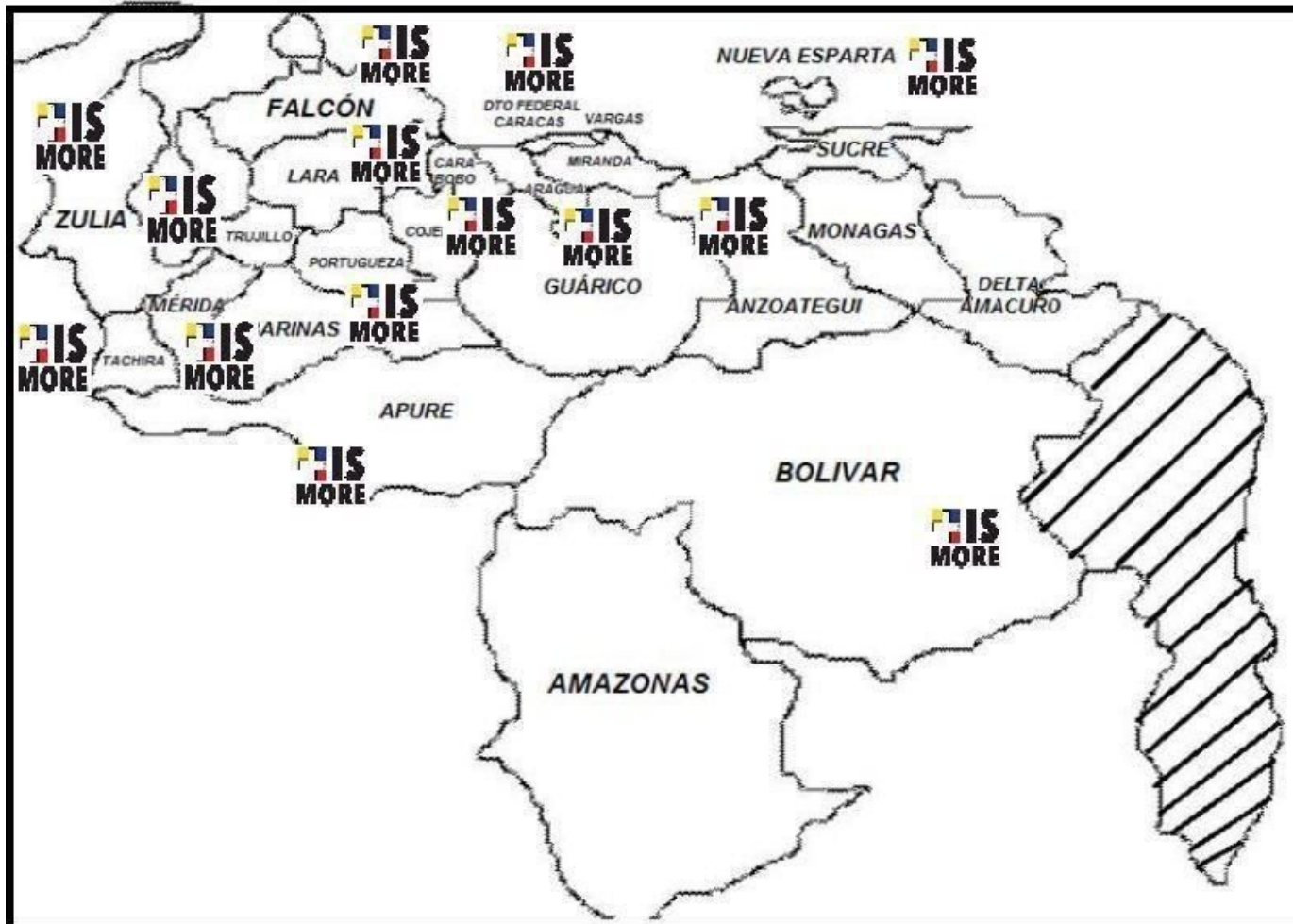
WHO HAS BENEFITED FROM “Mas Is More Foundation”

- Shelters, orphanages for small babies.
- Women with HIV and their associations.
- Nutrition recovery units.
- Network of mothers and fathers organized to support each other.
- Support for vulnerable children Foundations.
- Pediatricians, infectologists and particular gastroenterologists.
- Girls and boys in personalized follow-up.

