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## DEAR CADENA COMMUNITY:

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2024 was a year of challenges, but also of great achievements. Thanks to the joint efforts of our volunteers, allies, donors and operational team, we were able to provide aid to thousands of people in emergency and vulnerable situations. Since 2005, we have assisted more than 5 million people in 37 countries, providing vital aid in critical moments.

This year we reaffirmed our commitment to addressing crisis and disaster situations. Our programs delivered support, food, medical services and psychosocial aid to people who needed it most. Each intervention was possible thanks to the network of committed people who, with their time, resources, and energy, strengthen CADENA's mission every day. None of this would have been possible without each and every one of you. To our volunteers, your commitment is the driving force behind our work. To our allies and donors, your trust and generosity amplify our impact. To our operative team, your dedication makes it possible for each initiative to become a reality.

In this report we transparently present our actions and achievements this year to show what is possible when we come together in the humanitarian work we carry out.

In 2025, we want to go even further. We invite those who want to join our mission to become a part of this supportive community. Together, we can continue transforming lives and building a future filled with more opportunities for those who need them most.

Thank you for your support and commitment in 2024.  
Let's continue repairing the world together.

**CADENA**





## A message from Sol Bentolila, CADENA's Secretary-General

2024 brought significant challenges to the world—challenges that reaffirmed, more than ever, my identity as a Jewish woman and as the leader of CADENA, an organization guided by the values of Tikkun Olam—repairing the world. This principle, which lies at the heart of our mission, took on even deeper meaning for me this year.

Our commitment to supporting the most vulnerable people, transforming lives, and turning indifference into action shaped our decisions and fueled our work, always guided by the humanitarian principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality, and independence.

We began the year with the Annual Assembly of CADENA's presidents and Board of Directors—an important space for learning, sharing stories, and collaborating to continue changing lives. We responded to several emergencies through our international offices. In Ecuador, floods in Santa Elena activated a network of volunteers that ultimately led to the formal establishment of CADENA Ecuador. In Brazil, torrential rains caused severe devastation and presented significant logistical challenges. Working hand in hand with the local Jewish community, we reached those people most in need. In the United States, the hurricane season struck hard, but together with the Mexican Consulate, we were able to deliver aid to the most affected communities.

Despite obstacles, we finally reached Turkana, Kenya—a region plagued by recurring drought. This vulnerable community brings us together with love. In addition to providing humanitarian aid, we launched the MIRADAS project for the first time there, helping people with cataracts regain their sight. Witnessing them open their eyes and see again was profoundly moving.

In Valencia, the DANA phenomenon once again reminded us of the power of climate change. Images of flooded streets and entire communities trapped inside their homes spurred us into action, mobilizing our GoTeam and volunteers to make a difference for those who had lost everything.

Another inspiring moment was participating in the final of the CADENA Initiative in Mexico. Seeing young people from around the world—with diverse languages, cultures, and backgrounds—working together toward a shared goal filled me with hope. They are the humanitarian leaders of tomorrow. It was a year full of challenges, but also of tremendous growth.

A year in which, without a doubt, we made our small contribution toward building a better world.

With deep gratitude,



**Sol Bentolila**  
Secretary-General

# What is CADENA?

**We inspire and activate people so that they take a humanitarian stance with the purpose of building a resilient, just and equitable world for all.**

We are an NGO focused on disaster and emergency prevention and response worldwide, providing hand in hand aid directly to vulnerable communities.

CADENA acts as the humanitarian arm of Jewish communities around the world, providing support to all people, regardless of their origin, creed, or religion.

Being part of CADENA means daring to change realities, challenging the status quo, and believing in a better world. It means trusting that everyone has the power to contribute to building it—if only they confront the reality that eliminates indifference.

One of our main pillars is promoting a culture of prevention among the population and encouraging solidarity and shared responsibility through educational projects.

## Mission

Alleviating human suffering by reducing the vulnerability of communities in constant risk of disasters and crises, promoting a culture of prevention and inclusion, impartiality, neutrality, humanity, and independence.

## Vision

Being the humanitarian arm of the Jewish communities worldwide in order to bring hand in hand assistance to the most vulnerable people in disasters and crises, regardless of their origin, creed and religion.

We put into action one of the highest principles of Judaism: Tikkun Olam, the act of repairing the world. At the same time, we inspire youth and society in general to be agents of positive change in order to build a better future.





This all helps us to live and promote the values of:



## Help

We provide immediate assistance in disasters, emergencies, and humanitarian crises, covering prevention, response, relief, and recovery.



## Education

We promote co-responsibility in children, teenagers, and adults, creating a humanitarian identity and encouraging the interest in participating in humanitarian aid actions.



## Raising awareness

Together with civil society and the private sector, we share the vital task of helping others, with the understanding that we all inhabit this world and hold the responsibility to contribute to its improvement.





# Lines of Action

At CADENA, our efforts are guided by seven lines of action that shape our humanitarian work. Each of our projects, programs, and interventions is aligned with at least one of these key principles.

We seek to increase our impact and provide assistance to a larger number of communities and people in vulnerable situations. Thus, we intend to set up new local offices in different parts of the world.

Practicing Tikkun Olam means rejecting indifference in the face of other people's suffering.

It means assuming co-responsibility in the most difficult moments; acknowledging humanity as a single family; adopting a universal vision before global challenges; to stop asking ourselves only why things happen and begin to question what we can do about them. It is believing in the possibility of harmony between human beings and their natural environment.





# Our commitment to the SDGs



The Sustainable Development Goals are a universal call to act for the benefit of the planet and humanity, improving people's lives and guaranteeing a better future. Within this framework, civil society associations are essential in the attainment of the 2030 Agenda through their actions and programs.

Our lines of action align with the SDGs as a reflection of our commitment to them. Our projects, programs and interventions contribute in reducing poverty, providing quality education, taking climate action, and lessening inequalities. In our labor to repair the world, we work to create a more just, equitable, solidary and sustainable reality for all.



