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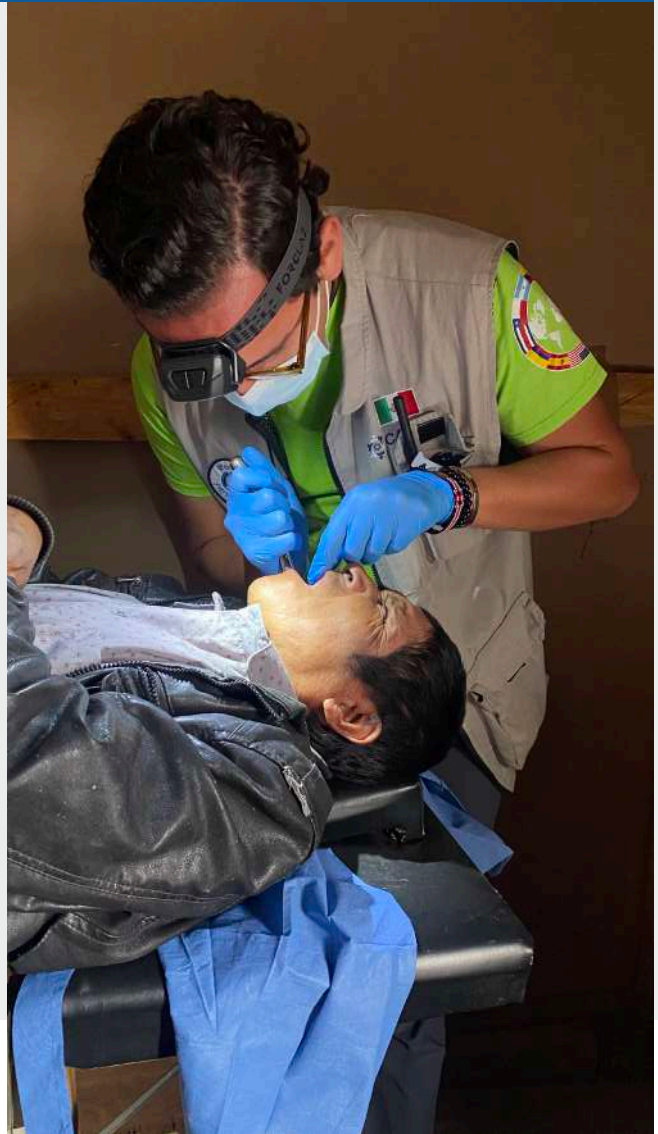
HUMANITARIAN AID FOR
DISASTERS AND CRISIS
JEWISH COMMUNITY

Annual Report

2023

*"What is the essence of life?
Serve others and do good."*

- Aristotle



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Hello!



Dear CADENA Community,

Throughout 2023, we faced challenges with a renewed purpose: to extend our supportive hand to impact lives and create a more just and resilient world. Thanks to the collective effort of our team of volunteers, partners, and alliances, along with the tireless dedication of our operations team, we were able to reach thousands of people in emergency and vulnerable situations.

Since 2005, we have helped more than 4 million people in 35 countries around the world, providing vital assistance during critical times. Whether in disaster after natural phenomena or social crises, our programs delivered support, food, medical services, and psycho-social help to those who needed it most. Each intervention was made possible by the network of committed individuals who, with their time, resources, and energy, strengthen CADENA's mission every day.

To our invaluable volunteers, you are the heart of this organization. Your dedication and willingness to act in every emergency inspire us.

To our allies and links for their trust, which drives our capabilities and allows us to maximize the impact of each effort. To our operational team, your rigor and dedication make it possible for every initiative to become a tangible reality. To our donors, your support enables us to reach those who need us the most. Let's continue repairing the world together, as one CADENA, toward a future where everyone can live with dignity and security.

Thank you for your support and commitment in 2023.

With deep gratitude,

CADENA

What is CADENA?

We are a civil association focused on the prevention of and response to emergencies and disasters. We deliver aid directly, hand in hand, to those who need it most.

Our work centers on rescue operations and humanitarian aid during disasters and crises worldwide. CADENA serves as the humanitarian arm of Jewish communities across the globe, extending support to all people regardless of their origin, creed, or religion.

To be CADENA is to dare to transform realities, challenge the status quo, and believe in a better world. It is to trust that every person has the power to build it—they only need to come face-to-face with the reality that dispels indifference.

Moreover, one of our core pillars is to promote a culture of prevention within communities and to foster solidarity and shared responsibility through educational and training projects.



2023

We inspire and mobilize people to adopt a humanitarian stance, aiming to build a resilient, just, and equitable world for everyone.



Mission

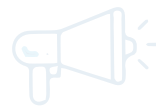
To alleviate human suffering by reducing the vulnerability of populations living in constant risk of disasters and crises, fostering a culture of prevention and inclusion, impartiality, neutrality, humanity, and independence.

Vision

To be the humanitarian arm of Jewish communities worldwide, assisting, hand in hand, the most vulnerable people in disasters and crises, regardless of origin, creed, or religion. We put into action one of the highest principles of Judaism: Tikkun Olam, or the repair of the world. At the same time, we inspire youth and society at large to be agents of positive change in building a better future.

All of this allows us to live by and promote the values of:

Assist



We respond immediately when there are disasters and humanitarian crises. We are present from the moment of the emergency until recovery.

Educate



We promote shared responsibility and foster humanitarian action both individually and collectively.

Spread



We foster awareness and sensitivity, with a commitment to inspiring people to embrace humanitarian values and encouraging their desire to help those who need it most.

Some data:

Name: National Committee for Disaster and Emergency Aid A.C.