Table of people and organizations in Annexes

WHERE HAS THE HELP OF “ Mas Is More Foundation” HAS GOTTEN TO?

1. Capital District (Caracas and Miranda State)
2. Nueva Esparta (Isla de Margarita)
3. Anzoátegui (Barcelona)
4. Falcón (Chorus)
5. Zulia (Maracaibo)
6. Lara (Barquisimeto-Cabudare)
7. Trujillo (Boconó)
8. Merida (Zea)
9. Bolívar (Ciudad Bolívar, Puerto Ordaz)
10. Táchira (San Cristóbal)
11. Aragua (Maracay)
12. Apure (San Fernando)
13. Portuguese (Acarigua)
14. Carabobo (Nagüanagüa)



MORE THAN DONATIONS: WHAT HAS BEEN BUILT by “Mas Is More Foundation”?

- Achievement of safe collection sites and voluntary personnel for the classification and labeling of inputs (Prepara Familia and CESAP in Caracas).
- Link of twenty seven (27) people contact / organizations to coordinate the effective distribution in fourteen states of the country.
- Creation of a protocol adhering to national and international technical and legal frameworks that govern and guarantee the effective distribution of infant formulas.
- Creation of registration forms for the delivery and reception of infant formulas.
- Analysis of contents of thirty-two (32) different Formula brands to proceed with the labeling in Spanish.
- Establishment of a specific contact in Miami, for free shipping of infant formulas to Venezuela (subject to space availability).
- Information dissemination to contribute to the strengthening of the capacities to manage donations in a relevant, efficient and safe way by organizations that do humanitarian work for child nutrition.
- Motivation and liaison with Venezuelan organizations for humanitarian action (platform for human rights, action against HIV, journalists and professional guilds).

DIFFICULTIES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOUND ON THE ROAD, UNTIL NOW

- Shipping door-to-door cargo services from abroad has proven, up to now, to be effective.
- The distribution of infant formulas has become very difficult in some parts of the country. The transportation of large volumes of food supplements and / or medicines is subject to extreme controls, at the risk of being confiscated, stolen, or converted into a cause of extortion by the National Guard. The picture is uncertain, since it is difficult to determine what the size of a shipment should be to prevent these maneuvers from happening. In other occasions there are no restrictions. Everything is subject to contingency, which complicates the distribution coordination.
- The national ground freight shipment companies have been restricting their operations, even some of them no longer allow the consign of these type of supplies. The companies that still carry it out need to divide the load only three cans by shipment, with the aim of not attracting the attention of the National Guard. This procedure triples the costs.
- Shipments of formulas far from the capital is limited by various political and economical reasons. Therefore, beneficiaries of these remote regions must travel to the capital to get the formulas if they can.
- Not having a fund of resources to pay for shipments and not even having private carriers or individuals offering to make these shipments without cost, has been a limitation.
- These difficulties in the mass transportation of infant formulas have allowed the gradual construction of a humanitarian distribution channel. Through this channel we have accomplished a permanent supply to organizations that responsibly distribute to those who need it the most like children with special needs.
- The implementation of delivery receipts where the origin and destination of the donation is certified has been useful to keep an adequate control of formula distribution in the country.
- We have detected that the delivery and administration of formulas to large hospitals is frequently diverted into corruption. To prevent donations from escaping through these channels, direct delivery has been organized to neonatology services, mothers and fathers associates linked to hospitals and pediatricians who handle specific cases.

- The direct delivery of more than two can formulas to mothers is risky since they may use them for different purposes other than nutritional needs due to the great nutrition deficiencies.
 - It has been difficult to keep track of reception and delivery inventory due to the high turnover of volunteers in the collection center since donations from several foundations were mixed in the first delivery, there were no application form registration.
- Religious organizations are a good channel of distribution because of their transparency, their presence in various parts of the country and because the most needy come spontaneously to them.
- The distribution through doctors, nutritionists and pediatricians have made it possible to cover specific insufficiencies and keep the nutrition requirements of children with special needs until they are healthy and strong. This makes the difference between donating and the effort to promote growth and health.
- Having the support of associations that represent and care for needy groups has been an effective way to build distribution channels (groups of mothers and fathers, association of HIV positive people, women's associations: unconventional humanitarian actors).
- We obtained random donations of special formulas such as hypoallergenic (purple cap), lactose-free (orange cap), premature, or semi-elemental pre-digested (Nutramigen). This has been very helpful for children with special needs who almost never benefit from donations.
- The photographic record of the donations and the beneficiaries is a powerful visibility resource to attract more wills, but sometimes it is difficult to obtain, among other things for these reasons:
 - The LOPNNA (Organic Law for the Protection of Children and Adolescents) prohibits it if the people shown in the image do not give their permission for the dissemination of it. Those who know this prefer not to photograph beneficiaries.
 - Excessive and sensationalist use of images of undernourished Venezuelan children has been made, especially in the media.
 - Some health professionals who have received humanitarian supplies have been detained or have been intimidated by the national government, which is why many of them prefer to remain anonymous.
 - Exposure of names or images can lead to the subjects thus made visible to be the target of actions by the government or non-governmental organizations, professionals or health networks that are against the distribution of maternal milk substitution. Fanaticism, the struggle between egos and the desire to be protagonists are devastating for this cause.