## Humanitarian Action

1 2 3 5 6 7 10 13 16 17

## Health and Resilience

3 4 16 17

## Rescue and Immediate Response

6 7

## Prevention and Sustainable Development

1 2 3 4 5 6 8 10 11 12 13 16 17

## Reconstruction and Recovery

1 10

## Training and Capacity Building

4 16 17

## Academic Development

4 16 17

# Our impact

## 2005 - 2024



Assisted countries worldwide

37



Rescue and humanitarian aid interventions

1,801



People aided worldwide

5,102,026



Volunteers in our network

15,863



Essential items

2,675,613



Aided families

531,460



Tons of food

5,175



Volunteer Hours

1,749,044



Educational Programs

8



Water Filters

22,225



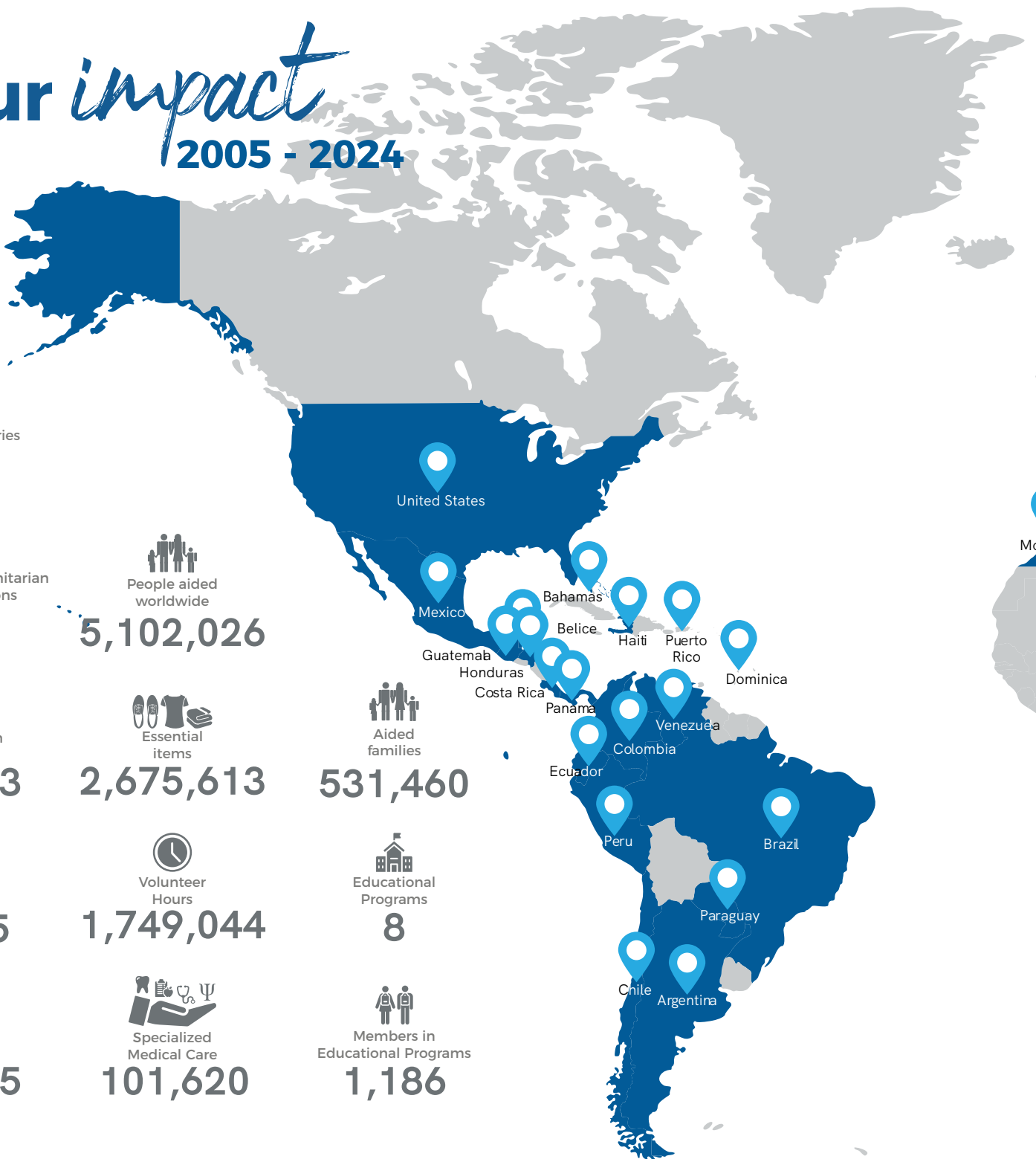
Specialized Medical Care

101,620

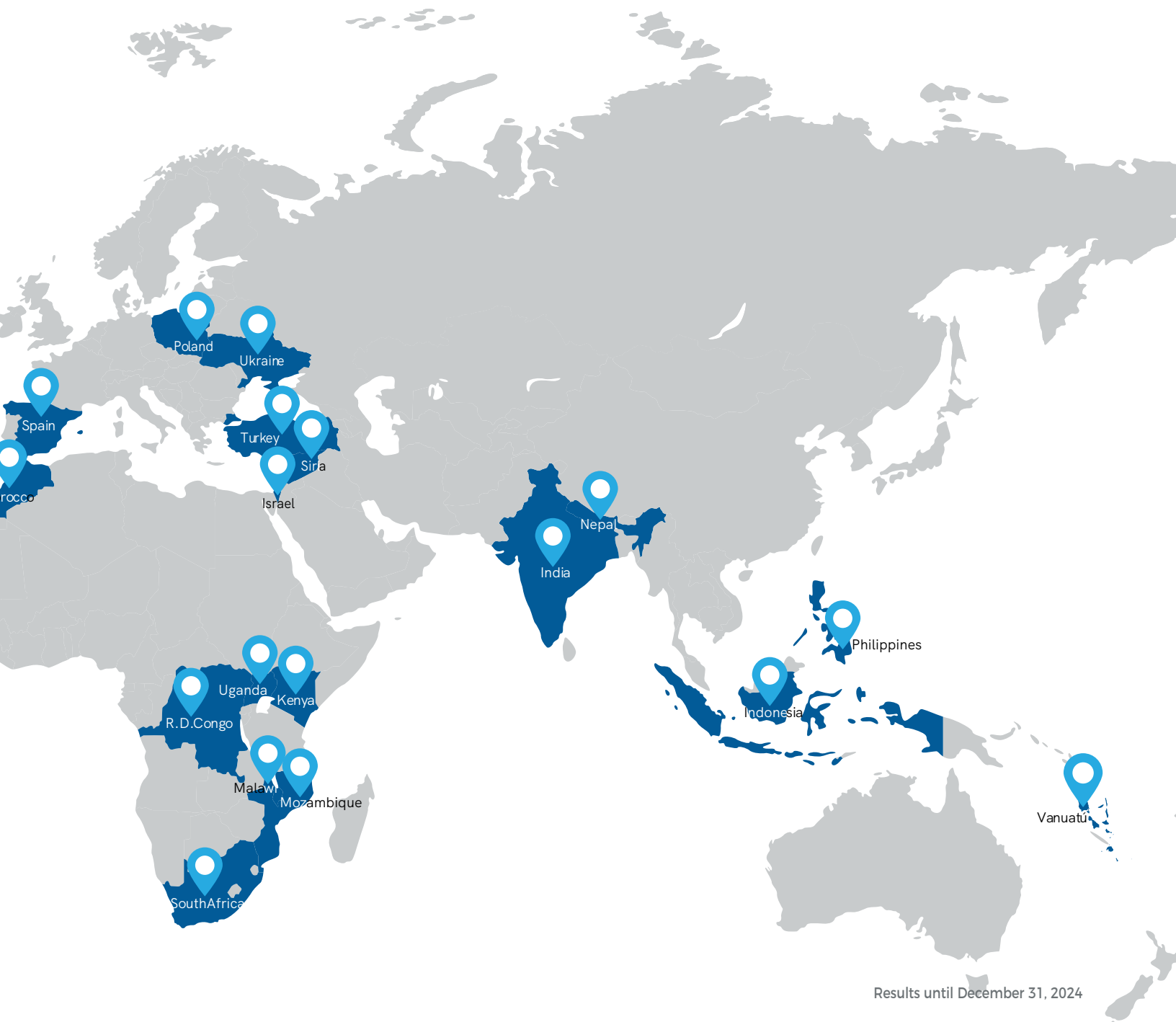


Members in Educational Programs

1,186







Results until December 31, 2024

# Our Team

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José Cattán    Fernando Mitrani