Foundation: 2005

Operational area members: 80

Number of offices: 12

Global Results

2005 - 2023



Countries served around the world

35



Rescue and humanitarian aid interventions

1,621



Volunteering in our network

14,929



Tons of food

4,247



Water filters

21,126



People supported around the world

4,714,255



Essential items

2,490,890



Volunteering hours

1,732,927



Specialized Medical Care

76,574



Families helped

514,016



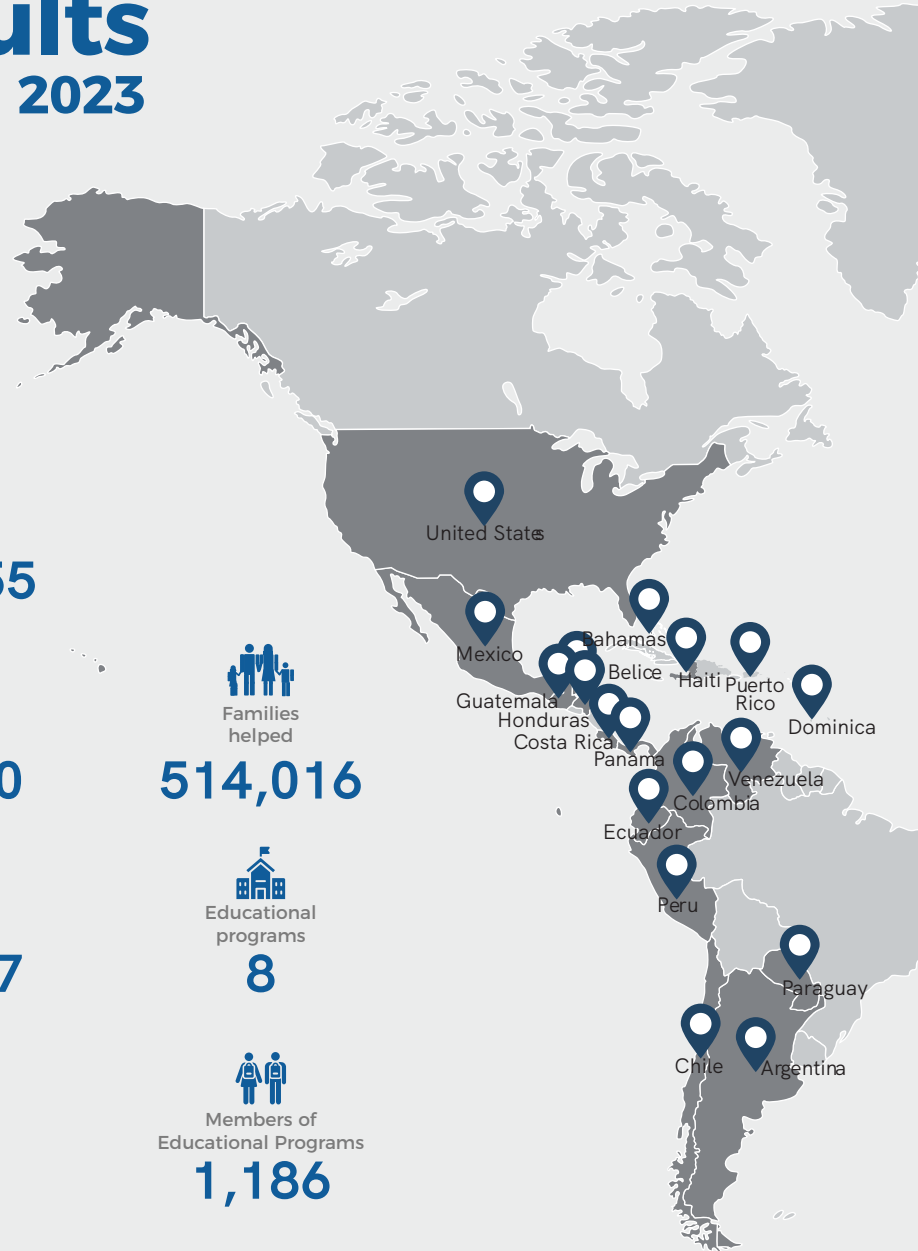
Educational programs

8



Members of Educational Programs

1,186

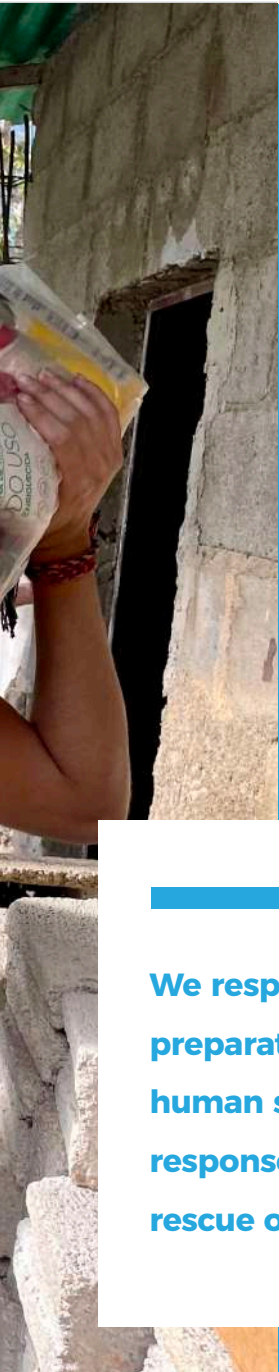




Results until December 31, 2023



Humanitarian Action



We respond immediately to disasters and humanitarian crises through preparation, anticipation, and action. Each step is designed to alleviate human suffering and foster resilience in vulnerable communities. Our response ranges from distributing essential supplies to carrying out rescue operations.

2023 Results

In 2023, our offices successfully delivered aid regardless of distance. All our projects, responses, humanitarian interventions, and programs align with at least one of our action pillars. Through these pillars, we aim to increase our impact and assist more communities and individuals in vulnerable situations.

These pillars enable us to provide comprehensive support, focusing on different areas of humanitarian aid. Each pillar is essential to creating positive change and repairing the world through interdisciplinary and multisectoral approaches.

Discover our results!



192
Humanitarian interventions



547,108
People benefited



1,574
Volunteers



116,819
Volunteer hours



730
Drinking water filters



747
Tons of food

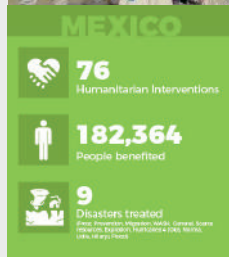
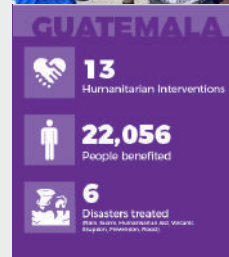


15,246
Specialized medical care



215,119
Essential items

Interventions by Country



In 2023, CADENA reaffirmed its commitment to humanitarian action by carrying out a total of 192 interventions through our offices around the world. Thanks to the work of the operations team, alliances, and our volunteers, we were able to deliver aid to communities affected by crises and disasters.

This report presents a selection of interventions, highlighting some that have had a significant impact. However, every intervention is important to us, and we acknowledge the effort behind each action, including those that do not appear in this document.



Argentina

In collaboration with Start Network, we responded in Vista Alegre and Sauzal Bonito in the Neuquén municipality after flooding caused by river overflow. We provided direct assistance to more than 2,500 people, delivering 30,000 kilograms of firewood, 2,000 blankets, 250 hygiene kits, 250 school kits, and 4 community water filters. With the support of our volunteers, we conducted emotional management workshops for children and facilitated meetings with community leaders to collaborate on crisis response efforts.

In this way, we were able to assist the affected population in the face of a humanitarian emergency that left hundreds of families with emotional and material losses.

Colombia

We support the migrant population in their journey through the Darien jungle. Following a field study in the area, we identified key needs and opportunities, developing a permanent project to assist the most vulnerable individuals before they begin their journey through the Darién.

In collaboration with ADRA, we supported 3,000 people by delivering kits designed to facilitate their passage through the jungle. These kits included portable water filters, soup packets, rehydration salts, flashlights, toys for children, creams, cereal bars, insect repellent, water purification tablets, and backpacks.



The humanitarian crisis faced by people in mobility in Necoclí worsens daily as they cross the jungle. The lack of basic resources and the precarious conditions they encounter have created an unprecedented crisis. For this reason, CADENA Colombia focuses on projects that address the conditions affecting human mobility contexts.

Costa Rica

Currently, Costa Rica is both a transit and destination country for people in situations of mobility. That is why, at CADENA Costa Rica, we decided to deploy an intervention to support people in situations of mobility throughout 2023. This intervention focused on Paso Canoas, a city located at the Costa Rica-Panama border, the main crossing point for thousands of people.