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THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH “Mas Is More Foundation” develops

- The difficult nutritional access situation in Venezuela will worsen due to the lack of rectification of the economic and political model, the advancement of the strategy of attrition that the rulers are applying to the population, international sanctions and imminent default, will leave the State with fewer resources than the few already assigned to meet the essential needs of citizens.
- The larger the needs, the less the civil society can access. But this does not mean that what it is covered is not significant.
- The more the needs of poor people deepen, there will be more probabilities that donations will be used for non-nutritional purposes.
- Foundations abroad supported by the diaspora tend to increase. Unfortunately, some only arise in order to make the crisis profitable and others go after the protagonism. If these organizations begin to set the tone, the vision of this type of organizations would be damaged, since the scope of those who work with a true sense of humanitarian aid is darkened.
- If the spirit of struggle, responsibility, focus and constancy with which the foundations of the Venezuelan diaspora work is maintained, it will become an unconventional humanitarian actor, with a central role in the dynamics resistance of the Venezuelan diaspora. It is necessary to continue documenting the learning, scope and connections, in order to leave the evidence that provides us with content and that at the same time continues to give meaning to the construction - currently in full systematization at the planetary level - of the humanitarian action promoted by diasporas. .
- Donated milk has been a beneficial humanitarian aid, but the other achievements of “Mas Is More Foundation”, in the form of building and strengthening the humanitarian network, has made the difference. This marks the contrast between humanitarian aid and humanitarian action.”Mas Is More Foundation” is doing humanitarian action with a clear contribution to link and strengthen a humanitarian network between Venezuelan people inside and outside the country, and among Venezuelans who, within the national territory, implement the mechanisms that make aid possible.

• **BENEFICIARIES AND CONTACT LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS OF “Mas Is More Foundation”**

ORG	CONTACT PERSON	CONTACT	BENEFICIARIES	PLACES
<p>“PREARA FAMILY” Prepare family</p>			<p>J.M. de los Rios Hospital</p>	<p>CARACAS</p>
<p>J.M DE LOS RIOS HOSPITAL Nutritional Recovery Unit</p>			<p>Nutritional Recovery Unit J.M. de los Rios Hospital</p>	<p>CARACAS</p>
<p>J.M. DE LOS RIOS HOSPITAL Infectology Service Children</p>			<p>Children exposed to HIV, and women exposed to VIH J. M. de los Ríos Hospital</p>	<p>CARACAS</p>
<p>J.M. DE LOS RIOS HOSPITAL Gastroenterologist</p>			<p>Children with nutritional problems J. M. de los Ríos Hospital</p>	<p>CARACAS</p>
<p>“ABANSA MI REFUGIO” Home, Caracas</p>			<p>Abandoned children</p>	<p>CARACAS</p>
<p>“FUNDANA” La Villa de Los Chiquitos.</p>			<p>Abandoned children Contribution has been lending formulas to special children who have left the home.</p>	<p>CARACAS</p>