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Training and Partnerships Coordinator - Ana Tamsut  
Education and Volunteering Coordinator - Dalit Gateño  
Administrative Coordinator - Stephanie Herrera

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Operations Director - Joaquín Lima  
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Partnership Coordinator - Casandra Gutiérrez  
Project Manager - Lizbeth Arzate  
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Go Team Director - Orly Romano  
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Dental Care Coordinator - Héctor Lozoya  
Psychosocial Coordinator - Guila Maslaton  
Medical Coordinator - Sara Galek  
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Psychosocial Intern - Nayah Haddad  
Dental Care Interns - Alan Akerman, Elena Velasco  
Jin Sung Park, Camila Medina  
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Humanitarian Education Director - Alejandro Podbilewicz  
Training Leaders - Arie Guttman





A woman in a maroon shirt and white shorts is walking towards the camera, carrying several bags of supplies. A child in a blue shirt is walking away from the camera, also carrying bags. They are on a dirt path near a body of water with mountains in the background.

# HUMANITARIAN AID

**We respond to disasters, emergencies and humanitarian crises, addressing every phase: prevention, response and recovery. Our actions focus on reducing human suffering and promoting resilience in the most vulnerable communities.**

# Results 2024

Throughout 2024, our offices managed to deliver aid regardless of distance. All of our projects, emergency responses, humanitarian interventions, and programs are aligned with at least one of our lines of action. Through them, we seek to increase our impact and assist a larger number of communities and people in vulnerable situations.

At the same time, this framework allows us to provide comprehensive support by addressing the different areas involved in humanitarian aid. Each line of action we follow is essential to creating positive change and helping repair the world in an interdisciplinary and multisectoral way.

Get to know our results!



**180**

Humanitarian  
interventions



**387,771**

Beneficiaries



**953**

Volunteers



**35,542**

Hours of  
volunteering



**1,099**

Drinking  
water filters



**928**

Tons  
of food



**25,095**

Specialized  
medical attention



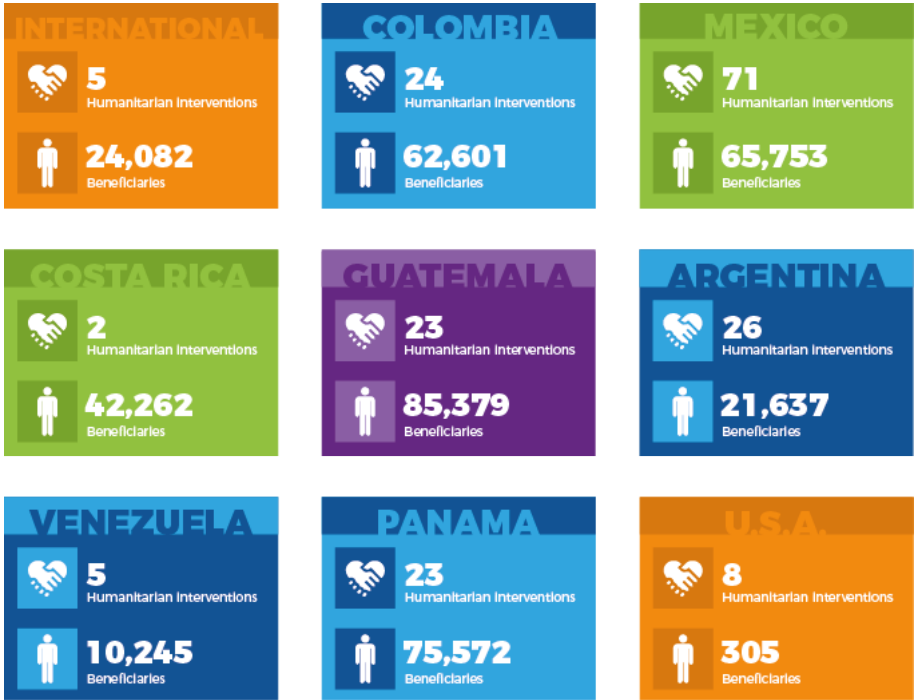
**232,078**

Essential items





## Interventions per country



### Addressed disasters and crises

Frost, Prevention, Migration, Rain, Explosion,  
Hurricane, Flood, Drought, among others.

# ARGENTINA

## INTENSE COLD WEATHER EMERGENCY

In July 2024, severe cold weather affected hundreds of families in vulnerable situations in Río Gallegos, Santa Cruz. In the face of this crisis, CADENA mobilized resources and volunteers to provide immediate assistance.

We delivered essential food, hygiene, health and cold protection items. We distributed 26 tons of firewood, 1,000 winter kits and 700 food modules, reaching 2,665 people. We also carried out community workshops to strengthen resilience before climate emergencies.

One of the main challenges we faced was providing safe heating. The delivery of firewood helped families warm their homes, cook, and protect themselves against the extreme cold, reducing disease and malnutrition risks.

We worked alongside the De la Josefina social organization and 8 soup kitchens to ensure an efficient distribution in the most affected areas.

## FLOOD EMERGENCY

**Guauguaychú.** In May 2024, floods in Guauguaychú, Entre Ríos, affected numerous families in vulnerable situations. CADENA responded with immediate aid in matters of food, hygiene and health.

We distributed 25 food kits, 200 hot plates of food, 25 kg of food in bulk, and 280 items of clothing. We also provided 60 medical consults and held resilience workshops for 75 people.

The intervention, carried out in June alongside local organizations, prioritized the most affected areas, ensuring basic support and strengthening the wellbeing of the community in the face of this emergency.

**Concordia.** In May 2024, one of the worst floods recorded in years affected hundreds of families in Concordia, Entre Ríos. In response to this crisis, CADENA organized a humanitarian aid operation to provide immediate relief in terms of food, hygiene, health and clothing.

We delivered 350 food kits, 100 kg of food in bulk, 520 items of clothing, 50 packages of diapers, and 8 water filters, which benefited 300 people. We also held resilience and crisis management workshops, reaching 300 people in gravely affected areas due to the Uruguay river flooding.

Thanks to a collaboration with the Red Cross and the volunteers' work, we achieved an efficient response that strengthened the stability and resilience of these communities.

## INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES IN THE CALCHAQUÍES VALLEYS - TUCUMÁN

In the indigenous communities of the Calchaquies Valleys in Tucumán, which face severe difficulties in the access to drinking water and health services, CADENA carried out a humanitarian intervention to improve their quality of life, focusing on the access to safe drinking water and health. Our main actions included:

- The installation of 8 community water filters to guarantee safe drinking water and prevent gastrointestinal diseases.
- Gender workshops and health and sanitation programs that benefited 182, promoting gender equality, the prevention of diseases and the proper use of water.

This intervention directly impacted the improvement of the wellbeing of these communities, ensuring drinking water access and educating the population on health, hygiene and gender equality.