With the support of Start Network, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and other agencies and NGOs, we addressed the basic needs of people in mobility, prioritizing dignity and high-quality care. A total of 20 people participated in supply organization efforts, and we relied on CADENA volunteers and staff to carry out this intervention. Together, we provided medical care and direct delivery of essential items.



We provided: 3,196 hot meals; 4,633 bottles of water; 45,908 clothing items; 3,404 pairs of shoes; 2,930 hygiene kits; 16,551 diapers; 4,770 water filters, and 24 mattresses. Ultimately, we supported 92,941 people in mobility during one of the peak periods of the migration crisis in the country.

We extend our gratitude to Calox, Damas Israelitas, the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF), NU, Red Point, and Ropa en Tiempos de Esperanza for their donations and support throughout this intervention. We also recognize Start Network and IOM, whose participation was essential to this project.

Guatemala

In July 2023, our general volunteers and Transforming Lives volunteers carried out an intervention in El Rodeo, Escuintla, to install a water system and distribute food and family hygiene kits. Through this intervention, we were able to benefit over 1,550 people in just one day, installing a water system with two tanks and three filters, and distributing 50 food packages and 50 family hygiene kits. The water system was installed at the El Rodeo Kindergarten, benefiting the entire student body.

We thank Transforming Lives and the Natuhsius family for their personal donation and for helping us support a community in a vulnerable situation due to volcanic activity. With our assistance, more people will have access to safe and dignified environments that will help them face crisis situations.



Israel

In response to the attacks in southern Israel, CADENA Israel decided to mobilize to support displaced people. We were active in the southern part of the country and in localities such as Tel Aviv and Moddin.

Together with 13 volunteers and 4 CADENA professionals, we provided assistance by preparing meals, implementing psychosocial activities, and conducting several agricultural activities. Additionally, we mobilized volunteers in the country to support affected populations.

In total, we conducted three activities with displaced children, distributing 150 resilience backpacks to minimize the impact of the attacks and the stress of forced displacement. Also, we provided donations to the communities of Moshav Netiv and Kibbutz Holit, which will serve as emergency funds for reactivating community activities and creating shelter.

Panama

On their journey north, people travel through the Central American migration corridor, passing through Panama, which has become a key point on the migration route.

From June to October 2023, at CADENA Panama, we provided support to people in situations of mobility. We built a container to store items intended to assist those passing through the Migrant Reception Temporary Station in Los Planes de Gualaca.

With the support of two facilitators and our volunteers, we collected donations in the capital and managed the daily operations of the Migrant Assistance Point. In this 20-foot container, we personally attended to each case and delivered over 7,000 shoes, 8,000 clothing items, 6,000 hygiene products, and 1,500 backpacks to the most vulnerable individuals.

We estimate that we supported more than 15,000 people who crossed this migratory corridor from late June to early October.





USA

In 2023, at CADENA USA, we visited people in street situations to attend to their needs. These visits were organized by the CADENA Club of schools in Miami, who coordinated collections for hygiene items, clothing, and blankets, as well as fundraising campaigns on social media to purchase hot meals. In total, three visits were made in January, April, and December.

In the first visit, in January, 40 volunteers took part, benefiting 80 people with the delivery of hot meals, hygiene kits, and blankets. In the second visit, in April, 40 volunteers took part, benefiting 80 people

with the delivery of hot meals, hygiene kits, blankets, and sweatshirts. In the third visit, in December, 26 volunteers took part benefiting 65 people with the delivery of hot meals, hygiene kits, and blankets.

By working with the Hermanos de la Calle Foundation, we inspired more young people to take an interest in improving the circumstances of those experiencing homelessness. At CADENA USA, we focus on raising awareness and shaping the next generation of humanitarians who engage with empathy and dignity.

Venezuela

From August 20 to 24, 2023, at CADENA Venezuela carried out a humanitarian intervention in Tucupita, Bolívar. In collaboration with Start Network, we brought aid to indigenous communities, which have been the most affected by the country's crisis.

Our general volunteers and Civil Protection delivered 258 food kits, 358 hygiene kits, 358 lamps, 358 backpacks, 770 mosquito nets, 770 blankets, 770 hammocks, 50 water filters, 4 first aid kits, and 23 tanks with a capacity of 1,000 liters each. In total, we supported 340 families, benefiting 1,812 people.

Additionally, we conducted health and wellness training sessions for communities with limited access to basic services such as electricity, water, and transportation.





Mexico

In 2023, at CADENA Mexico carried out 76 missions across 17 states of the Republic, benefiting 182,364 people.

We responded to disasters –from hurricanes to floods and torrential rains– and attended humanitarian crises, including migration and extreme poverty.

This year of hard work and great satisfaction allowed us to convey empathy and achieve multiple objectives thanks to the strength of our volunteers, allies, and collaborators. We will continue improving and supporting those who need a helping hand, a comforting hug, or encouraging words.

Hurricane Season

Hurricane Hilary. After being classified as a Category 2 hurricane, Hurricane Hilary made landfall in Baja California Sur, severely affecting the northern region of the state. The community of El Vizcaíno was particularly impacted, suffering significant damage, becoming isolated, and lacking access to essential supplies. Additionally, many homes sustained partial damage, directly impacting local families.

In response, CADENA deployed an early recovery intervention, providing food assistance and water filters to ensure access to basic supplies. Additionally, a recovery strategy centered on roof installation for affected homes was implemented, providing security and protection for families.

Thanks to these actions, we positively impacted 1,100 people, helping them in the aftermath of the hurricane.

Hurricane Lidia.- When Hurricane Lidia hit the Pacific coast, it primarily affected the regions of Jalisco and Colima. In Jalisco, the community of Tomatlán suffered severe damage, while in Colima, the capital was also impacted, experiencing flooding and partial damage to homes. Many families were left isolated and without access to essential supplies.

In response, CADENA deployed an early recovery intervention, providing food aid and water filters to ensure the population had access to basic needs. Additionally, a strategy was implemented for the reconstruction of roofs in damaged homes, providing safety and shelter to the affected families.

Thanks to this intervention, we positively impacted 1,760 people, offering them the necessary assistance after the devastating hurricane.



Hurricane Norma.- The hurricane made landfall in Sinaloa and Baja California Sur, particularly affecting the cities of Culiacán and La Paz. The intensity of the hurricane left communities isolated, without access to basic supplies, and with severely damaged homes. Similarly, the heavy rains and winds caused flooding and structural damage, compromising the safety of thousands of families.

In response, CADENA deployed an early recovery intervention, providing food assistance, water filters, and roof installations in the most affected homes to ensure protection and stability for families. Through these actions, we impacted a total of 4,375 people.



Spirit of Guerrero

Response to Hurricane Otis

In late October 2023, Hurricane Otis devastated a large area of Guerrero state, leaving numerous families in a critical state of vulnerability, with damaged homes and loss of essential belongings.

In response, CADENA, alongside allies, developed a comprehensive humanitarian action project that provided food packages, hygiene kits, cleaning kits, health brigades, and home rehabilitation through roof installations. This intervention was carried out in two phases, achieving a comprehensive impact thanks to the collaboration of donors, allies, and CADENA's volunteer community.