“OPERACIÓN SONRISA” Foundation Caracas			Children in nutritional recovery to qualify for cleft palate surgery	CARACAS
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“MADRE EMILIA” Social Work Maternity de las Hermanitas de los Pobres”			Newly born Oncology Hospital Padre Machado	CARACAS
“MUSAS VENEZUELA” Mujeres Unidas por la Salud			Children exposed to VIH, son of women with VIH	CARACAS
Dr.LUIS ORTEGA HOSPITAL. Neonatology service			Hospitalized children, Dr. Luis Ortega Hospital.	NUEVA ESPARTA Isla de Margarita
“SOMOS TUS PANAS” Red de derechos Humanos de Nueva Esparta. Proyecto			Abandoned children in Street situation	NUEVA ESPARTA Isla de Margarita
ADHAM Association (Human Rights Association entre Amigos de Margarita)			Children exposed to VIH, children of women with VIH	NUEVA ESPARTA Isla de Margarita
“TERESA DE CALCUTA” Nutritional recovery center			Children affected by malnutrition	APURE San Fernando
MAPANI Boconó			Low income infants	LARA Cabudare-Barquis imeto

“CONCIENCIA POR LA VIDA” Organization			Children exposed to HIV and children of women with HIV	LARA Barquisimeto
MAPANI Barquisimeto			Low income infants	TRUJILLO Boconó
“ESPERANZA ACTIVA” Organization			Free surgery for children with cleft palate and harelip	LARA Barquisimeto
“LA CASA DE LA MISERICORDIA”			Abandoned children	ZULIA
“ÁNGELES CHIQUINQUIRENOS” Foundation				Maracaibo
“INNOCENS” Foundation Affected by VIH children Hospital			Children exposed to HIV and children of women with HIV	ZULIA Maracaibo
“AMAVIDA” Organization			Children exposed to HIV and children of women with HIV	ZULIA Maracaibo
“MUJER FELIZ” Foundation			Low income infants Dispensary users “Chimpire”	FALCÓN Coro
“FUNDASIDARTA”			In support of HIV Care services, Central Hospital San Cristóbal	TÁCHIRA San Cristóbal

“GRAN FAMILIA DE LA SALUD” Foundation, Ruíz y Páez-Tórax Hospital			Children exposed to HIV and children of women with HIV	BOLÍVAR Ciudad Bolívar
“MAVID” Foundation “Manos Amigas por la Vida			Children exposed to HIV and children of women with HIV	CARABOBO Nagüanagüa
“PROVIDA INFANTL” Foundation ACIVA Asociación Civil Impulso Vital Aragua			Children exposed to HIV and children of women with HIV	ARAGUA Maracay
SOHI Association Sociedad Hominis Iura			Children with malnutrition	ANZOÁTEGUI Barcelona
			Atended by Gastroenterologist. Hospital Universitario Dr. Luis Razetti	
“HOGAR ABANSA MI REFUGO Barcelona			Abandoned children	ANZOÁTEGUI Barcelona
“ANZOATEGUI SIN SIDA” Organization			Children exposed to HIV and children of women with HIV	ANZOÁTEGUI Barcelona
“ASOMUVI”, Asociación Civil Mujeres por la Vida			Children exposed to HIV and children of women with HIV	PORTUGUESA Acarigua
Proyecto de Vida Unidad Sanitaria Acarigua			Children exposed to HIV and children of women with HIV	PORTUGUESA Acarigua

ZEA Casas de alimentación Proyecto Meals4Hope			Children in situation of vulnerability	MÉRIDA Zea
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LINK ORGANIZATIONS

ORGANIZATION	CONTACT PERSON	CONTACT	BENEFICIARIES	GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE
Red Venezolana de Gente Positiva RGV+ (Acción en VIH-Sida)			Children exposed to HIV and children of women with HIV	The whole country
“ACCSI” Acción Ciudadana Frente al Sida			Children exposed to HIV and children of women with HIV	The whole country
Asamblea de Entidades de Atención (Red de Casas de Acogida para Niños y Ancianos)			Children and elderly abandoned in street situation	The whole country
“AVESSOC” Asociación Venezolana de Servicios de Salud de Orientación Cristiana			Dispensary “Hermanitas de Los Pobres”	CARACAS Maiquetía
“SVPP” Sociedad Venezolana de Puericultura y Pediatría			Connection with Pedriaticians throughout the whole country	The whole country
“AULA ABIERTA” Organization			ONG and DDHH Human Rights bridges for vulnerable children homes	ZULIA MARACAIB O
PROMEDEHUM Organization			Human Rights Organization, bridges connection to NGO and DDHH for vulnerable children homes	MÉRIDA

"MEALS4HOPE"			NGO a bridge connection with donations in Spain and Miami and project link of nutrition projects in Zea and Puerto Ordaz.	MÉRIDA BOLÍVAR
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