# COLOMBIA

## 2024 HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

### **Drought caused by the El Niño Phenomenon (La Guajira, Cauca, Magdalena)**

In February 2024, droughts caused by the El Niño Phenomenon severely affected communities in La Guajira, Cauca and Magdalena. In response to these events, CADENA Colombia, along with Start Network, GOAL, World Vision and HelpAge, organized a humanitarian intervention in the most affected areas.

We rehabilitated two wells in La Guajira for 2,040 people, we delivered 195 food and hygiene kits in Cauca, benefiting 975 people, and we executed 160 cash transfers in Magdalena. We also held workshops on Risk Reduction and Disasters for 355 people and provided 482 medical consults.

With a team of 8 volunteers throughout only five days, we assisted more than 1,030 people. Water, food and dignity are not a luxury, but a right.

### **Floods in La Mojana (Sucre)**

When water covers everything, aid cannot wait. In Guaranda, Sucre, floods in La Mojana left hundreds of families without a home or access to drinking water. In the face of this, CADENA Colombia, along with allies such as Start Network, GOAL, World Vision, Fundación Plan, World Jewish Relief and Fundación Abbacol, organized a three day long intervention that provided humanitarian assistance to 850 families.

We distributed 850 food kits, 850 hygiene kits, 850 mosquito nets, and 45 water filters, which mitigated the effects of the emergency and ensured access to vital resources. With a team of five volunteers, we brought relief and hope to a region hit by recurrent floods.

### **Forced displacement in Ciénaga (Magdalena)**

In Ciénaga, Magdalena, armed conflict and displacement severely affected the Kogui community, forcing hundreds of families to leave their homes. Faced by this crisis, CADENA Colombia organized a two day intervention that brought essential aid to 3,013 people.

With a team of eight volunteers, we delivered 300 food kits, 300 hygiene kits, and provided 280 medical, 15 dental and 18 psychological consults. We also held mental health workshops in order to strengthen community resilience.

Thanks to the support of our strategic allies, aid arrived quickly and efficiently.

### **Extreme drought in the Amazon**

In September 2024, a historic drought in the Amazon left communities in Leticia and Puerto Nariño without drinking water. In response to this, CADENA Colombia, with the aid of Start Network, launched a three day operation that benefited 12,600 people.

We distributed 2,200 food kits, 300 hygiene kits, and we installed 18 water tanks with filters to ensure access to safe water. We also provided 180 medical consults and a mental health workshop for 330 women. When the river stops, life does so as well. Thus, our mission is for help to never stop.

### **Floods in La Pista, Maicao (La Guajira)**

In December 2024, floods in la Pista, Maicao — the largest human settlement in Latin America — worsened the already critical situation faced by thousands of families experiencing extreme poverty. CADENA Colombia, with the help of Start Network and Procter & Gamble, responded to this emergency, benefiting 11,500 people.

Throughout two days, a team of four volunteers distributed 1,100 food kits, 1,100 hygiene kits, and 5,520 envelopes to purify water, as well as installing 12 community tanks with filters to guarantee access to safe drinking water.

# COSTA RICA



## FLOOD ASSISTANCE

At CADENA Costa Rica, we addressed the emergency situation caused by Hurricane Rafael, which caused a red alert due to strong rains and the Sara Tropical Storm, which hit Central America. We worked in collaboration with the National Emergency Committee and managed to be present in different areas of the country.

Throughout 60 days, we carried out the delivery of food kits, medical consults, personal hygiene kits and water filters. In this way, we managed to directly support those affected by these disasters and to contribute to the strengthening of the resilience of these communities.

# UNITED STATES

## GROCERY SHOPPING FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

Throughout 2024, and for the fourth consecutive year, CADENA United States supported 27 Holocaust survivors through monthly grocery deliveries, made possible thanks to our donors and in collaboration with Jewish Community Services (JCS), an alliance that lasted through October. From November onward, CADENA continued the program independently.

Each month, 25 volunteers carry out the shopping and deliveries. But their support goes far beyond food — they build meaningful relationships with the survivors, offering companionship and emotional support.

Thanks to the continuity of this program, these survivors not only receive the groceries they need but also benefit from the consistent care, attention, and human connection that our volunteers provide.



## VISIT TO PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

On February 1st, the Miami Country Day School CADENA Club, in partnership with Hermanos de la Calle, organized a visit to support people experiencing homelessness.

That afternoon, around 60 individuals received food, personal hygiene items, and clothing, all prepared and packed by dedicated students, their parents, and volunteers at the school.

Thanks to the commitment of 27 volunteers, we were able to share not just supplies, but time, conversations, and compassion — taking one more step toward building a kinder, more resilient world.





## HURRICANES MILTON AND HELENE

In September 2024, after hurricanes Milton and Helene hit the Southeast of the country, CADENA United States and CADENA International carried out three humanitarian interventions in the most severely affected areas.

1. Collection site: Established at the Michael and Russell Jewish Community Center to collect essential items.

2. First Intervention (October 15th): In collaboration with the Mexican Consulate in Miami and the OILE/Healing Stitches Community Center at North Fort Myers, we distributed essential items to Mexican Hispanic communities, such as diapers, blankets, and hygiene products.



3. Second Intervention: In Sarasota, we delivered more essential items with the help of volunteers who sorted donations.

4. Third Intervention: In Anna Maria Island, volunteers collaborated in the removal of debris and damaged objects to speed out the cleaning of the area.

Thanks to the participation of volunteers and donors, CADENA provided assistance in the recovery of affected communities.



# GUATEMALA

## “MAGICAL DECEMBER” INITIATIVE

In December 2024, CADENA carried out various humanitarian interventions as a part of the “Magical December” campaign, involving more than 39 new volunteers for the benefit of more than 1,500 people in the municipalities of Petén, Quiché, Retalhuleu, Zacapa and Suchitepéquez.

In Petén, we visited the Mesón Buen Samaritano nursing home, where we delivered blankets and gloves to the residents. In Quiché, at the Sor Herminia Home for the elderly, we carried out artistic activities and delivered blankets and winter hats. In Retalhuleu, at the Crecer Center we offered recreational activities and educational kits for children with special needs.

In Zacapa, at Aldea Guayabal, we organized recreational activities and training, as well as delivering school supplies. Finally, in Suchitepéquez, at the Caserio San Miguelito School, we promoted the conscious use of water and installed a filter to provide the community with safe drinking water.

This effort reflected the leadership and commitment of our volunteers, creating a positive impact in these communities.



## DROUGHT ALERT

In April 2024, in the face of the effects of the drought and heat wave, CADENA Guatemala activated an alert with the help of Start Network in order to provide assistance to affected communities.

Throughout the month, we delivered 1,900 food kits and assembled water systems for its collection, storage and filtering. We also held workshops on heat prevention, food security and the responsible use of water. Deliveries were carried out in different communities of Cobán, Alta Verapaz, and in collaboration with local organizations such as the Guatemalan Red Cross, COCODES, the Filipos Worship Church and the NGO Creación de Dios Guatemala.

*“We thank CADENA and Start Network for this humanitarian aid in the name of my entire community, La Máquina, Tulate”.*

- Beneficiary.



## ANTICIPATORY HURRICANE ALERT

CADENA Guatemala implemented an anticipatory Start Network hurricane and flooding alert in the municipality of Puerto Barrios, in the department of Izabal, with the objective of reinforcing prevention in the face of the hurricane season in vulnerable communities.