We directly benefited more than 3,700 people and reached 101,000 through support and reconstruction programs.

Project Objectives and Impact Areas:

The project aimed to rehabilitate damaged homes and provide comprehensive assistance to restore the dignity of life for affected individuals and communities. Between December 2023 and July 2024, roofs were installed in 636 homes during Phase 1, while Phase 2 achieved the installation of 157 additional roofs and the rehabilitation of a school.

These actions were carried out in 24 communities in the municipalities of Coyuca de Benítez and San Marcos, directly benefiting a total of 951 people. To ensure an effective intervention, a comprehensive assessment of the conditions of each home was conducted, prioritizing those with the greatest damage and tailoring the response to each community's characteristics.



Care and support for the community

The comprehensive approach of the project included the distribution of 6,600 essential products, such as food packages and hygiene kits, which were crucial in addressing the urgent needs of families in vulnerable situations, providing essential items for hygiene and personal care.

To improve access to energy, 11 power plants were installed in areas without electricity to support community services and daily activities. Additionally, we mobilized medical and psychosocial brigades, which conducted over 2,300 consultations in specialties such as general medicine, dentistry, physical therapy, and psychosocial support, promoting the physical and emotional well-being of those affected.



The active participation of the communities in the rehabilitation of their homes was crucial for building local resilience and promoting self-management.

International



Turkey. On February 6, 2023, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck southern Turkey and northern Syria. At CADENA International, we responded to this disaster in three phases:

In the first phase, with the support of Airlink, we deployed the Go Team, which used a search certificate to scan collapsed structures in Hatay and Kahramanmaraş, rescuing four people alive in collaboration with rescue teams from El Salvador, Belarus, Turkey, Israel, and Mexico.

In the second phase, we worked alongside our partner REMAR S.O.S to build 130 temporary shelters for Turkish and Syrian families. These insulated and portable shelters were furnished and equipped to provide a dignified home. Collaboration with local partners was key to adapting the aid to the specific needs of the community, benefiting 520 people.

In the third phase, we deployed our medical and dental teams to provide comprehensive care in peri-urban areas of Hatay, where healthcare services were scarce. We conducted a total of 13 medical consultations and 515 dental consultations, benefiting 528 people, with a focus on impartial and neutral care.

Kenya. As part of our response in Turkana, Kenya, in 2023, we carried out our sixth humanitarian intervention in a region severely affected by drought and desertification.

We deployed a general volunteer team and decided to increase our medical staff and include dental services to fully address the community's needs. We also held workshops on dignified menstruation, distributed eco-friendly sanitary pads, conducted deworming campaigns, and offered prevention workshops to ensure our response would have long-term positive results.

These were the results:

- We provided 376 general medical consultations.
- We completed 130 dental treatments.
- We distributed 500 eco-friendly menstrual pads to 250 adolescents.
- We delivered 37.7 tons of food, benefiting 22,838 people.





Morocco. On September 8, 2023, a 6.8 magnitude earthquake struck Marrakech, Morocco, damaging homes and hospitals. CADENA Internacional, in coordination with Monday.com and local NGOs, assessed the damage in four communities in Asni and immediately responded to the unmet needs of the population.

We responded with packages of non-perishable food, solar lamps, community water filters, and menstrual hygiene towels in camps in Marrakech. In total, we delivered 300 food packages, 1,500 toys, 100 solar lamps, 500 clothing items, 50 water filters, and 1,000 menstrual hygiene towels, benefiting 4,890 people.



Peru. In February 2023, a series of mudslides, carrying large volumes of water and debris, swept through several villages in Secocha, in the Arequipa province of Camaná. In collaboration with ADRA, Save the Children, World Vision, and with the support of Start Network, we were able to carry out a medical and psychosocial intervention in the area.

Our intervention directly benefited more than 7,000 people through medical consultations and the creation of recreational spaces. Together, we were able to assist 629 people, providing 279 medical consultations and 350 psychosocial consultations.



Democratic Republic of Congo. At CADENA Internacional, we traveled from Israel to Goma, Congo, to assist at a refugee camp, where we installed a 3,000-liter water collection system to reduce cholera cases. We also conducted psychosocial activities for children and provided medical consultations for women and children.

In the second phase, we moved to Kalehe, by Lake Kivu, where we distributed water tanks with filters to schools and community centers, and provided medical and psychosocial care. We benefited 198 people by distributing 36 household filters, 8 community filters, and 2 water tanks.



Rescue and Immediate Response



The first 72 hours after an emergency are critical to mitigate the consequences and address the most urgent needs of affected people. That is why we formed the Go Team, our rescue and immediate response team.

GoTeam



The GoTeam is the first to arrive at the scene of the emergency. They assess the needs and help communities evacuate high-risk areas. Our active members are trained for rescue operations in all types of terrain, including water environments, confined spaces, fire-affected areas, and more.

Participation in INTERVENTIONS

- Turkey - Earthquake
- Peru - Landslide
- Morocco - Earthquake
- Congo - Floods
- Mexico - Hurricane Otis, Cuerrero
- Mexico - Landslide at Naucalpan Landfill, State of Mexico

Trainings:

- Vertical Rescue
- Rescue in Collapsed Structures
- Canine Search
- Technological Search
- Basic Hazardous Materials Handling
- Basic Firefighting
- Incident Command System
- First Aid for Rescuers

In 2023, we had:

25 active
GoTeam members
15 members
in the Academy
4 K9 handlers
and members



Health and Resilience



It is a group of specialists in physical and mental health whose purpose is to provide comprehensive, free, and high-quality care to populations affected by disasters and crises, promoting prevention and resilience.

Physical and Mental Health in Our Interventions.

CADENA Health and Resilience aims to offer comprehensive, free, and high-quality care to populations exposed to disasters and crises, fostering prevention and resilience. It includes a medical team, dental care professionals, and psychosocial support staff who, in addition to providing consultations, offer psychoeducation workshops and health management sessions.

In addition to offering consultations, they provide psychoeducation workshops and health management support. They uphold respect and inclusion as core values in their practice.

Health Brigades

The focus of the health brigades is to offer medical, dental, and psychological consultations, as well as primary prevention workshops on various topics such as first aid, diabetes, hypertension, and healthy lifestyles. The goal is to empower the communities we serve by strengthening their knowledge and ability to take care of their own health.

One-on-One Cases

This is a project of CADENA Health and Resilience, specifically from the medical team. Its goal is to assist individuals who seek consultations during health brigades and need a second or third-level evaluation. This means surgical cases or illnesses that require more advanced treatments. We connect these patients with professionals who are willing to help, providing specialized care. To achieve this, we have partnerships (such as with Shriners Hospital) and the support of medical colleagues.

KOL

As part of the activities of the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support area, we created the KOL platform, a program offering free care for volunteers, NGO workers, and individuals in emergency, disaster, and humanitarian crisis situations. It is a referral platform for cases that require specialized care from psychotherapists.

Menstrual Management

Together with the Florence Nightingale Committee, we design comprehensive interventions to ensure menstrual health for girls, women, and menstruating individuals. The brigades are planned to address the various needs related to the menstrual-ovulatory cycle, from the distribution of supplies to education, body care, and community building. This includes our workshop Bordando Nuestras Reglas (Embroidering Our Periods).

Total data 2023:







Reconstruction



One of the most tangible effects of disasters, in addition to emotional losses, is the loss of property and material assets. CADENA has reconstruction programs to support those who need it most after an emergency. We help boost the local economy and coordinate the reconstruction of homes and schools affected by disasters.



Roof Rehabilitation after Hurricane Otis

Hurricane Otis is one of the most powerful hurricanes on record in Mexico, with wind gusts reaching up to 315 km/h, causing widespread structural damage. In response to the devastation left by Hurricane Otis, we focused on assisting with the rehabilitation and reconstruction of housing, a crucial part of humanitarian aid. After addressing the immediate needs of affected communities through our initial response in late October and our Guerrero Spirit campaign, we expanded our efforts to address other areas requiring urgent attention.

From CADENA Mexico, we decided to respond with roof rehabilitation for homes damaged by the strong winds. Our response extended beyond Acapulco to nearby regions and communities that rarely receive aid. From December 18 to 22, 2023, we carried out our reconstruction project and roof installation in the community of Tejoruco in the municipality of San Marcos, Guerrero.

With a project manager and three volunteers, we installed a total of 12 roofs. During these days, we benefited 12 families and directly supported 34 people, including 10 children and adolescents. In partnership with our donor organizations and companies, this project will continue until we reach our goal of installing 1,000 roofs, addressing the consequences of a Category 5 hurricane in highly vulnerable communities.



Reconstruction in Turkey

In response to the earthquakes that struck southern Turkey on February 6, 2023, near the northern border of Syria, CADENA Internacional implemented a comprehensive response. In the second phase of this response, we committed to the reconstruction of the affected community to create a positive, long-term impact. Working hand in hand with our volunteers and our local partner, REMAR S.O.S, we built 130 temporary shelters for Turkish and Syrian families.

These shelters were constructed with insulating materials to protect families from extreme temperatures and were designed to be portable in case relocation was necessary. The spaces were also furnished and equipped to provide families with a dignified living environment. Our collaboration with local partners was essential to tailor our actions to the specific needs of the community and ensure our aid was both effective and sustainable. In total, we built 130 shelters, benefiting 520 people.

In 2023 and 2024, we rebuilt



1,000 roofs

and constructed



130 housing units.



Prevention and Sustainable
Development



This program is dedicated to creating projects that promote measures to reduce the risk of existing or potential disasters. We work in communities where vulnerability and exposure to adverse effects after emergencies are high. We strengthen the tools and capacities of local populations to help them become self-sufficient, while ensuring social equity and environmental protection.

Agua ya

Agua Ya is a sustainability and resilience project that was created thanks to our team at CADENA Costa Rica. Its goal is to provide vulnerable communities, especially in rural areas, with a common source of access to clean water.

To achieve this, we designed a rainwater harvesting system that is effective, durable, and easy to install.

This project not only serves to reduce waterborne diseases but also strengthens the social fabric within communities.



Costa Rica

We delivered 115 water filters and installed 9 rainwater harvesting tanks.

Colombia

We delivered 24 water filters, in addition to rehabilitating 12 water wells in the La Guajira region.

Guatemala

We delivered 40 water filtration and storage buckets and installed 6 rainwater harvesting systems.

Mexico

In 2023, we delivered 340 water filters in the states of Mexico, Jalisco, Baja California Sur, and Sinaloa.



In 2023,
we installed:

10 
Systems

and delivered

730 
Water
filters

Panama

We installed a rainwater harvesting system at the community center in the Las Margaritas neighborhood, in Chepo.

Venezuela

We delivered 41 water filters and 23 storage tanks in Tucupita.

Liter to Roof



Liter to Roof (DeLitro a Techo) was the winning project of the CADENA Initiative in 2014, and since then, it has become a regular part of our organization's activities. Its goal is to build roofs to protect vulnerable families from rain and flooding.

The roofs are made from recycled TetraPak containers, which also serves the purpose of reducing environmental impact and educating communities about recycling, sustainability, and humanitarian aid.

In 2022, we carried out the first stages of the project: we organized visits to communities to map the homes, coordinated by our field project manager.

Thanks to the collaboration with Fundación Banorte and PYMO, in 2023 we continued delivering bamboo and roofing sheets made from multilayer packaging materials to improve the living conditions of Mexican families.

In 2023, we managed to collect

40,520
poly-aluminum
containers,



which weigh a total of 1,390 kilograms.



We installed 
80 roofs
benefiting
1,017 people
in the communities of Tlayacapan,
Cazahuates, and Ahuatenco.



Training and Capacity Building



The first step to transforming the world is to develop the sensitivity to recognize that things can be different. This is why we created our training programs designed to equip volunteers and humanitarians of all ages to engage positively in Tikun Olam.



We train humanitarians; we turn the desire to change the world into humanitarian leadership.

Our commitment is to provide the necessary tools and perspectives so that they can work toward a better world. We offer a humanitarian lens through which they can view their reality.

**We trust in the power of younger generations
to repair the world.**

Humanitarian Experiences



Humanitarian experiences are the bridge between theory and practice. They are dynamic programs based on non-formal education that we design tailored to ensure that any audience finds their cause and commits to Humanitarian Action.



CADENA YOUNG

These experiences are for children; with them, we make the introduction to the humanitarian world fun and engaging. We teach skills, values, and principles related to the importance of volunteering, resilience, solidarity, and the desire to repair the world. It's a first seed that begins the formative process early on.



CAMPAMENTOS

These serve as an initial introduction to humanitarian action for children and youth. In these camps, we create customized activities for different groups, where participants form bonds and are motivated to keep engaging in Tikun Olam.



BOOTCAMPS HUMANITARIOS:

These are three-day sessions where we build solidarity, teach about humanitarian crises, and, most importantly, simulate field experiences to analyze the challenges that may arise and how to help.

In
2023:

Humanitarian Experiences in Mexico had
185 participants.
and the Maccabi Miami camps, the CADENA Initiative,
and Sababa were carried out.

Programs for Schools



Regeneration is an international educational experience that combines hands-on project-based learning with real-world challenges through interactive resources, social entrepreneurship initiatives, and humanitarian interventions.

We use the Design Thinking model to inspire participants to understand global challenges and find a cause they can identify with.

Learn more about this program on our microsite: www.becomeregeneration.com



It is a social entrepreneurship competition with more than ten years of experience. Its objective is to raise awareness and sensitize high school teenagers so that, later on, they become leaders of change; it works as a platform that listens to and disseminates the ideas of those who participate.

The competition process promotes new learning models based on the implementation of social values and perspectives, where the focus is always on teenagers.



Also known as CADENA CLUB at CADENA Miami, this is a training program aimed at leaders aged 16 to 18 who become representatives of CADENA within their school. We select leaders from each school who become CADENA ambassadors.

They receive continuous training from their madrijim (mentors) and are responsible for motivating their peers through positive leadership. These young leaders play a key role in encouraging their classmates to engage in humanitarian actions, promote solidarity, and take part in social initiatives.