Our team visited the community and delivered food and hygiene kits to families in need. We also trained 78 people on evacuation and all beneficiaries on hurricane and flooding prevention so that they can protect themselves during adverse climate events. Finally, we carried out medical consults in which we provided medical attention and delivered free medications.

This initiative was possible thanks to the collaboration of Start Network and HUB Guatemala. Even though Puertos Barrios was the focal point of the intervention, we visited the communities of La Repegua, Corozo Milla 13 and El Mitch.

In order to respond to emergencies efficiently, prevention and early response are essential.

*"We thank you for these kits we have received, because this helps us all, since the strong rains prevent us from leaving our homes and working"*

**-Flori Vidalia López Ramírez, Las Pavas Village**

# ISRAEL

## NETIV HAASARA, HOLIT Y Kfar AZA

In Netiv HaAsara, Holit and Kfar Aza, Israel, everything changed on October 7th, 2023. Since that day, thousands of people had to leave their homes, leaving behind more than belongings: memories, laughter, stories. At CADENA Israel, we decided to activate.

A team of volunteers arrived with brushes, drills and a plan: to make it so that families could return home as soon as possible. We repaired walls, painted, assembled furniture and cleaned.

With Jaztit Habait, an organization that aids displaced families, we equipped apartments and distributed furniture, linens and utensils.

Since the fields of the kibutzim were abandoned, some volunteers joined agrarian works to recover food production. Others prepared food for those who could not return home yet.



*"Walking through Kfar Aza and seeing the devastation with our own eyes was shocking, but even more powerful was feeling how, with every brushstroke, every wall lifted, and every space restored, we were bringing a little life and hope back to this community."*

- Orly Levy



# MEXICO

## SIERRA TARAHUMARA

Since 2006, CADENA has returned to the Sierra Tarahumara, each time with the same objective: to build bridges of solidarity and bring hand-in-hand aid to Mexico's vulnerable communities. In 2024, for the fourteenth time, a volunteer team of 105 people arrived at the mountains of Chihuahua to bring direct assistance and make sure that each food kit, each medical consult and each blanket reached those who needed it most.

The interventions in January and November took place in 14 communities in the municipality of Ocampo, Chihuahua. Volunteers delivered 4,500 food kits, 13,500 blankets, 6 tons of corn and 4,500 sardines. At the same time, medical, dental and psychosocial brigades provided 184 medical, 142 dental and 74 psychological consults. For many people, this was the first time they received such close and dedicated attention.

The project was also an educational experience for the young people of the CADENA Youth 2023-2024 program. This volunteer team not only participated in the delivery of aid, but was also involved in the intervention since the beginning, organizing collection campaigns, assembling food kits, and carrying out activities on the site.

None of this would have been possible without the aid of Bocar Family Foundation, Banco de Alimentos, La Norteña and Coppel Foundation, who provided us with essential resources that allowed for every action to have a real impact. Together, we achieved for more than 18,000 people to receive direct aid.

This fourteenth intervention was a reminder that true humanitarian aid is not only a temporary response, but a long-term commitment.



*"We often think that humanitarian aid is about helping others, but the reality is that we are helping ourselves."*

- Reyna Amkie.



## HURRICANE JOHN

In September 2024, Hurricane John hit the coast of Guerrero, leaving in its stride devastation and isolation in vulnerable communities. CADENA responded with an integral approach, organizing its search and rescue team, Go Team, general volunteers, and medical, dental and psychological volunteers, throughout various interventions with the objective of bringing direct and specialized aid.

From September 29, the Go Team was activated to carry out search and rescue labors in Acapulco's most affected areas. Along with municipal and state Civil Protection services, the team brought help to isolated and cut off populations, enabling access to humanitarian aid.

From October 3rd, our general volunteering team joined this work by delivering 1,750 food kits, 80 mats, 400 mosquito nets and cooking kits in the communities of San Marcos and Acapulco. We also carried out medical and psychosocial brigades, providing consults, psychological attention and promoting community resilience. With the help of AXA Foundation, Coppel Foundation, Home Depot Foundation, MetLife Foundation and Compartamos Banco Foundation, we managed to cover the basic needs of more than 9,000 people, providing not only material products, but also hope and emotional support.

Later, we carried out health interventions that strengthened the community's access to integral health services with the provision of 268 medical and 127 psychological consults. These brigades not only tended to physical pain and diseases, but they we also focused on the mental wellbeing of people, offering them a safe space to process the emotional impact of the disaster. Our collaboration with J&J was essential in guaranteeing the distribution of 614 medications to people in need.

## ESSENTIAL ASSISTANCE HUMANITARIAN POINT (EAHP)

In response to persisting needs after Hurricane Otis, CADENA organized four Essential Assistance Humanitarian Points (EAHS) interventions in January and April 2024. Throughout 12 days, 46 volunteers activated in seven communities in Guerrero, providing a safe space where 2,470 families (9,880 people) could access essential supplies.

The Humanitarian Point was structured in a course where people could freely select essential items, from food and water to hygiene kits and cleaning supplies. This methodology not only ensured a fair distribution of resources, but also promoted the dignity of families by allowing them to choose the products they needed.

Thanks to the support of Bocar Family Foundation, and Global Giving, we distributed more than 248,000 food items, 6 water pallets, 264 cleaning kits, and thousands of personal hygiene items. The free choice approach was key in adapting the aid to the specific needs of each household.





# PANAMA



## CURUNDÚ CHILDREN'S SOUP KITCHEN

In one of the most vulnerable communities of Panama City, where many children depend on the soup kitchen as their only source of daily meals, CADENA Panama and its volunteer team carried out an integral transformation of the Curundú Children's Soup Kitchen.

We remodelled its kitchen, pantry and dining hall, improving the space's hygiene, functionality and warmth. We installed a stove, heater, plumbing, and tables, and essential kitchen appliances were donated. We also eliminated insalubrity sources and made a joint effort along with authorities to fix leaks.



We also promoted a support network with organizations such as Damas Judías Panameñas and Mano Amiga, resulting in food, clothing, toys and school supplies donations. We created a community supplies bank and offered school tutoring and activities such as chess to stimulate the children's cognitive development.

*"The joy that the children show when we visit inspires us to continue going, they motivate me to come back"*

- Volunteer.

# INTERNATIONAL

## RIO GRANDE DO SUL, BRAZIL

During May this year, Rio Grande do Sul, in the Southeast of Brazil, was devastated by floods caused by strong rainfall, which resulted in deaths, missing people and damages in several parts of the region. As a response to this unprecedented disaster in the country's history, CADENA International immediately organized a first response team to provide hand-in-hand aid in the face of adversity. We benefited more than 500 families in total through the delivery of water and solar lamps in the communities of Eldorado, Porto Alegre, Villas San Andrés, Arroio de Meio, Calendaria and Canoas. We aided 1,100 people through the installation of a drinking water system, guaranteeing temporary access to clean water. We also provided medical consults to people in the disaster zone.