In 2023:

Schools from **8 countries** participated. Over **300 students** took part in the program with the support of the **Moodle** platform.

In the international competition, **13 countries, 19 cities, and 43 students participated**, presenting their humanitarian innovation projects.

394 young people, aged 15 to 17, were actively involved in **CADENA Club**. In **Mexico, 37 young people** carried out awareness-raising activities in the school network, reaching **1,320 people**.

Volunteer Programs

Humanitarian Academy

Our Humanitarian Academy encompasses the courses, workshops, seminars, and training programs we have designed to train and professionalize our volunteers.

We create spaces for transformation with an emphasis on positive leadership, a global perspective, and social entrepreneurship.

We forge partnerships with universities to create educational spaces with a humanitarian focus.

We graduated **47 individuals**, 29 of whom became the first generation of **Embajadores Esfera**, and **18 adults** completed their training as **Guías de Formación**, now integrated into our intervention.



This is an intensive course for first responders, where they acquire skills to become field leaders, learn how to conduct needs assessments, and establish critical activation points in disaster zones.

Once they complete their training process, the PathFinders become an essential part of humanitarian interventions.

43 people from **Chile, Colombia, the United States, Guatemala, Honduras, Israel, Mexico, Panama, and Venezuela** were trained to become the standard of volunteering in our organization.



This program aims to help migrants in Miami who are looking to catch up on their academic education.

What we do is connect students with volunteers who provide virtual tutoring on various subjects.

In this way, migrant youth receive personalized educational guidance.

We supported around **120 people**, including **students, parents, and siblings**. We provided **8 computers** and distributed dozens of **clothing items, toys, and children's books**.

Hajshará

This is a program where our staff and volunteers work together, while both groups become sensitized to social issues.

Through training sessions, interactions with experts, and meetings with vulnerable populations, we create spaces for dialogue and proactive reflection.

Thanks to the collaboration with **Maccabi World Union**, we were able to carry out this program, which involved **17 young volunteers**.

Other Activities

Charla Closer: Psychological Support for Youth Venezuela

In response to the events of October 7, 2023, CADENA Venezuela organized a resilience talk to assist those in need of psychological support.

With the presence of Alejandro Benzaquen, we held a discussion on the social context of Israel and complemented the event with a session led by Michelle Merlin, who spoke on psychological resilience. A total of 17 young people from the Jewish community participated in the talk to receive support and develop tools for coping with difficult situations and addressing concerns.

Laomek Majón LeMadrijim 2023 Israel

Part of our mission at CADENA Israel is to create spaces for engagement and dialogue with new generations. Throughout the months of February, March, April, May, and June, we held our Laomek Majón LeMadrijim 2023 program. Participants took part in sessions, visits, meetings, and discussions related to humanitarian aid and Tikun Olam.

A total of 45 volunteers and 3 staff members participated in this program, traveling across the country to learn about its various realities. In collaboration with Majón LeMadrijim, we raised awareness among future generations within the humanitarian world.

OLAM Focal Point Conference 2023 USA

From May 8 to 9, 2023, CADENA USA participated in the OLAM Focal Point conference, organized by OLAM Together, where Jewish and Israeli organizations could share experiences and discuss learnings. Carla Fischbach, Educational Projects Coordinator, and Annie Vainrub, Director of Education, attended the conference.

During the event, we had the opportunity to present our Tutors for a Cause project to 150 people from various organizations. OLAM Focal Point is a moment where we can generate ideas, build connections, and mutually enrich the humanitarian world of the Jewish community.

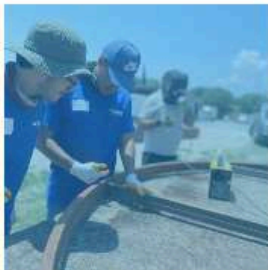
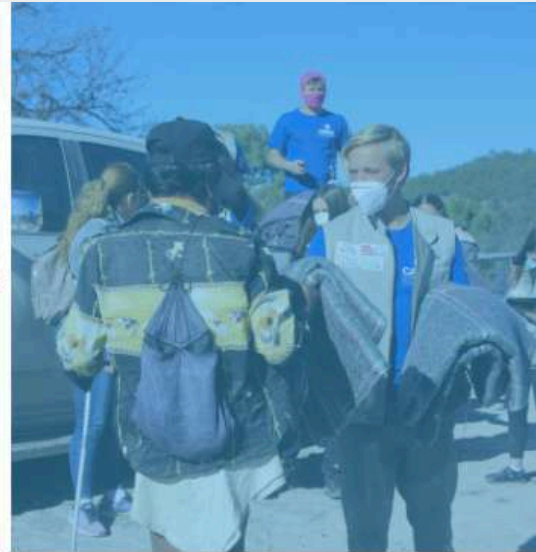
Prizmah Conference 2023 USA

Our CADENA USA team attended the Prizmah conference, where our educational staff and faculty were able to develop leadership skills. Additionally, our participation allowed us to generate ideas for future projects and establish mutual recognition among organizations.

During the event, which had over 1,000 attendees, we presented our Regeneration program and connected with several participants who expressed interest in our work at CADENA.



Humans of CADENA



“Sometimes, reality hits us without warning, like a hurricane that sweeps everything away. When I first heard about what happened in Acapulco,

I hid behind ignorance. Otis, for me, became nothing more than boxes of food and supplies in a collection center. I tried to shut out the reality and stop thinking about people, focusing on the distance between Guerrero and me.

It wasn't until my first intervention in Guerrero that I truly understood the magnitude of the disaster, seeing destroyed homes that bore witness to lives cut short. Otis stopped being 'boxes' and became 'lives' and 'families.' Each home was a broken story, dreams in ruins. When I arrived in communities like Barra de Coyuca or San Marcos, resilience prevailed. At a 'humanitarian market,' we distributed food to grateful people who, despite their adversity, shared what little they had: a boat ride, food, or a smile.

Over three interventions, the community supported us. I met Sara, who walked three days after the hurricane to reunite with her family. She shared with me her bravery and her fight to protect her loved ones. As human beings, we are fragile, but we are also everything to someone else. Life is fragile, but love makes us strong and capable of protecting and caring for those we love.”

- Victoria Hop

“I am here, at the Shriners Hospital for Children A.C. in Mexico, waiting for Frida Sofía, a girl from Oaxaca who has equinus foot, and is here for her follow-up consultations. She has been with us at CADENA for a while, and now we will see how she is doing, how her progress has been.

María Guadalupe, her mother, originally from the city of Oaxaca, shares her story with emotion: 'I am from the city of Oaxaca. She is my daughter, Frida Sofía, who was born with an equinovarus foot.

And, well, we had the opportunity for her to come here, to this hospital. I thank God for everything He has done, for my daughter and for my family. CADENA helps us with transportation to get here for her therapies. Just now, when we passed by, we had the opportunity to speak with the doctors.'

They told us that she is doing very well, that she is progressing, and that in four months, God willing, there will be no need to return because she is improving so much.”

- José Antonio Da Costa

“I am at the Posco Misky shelter, and like this one, others such as San Martín and more have been severely affected by the landslides and mudslides. For this reason, we have come to provide medical and psychological assistance.