During June, we launched our second response phase through the distribution of 5,800 water filters, 3,450 hygiene kits, 5,700 food kits, 3,400 first responders kits, and 1,215 solar lamps. We focused on the Barrio Sarandi communities in Porto Alegre and Humanitá. In collaboration with our volunteers, we managed to benefit a total of 22,400 people through the delivery of humanitarian assistance and medical consults.



## VALENCIA, SPAIN

After the severe flooding caused by the DANA phenomenon in Valencia, CADENA International activated an emergency operation to bring immediate relief to communities without access to drinking water, electricity and basic utilities in September 2024.

The team arrived at Paiporta and Masanasa, carrying out door to door deliveries, water filters and solar lamps. In collaboration with Altius Foundation and local volunteers, we established a collection site with medical attention, cleaning supplies and psychosocial aid for affected families.

The intervention reached Algemesi and Alfara, where particularly vulnerable communities were identified. We offered emotional support, trained local psychosocial professionals in psychological first aid and established a follow-up system for those requiring continuous assistance.

We delivered 210 water filters, 134 solar lamps and provided 18 psychosocial consults in total, along 16 distribution centers. This work would not have been possible without the collaboration of Altius Foundation, local volunteers, and the work of CADENA's team, reaffirming our commitment to humanitarian aid and the construction of a more resilient world.

## FLOODS IN ECUADOR

During our first alert as the Ecuador office, we assisted the La Libertad community in the province of Santa Elena, responding in anticipation to floods before the possible arrival of the El Niño phenomenon. Firstly, we held a talk on gender violence prevention with the aid of the National Police and personnel from the National Ministry of Risk Management, our allies on the site. Those who assisted received a brochure containing information about the early alert system in the face of the El Niño phenomenon and the prevention of dengue.

Later, we trained community leaders for the use of water filters. They

*"I wish you and all of your partners at CADENA good health, success and many blessings for having kind hearts to help those who need it most. Let God shower all of you with blessings".*

- Janeth Baque, Province of Santa Elena.





## TURKANA, KENYA

CADENA has assisted vulnerable communities in Turkana, North Kenya, since 2011. From then on, we have carried out interventions throughout the years to provide aid and medical consults. This year, we returned to Turkana, where we distributed food for 9,100 people and performed 49 cataract surgeries, which allowed those who received them to return to their daily activities. We reached the localities of Loruth, Mandunga, Milima Tatu, Nakinoment and Lokiyoto, and many of the people we benefited travelled over 200 km in an area with no roads or vehicles in order to receive assistance.

This intervention was possible thanks to our collaboration with Airlink Flight, as well as our volunteer team. Throughout five days, we managed to reinforce our commitment to the region's vulnerable populations, providing aid and essential health services to improve the quality of life of those who received them.







# Humanitarian CORRIDOR

During 2024, the world faced one of the most serious humanitarian crises in terms of migration and forced displacement, driven by armed conflicts, climate disasters, and increasingly restrictive migration policies.

In mid-2020, an estimated 281 million people were living in a country other than their country of birth, representing approximately 3.6% of the world's population. (IOM)

By the end of 2022, the number of forcibly displaced people reached a record 117 million, including refugees, asylum seekers, and internally displaced persons. (IOM)

According to UNHCR estimates, by the end of 2024, the world was hosting approximately 43.7 million refugees. (United Nations)

In the Americas, factors such as violence, political instability, climate change, and obstacles to accessing protection mechanisms have led to a significant increase in migration flows and displacement.

Along key migration routes such as the

Darien Gap, more than 700,000 people have crossed this dangerous jungle between Colombia and Panama in the last year and a half, exposed to sexual violence, exploitation, and extreme conditions. (Human Rights Watch)

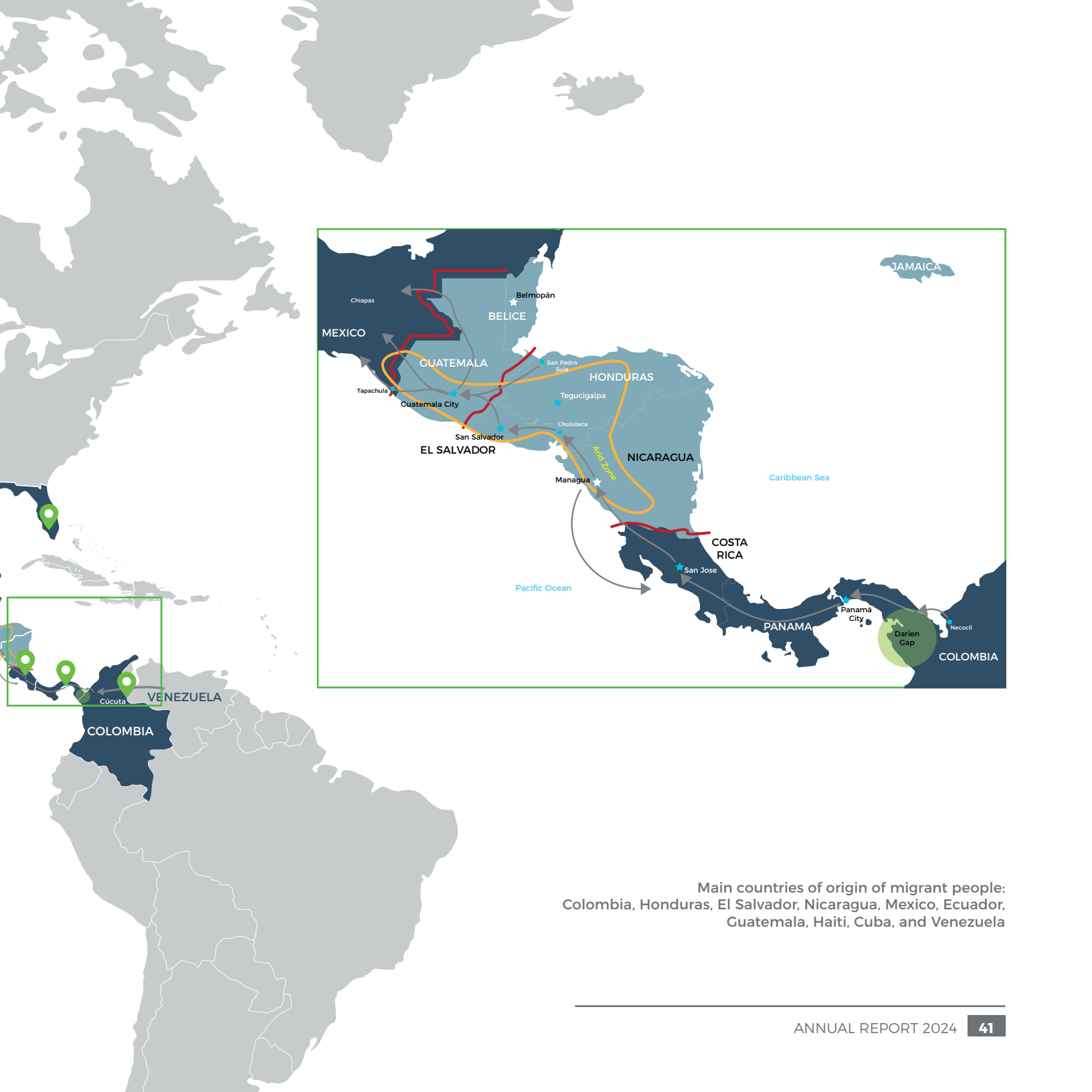
The increase in migration has placed severe pressure on health, education, and social services systems in host countries. Various international organizations have urged governments to strengthen integration and protection policies, guaranteeing the human rights of migrants and refugees. (IOM)

This global humanitarian crisis underscores the need for a coordinated and supportive international response, aimed both at addressing the structural causes of displacement and ensuring dignified and safe conditions for people on the move.

At CADENA, we have been working since 2022 to offer comprehensive intervention along the main migration routes.







Main countries of origin of migrant people:  
Colombia, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Mexico, Ecuador,  
Guatemala, Haiti, Cuba, and Venezuela



## COLOMBIA

Throughout 2024, CADENA Colombia remained committed to supporting the migrant population in transit through Necoclí, a critical point before facing the dangerous journey through the Darien jungle. Thousands of people, driven by hopelessness in their countries of origin, sought a chance for a more dignified future in this route, despite the extreme risks involved.

In response to this reality, we established a Service Point where we provided humanitarian assistance to people about to undertake the journey. Through the distribution of food kits, energy bars, hand sanitizer, and other essential supplies, we aimed to strengthen their resilience and help prepare them for the challenges ahead. Children in particular received comfort dolls with motivational messages—small symbols of hope amidst uncertainty.

We also offered nutritional and psychosocial support, understanding that physical and emotional well-being is essential to face such an arduous path.



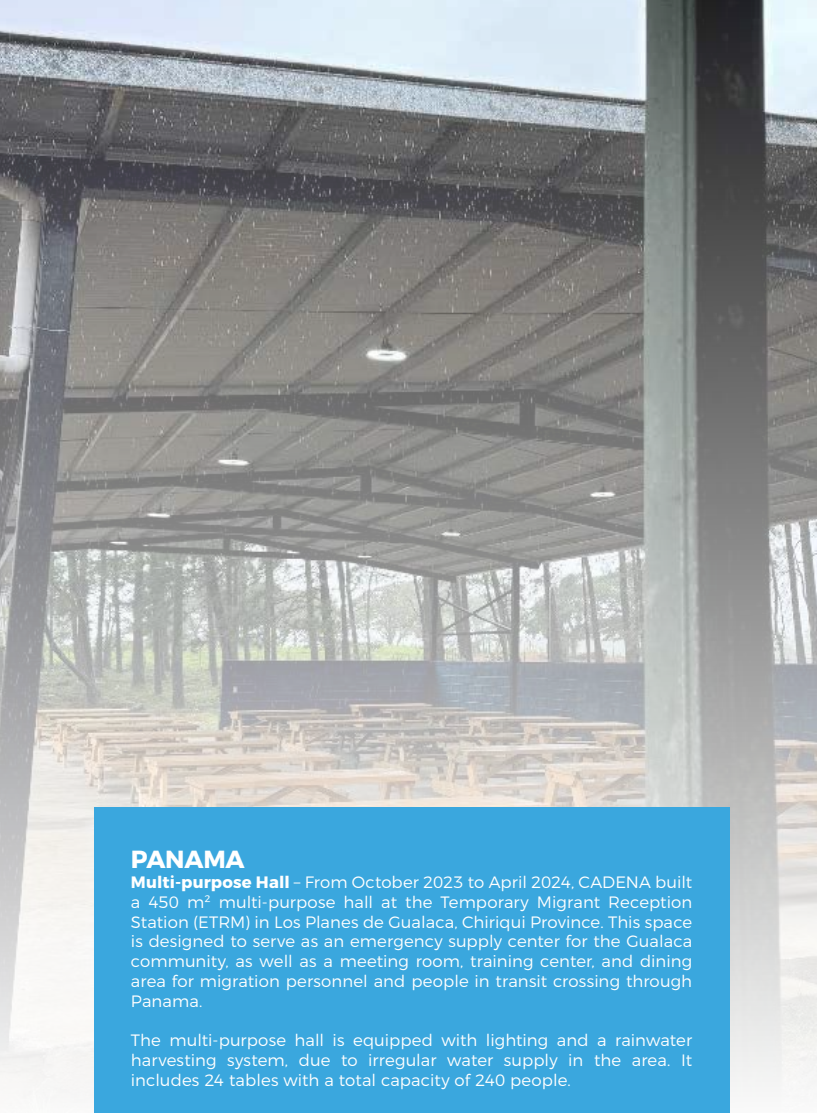
## COSTA RICA

Assistance to migrant populations is an ongoing project of CADENA Costa Rica that began two years ago, as this is the last country where people in transit can receive organized support on their northbound migration toward the United States.

In Costa Rica, many migrant people began staying on the streets, asking for financial help to continue their journey. In response, we worked alongside the United Nations to shelter and support this population.

We are also working to assist migrant people who are returning southbound—either due to the suspension of aid by the new U.S. administration or the deportation of certain groups, including 200 people being sent from the United States to Costa Rica for repatriation.

We collaborated closely with the Ministry of Public Security and the General Directorate of Immigration and Foreigners on the management of the migration crisis. At the Temporary Attention Center for Migrants (CATEM) in Paseo Canoas, we provided psychosocial support to 468 beneficiaries, medical assistance to 17,308 people, and established a breastfeeding room for 1,298 women. The shelter in Los Chiles, near the northern border, hosted 499 beneficiaries.



## PANAMA

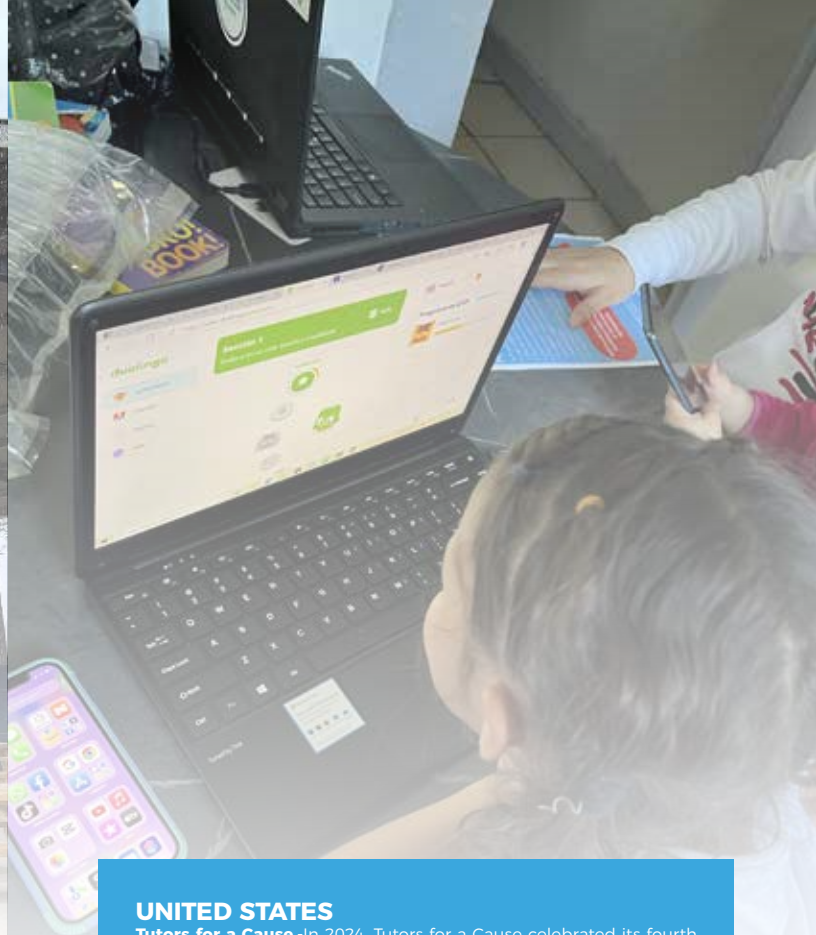
**Multi-purpose Hall** – From October 2023 to April 2024, CADENA built a 450 m<sup>2</sup> multi-purpose hall at the Temporary Migrant Reception Station (ETRM) in Los Planes de Gualaca, Chiriquí Province. This space is designed to serve as an emergency supply center for the Gualaca community, as well as a meeting room, training center, and dining area for migration personnel and people in transit crossing through Panama.