It is through the warm reception and gratitude of the people that we realize we are where we need to be, and that the work we have done here has been very successful.”

- Luis Gutiérrez

"I had the opportunity to be here in Acapulco, along with CADENA, in the community of Cuautzingo.

We carried out a humanitarian intervention, delivering food and water. A medical team and psychologists also came. And it was truly moving to be able to contribute 'a little bit' and see the people receiving help.

Let's keep donating, let's keep supporting, because there is still a lot of help needed, and it must be consistent."

- Paulina Goto

"With CADENA Internacional, in collaboration with REMAR S.O.S and Operation Blessing, we have built bridges of humanitarian assistance to bring aid to the people affected by the recent earthquakes in Turkey.

Thanks to generous donations and the support of our volunteer team, we contributed to the construction of temporary housing spaces so that families who lost their homes could have adequate shelter. This project also included the installation of essential public services to ensure the well-being of the families, such as bathrooms, showers, medical clinics, a community dining hall, and common areas to meet their basic needs.

Thanks to the support of everyone, we are traveling the world to build a more resilient reality."

- Paúl Rodríguez

"Due to the emergency caused by Hurricane OTIS in Acapulco and the magnitude of the devastation, I had the opportunity to volunteer with CADENA, which quickly mobilized to evacuate people to the State of Mexico, providing them with a safe means of escape.

The nearly 26 hours of this first activation transformed my perception of the power of solidarity and community work in times of crisis.

My second activation involved distributing humanitarian aid to the most affected communities, supported by collection centers where many people donated food for food packages and essential items for hygiene and cleaning kits.

These actions highlighted the real needs of Acapulco. Each hand-to-hand delivery, characteristic of CADENA, was more than an act of empathy; they were moments of connection. We listened to stories of resilience, loss, and challenges, and exchanged grateful glances that reminded us of the importance and commitment of our actions.

My experience with CADENA strengthened my commitment to humanitarian aid and taught me the importance of quick and coordinated action in times of crisis. These lessons are something I will value forever."

- Betsabé Vázquez

“¡Kuirá! It's the sweet way of saying 'hello' in Rarámuri, and personally, it's a word that invites connection from the heart.

In the cold winters of northern Mexico, where temperatures can drop so low, CADENA is always there, providing aid in the Sierra Tarahumara, Chihuahua. Every year, the organization offers medical assistance, food, and blankets to those who need it most, making the winter a little more bearable for these communities.

In 2023, I had the opportunity to be part of this humanitarian intervention. I captured in photos and videos those moments where the volunteers, despite the language barrier, connected deeply with the people from the communities. I was surprised to see that Rarámuri, the indigenous language, wasn't a barrier to helping. What truly mattered was the intention to care and connect. Before going to Chihuahua, I brought with me a list of Rarámuri words, and one that I repeated with a lot of affection was 'kuira.' At first, I thought it would be a challenge, but I discovered that there are other ways to communicate: a sincere look, a kind gesture.

That was enough to create a genuine connection with the people we were helping, who would return warm smiles, full of gratitude. It was in those moments that I knew, deep down, that we were doing it right.”

- Andrea Olvera

“In 2023, I had the privilege of volunteering with CADENA during a humanitarian intervention in Cuerrero following the devastating Hurricane Otis. The experience was transformative, giving me a new perspective on what it means to help in times of crisis.

When we arrived, the scene was heartbreaking: destroyed homes, impassable roads, and communities wiped out. Recovery would be a long and difficult process. Despite the devastation, what impressed me the most was the resilience and courage of the affected people. Their smiles and gestures of solidarity reminded us of the importance of community and our work.

My main task as a volunteer was to participate in the 'assessment,' provide assistance to families, and help organize support centers.

Although we faced many challenges, every small impact we made was a reminder of the value of our efforts. The gratitude we received was deeply moving. Each encounter, whether a brief conversation or a delivery of aid, connected me deeply with the community.

The genuine appreciation and warmth with which we were received made any fatigue disappear. This experience taught me about solidarity and the power of humanitarian aid, strengthening my commitment to serving others.”

William Hernández

To Our volunteers:

In 2023, we joined forces to bring hope, hand in hand, to those who needed it most.

Each person was a link in this chain of help, making possible what seemed impossible.

From the most remote places to the most vulnerable corners, your effort has been a light for thousands of people.

Every gesture, every smile, every moment shared is a reflection of the impact you've had on so many lives.

No matter how far you were, you carried with you love and the mission to build bridges of help.

Thanks to you, this year we have been able to change realities.

Your dedication and commitment have illuminated the path of every person who has crossed through our interventions, projects, and programs.

Every minute you've dedicated, every effort, has an immeasurable impact.

You are the heart of our mission, the ones who make the impossible possible.

You haven't just given your time and energy; you've given a part of your heart.

Thank you for being part of CADENA. Together, we continue to repair the world.

Thank you for an incredible 2023.



Thank you

The image features the words "Thank you" written in a black, elegant cursive script. The text is partially overlaid by a large, textured, light green shape that resembles crumpled paper. A small, solid black dot is positioned below the first letter of "Thank". To the right of the green shape, there is a circular, textured yellow shape that looks like a piece of paper or a sticker. The background is a light, neutral color.

Alliances and Links

An ally is more than just a donor; it is a constant and recurring ally that, through its contributions to our programs, commits to the mission of helping vulnerable communities.

Our allies are made up of companies, institutions, and families that become part of our humanitarian action chain. In this way, we combine efforts and coordinate to achieve better results in our interventions. We would like to extend a special thank you to the following companies, who have believed in us and trusted us with their ongoing support for a long time.

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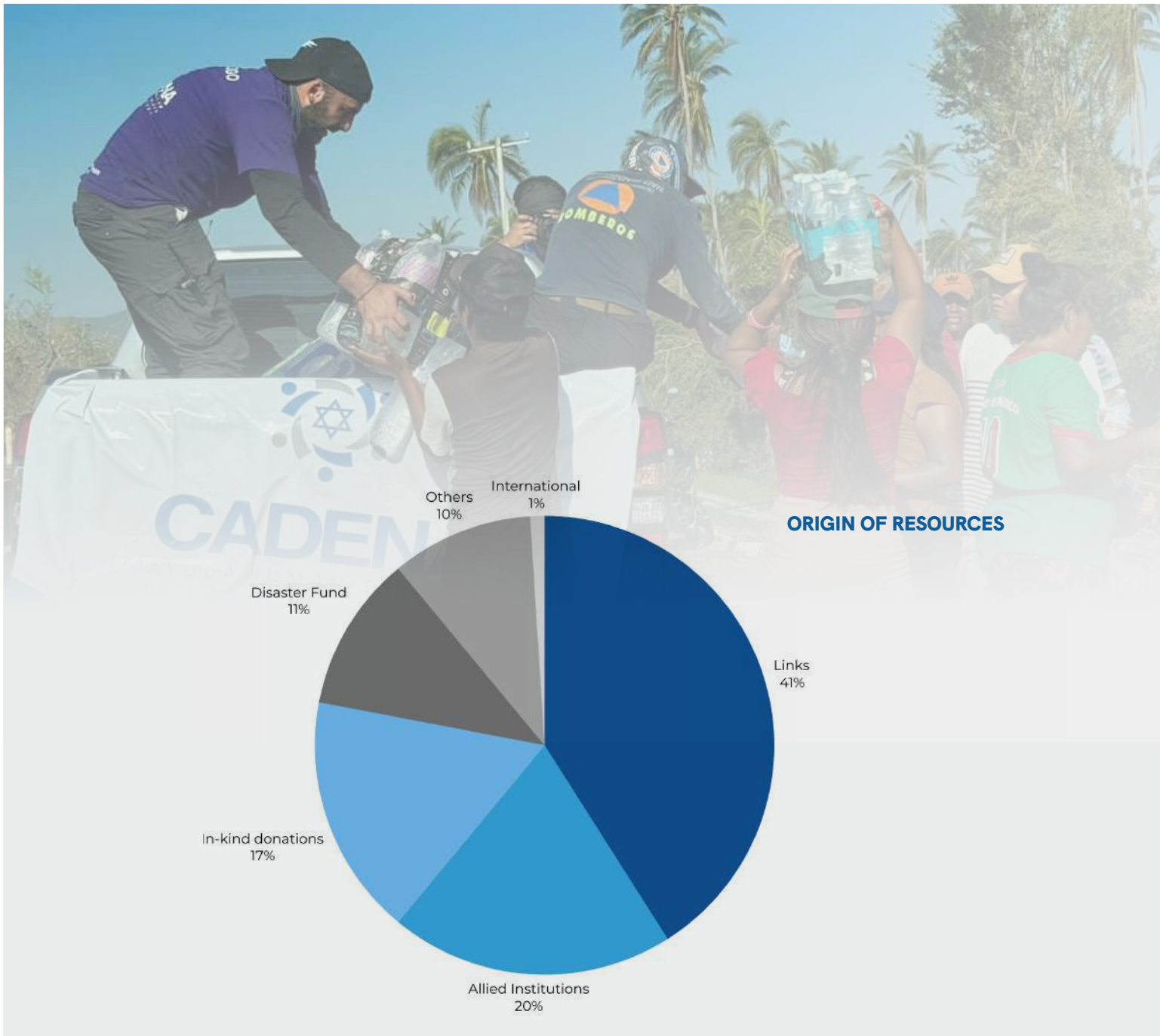


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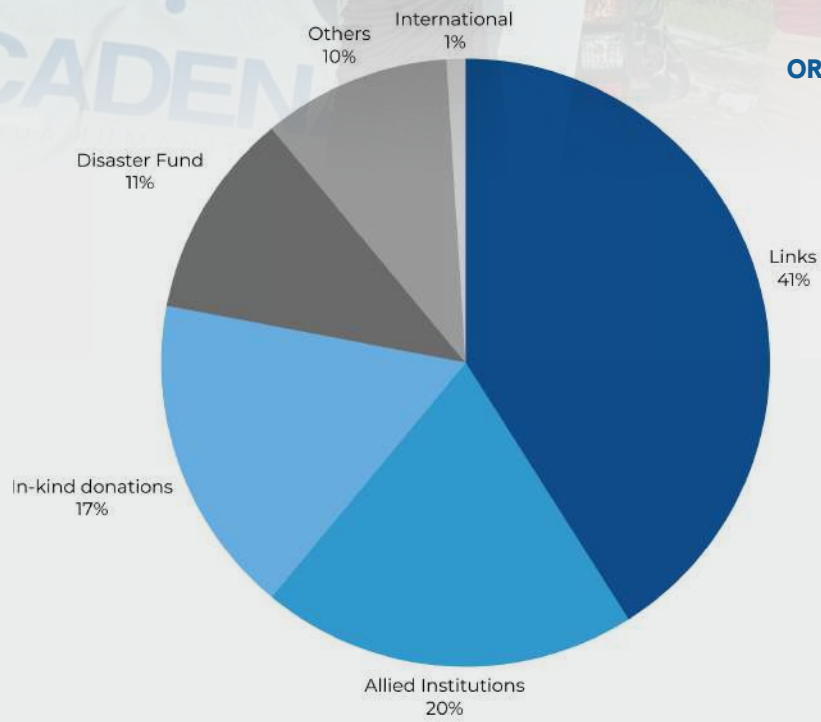


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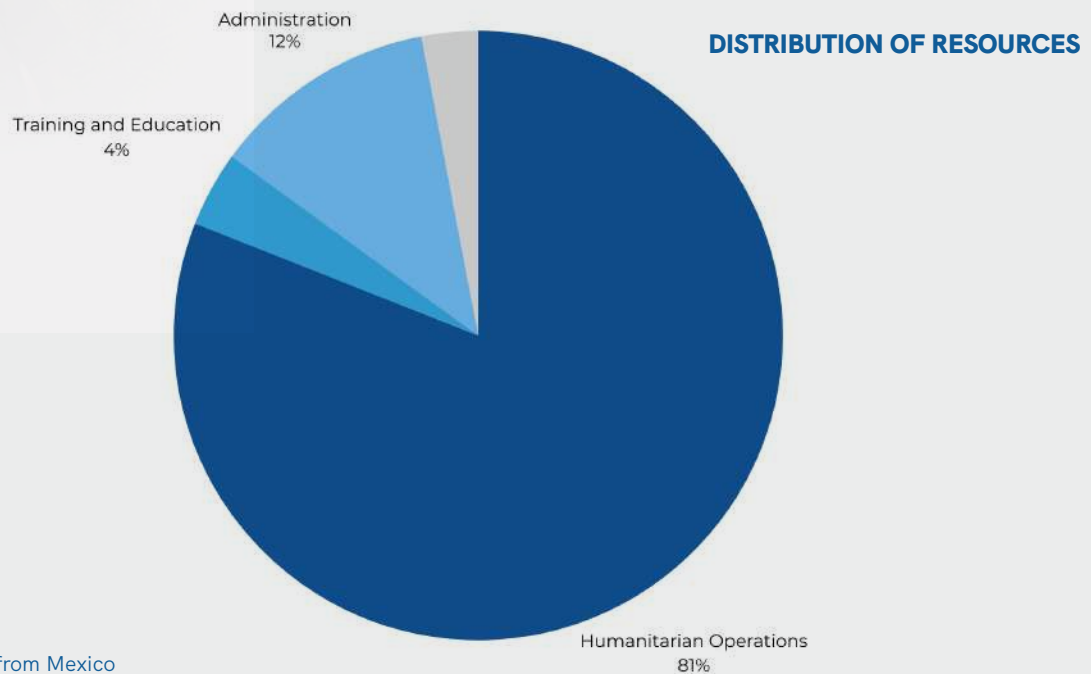
ORIGIN OF RESOURCES



Transparency

Accountability is a crucial element for humanitarian action. That's why one of our promises to those who support us is transparency. We close this annual report with the graphs that represent the origin and use of our resources:

- 1.- The largest percentage of resources is allocated to humanitarian operations.
- 2.- We achieved a low percentage of administrative expenses thanks to our extensive network of volunteers.
- 3.- The funds raised primarily come from allied institutions and organizations.






Note: Figures only from Mexico






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