The multi-purpose hall is equipped with lighting and a rainwater harvesting system, due to irregular water supply in the area. It includes 24 tables with a total capacity of 240 people.

## MEXICO

**Brigades at CAFEMIN** – In January 2024, CADENA carried out four medical, dental, and psychosocial service brigades at the Shelter, Training, and Empowerment House for Migrant and Refugee Women and Families (CAFEMIN). With the support of 60 volunteers and in collaboration with the Start Network, comprehensive care was provided to 725 people in transit, who face constant barriers to accessing healthcare services.

During the intervention, 218 medical consultations, 323 psychological sessions, and 257 dental check-ups were carried out, offering not only targeted treatments but also emotional support.



## UNITED STATES

**Tutors for a Cause.**—In 2024, Tutors for a Cause celebrated its fourth year supporting recently arrived migrant children in the United States through virtual tutoring in English, math, and schoolwork, facilitating their integration into the education system.

The tutors—mostly bilingual youth from migrant backgrounds—offer Zoom classes twice a week. Beyond academic support, the program fosters bonds of trust and belonging between tutors and students.

The program includes specialized training for tutors through the course "Empowering Tutors for Change", which addresses academic, emotional, and contextual aspects of supporting migrant children.

Across the 2023–2024 and 2024–2025 school years, the program registered 104 tutors and 61 active tutor-student pairs. Many of the students come from the Hermanos de la Calle Foundation, and the program continues to grow through word-of-mouth among families. The impact is clear: several students have been named to their school's Honor Roll.

Classes continue even when families move, thanks to the virtual format. We have also organized events like:

- "Back to School": with sports activities, first aid workshops, and distribution of school supplies.
- Christmas 2024: personalized gift deliveries, strengthening the emotional bond between tutors and students.







# HEALTH AND RESILIENCE

**CADENA Health and Resilience is made up by a group of specialists in physical and mental health, including a medical, nutritional, dental and psychosocial support team.**

## 2024 Total Data:



### MIRADAS, TURKANA

Turkana is a region in which we identified a great amount of cataracts and visual deficiencies, which profoundly affect the community's daily life. At CADENA International, the Miradas project was born in order to respond to these ophtalmological needs with the support of doctors from all around the world. Our goal: to provide aid to people who need it most through cataract-correcting surgeries.

During our last intervention in Turkana, Kenya, we performed 48 cataract surgeries, making it possible for more people to return to their daily activities and labors. None of this would have been possible without the priceless work of our volunteers, donors, and staff.

### SIERRA DURANGO, MEXICO

In December, 2024, CADENA carried out medical and dental brigades in Tepehuanes, Durango, with the aim of assiting vulnerable communities affected by freezing conditions. Throughout three days, a volunteer team consisting of six people provided consults and free treatments for 183 people, delivering 95 medications and information about preventative care.

This intervention was possible thanks to the aid of Coppel Foundation, AXA Foundation and Volaris, who provided us with essential resources. We also provided medical care and preventative information during the cold season, strengthening the communitiy's resilience







*"The intervention in Turkana is beautiful, but it is also harsh and full of challenges. This time, along with delivering food and sharing with people who are so different and so alike us at the same time, we performed surgeries on many of them. Witnessing them regain their sight was truly extraordinary. I feel we have genuinely transformed lives.*

*It is here that I understand: crossing the world to save a life, going where no one else goes, makes perfect sense."*

**- Sol Bentolila, Secretary-General CADENA**









# RESCUE AND IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

The first 72 hours after an emergency or crisis are crucial to save lives. This is why we created our Go Team, a search and rescue team prepared to act in the face of urgent situations.



# TRAINING



## GO TEAM ACADEMY

Go Team Academy is CADENA's official training and recruitment program for new operational rescue members. It lasts one year and is divided into four quarters.

The program provides technical training in vertical rescue, collapsed structures, vehicle extrication, and humanitarian response. Entry involves a rigorous selection process that prioritizes leadership, operational capacity, and commitment.

During the first year, participants were trained in safety, first aid, telecommunications, firefighting, and search and rescue strategies. Upon completion, they earned an Operational Level certification, qualifying them to act under the supervision of specialists in real-life missions.

The course was delivered by the National Training and Instruction Unit (UNCA), with sessions held at CADENA, INCAP, and UNAM-K9.

## TRAINING

In 2024, CADENA's Go Team implemented a comprehensive technical training program to strengthen its rescuers' skills in emergency scenarios. Training was conducted in vertical rescue, vehicle extrication, collapsed structure search, and the use of advanced victim-location technologies.

The program included four core modules:

- Extra-Urban Vertical Rescue
- Operational-Level Vehicle Extrication
- Technological Search
- Technical-Level BREC (Collapsed Structure Rescue)

These trainings were conducted in strategic locations across Mexico, in collaboration with UNCA and UNAM-K9, and met international standards.

## INTERAGENCY TRAINING

Throughout 2024, the Go Team participated in multiple interagency trainings and drills to strengthen its operational capacity and coordination with response forces such as SEDENA, the Red Cross, and international actors.

Highlighted activities included:

- A collapsed structure search and rescue drill, applying the Incident Command System (ICS).
- Heavy-level vehicle extrication training, aimed at freeing victims from both light and heavy vehicle accidents.
- Level 2 Hazardous Materials Handling Course, in collaboration with the French Embassy.
- National Meeting of Search and Rescue K9 Units, fostering the exchange of experiences among specialists.

# INTERVENTIONS



## JILOTZINGO, STATE OF MEXICO

On September 13, 2024, CADENA's Go Team was deployed following a landslide in San Luis Ayucan, Jilotzingo, which buried homes and left victims trapped. A unit consisting of three rescuers and two canine teams was sent to the site and coordinated efforts with local authorities.

Using life-detection technology and canine search methods, they located a conscious victim under the rubble. Despite rescue efforts, the individual passed away before extraction. Five bodies were also recovered from the same area.

The team joined the unified command post to assist in managing the broader affected zone and concluded its mission on September 14.

## VALENCIA, SPAIN

After the floods caused by the DANA Phenomenon in Valencia, CADENA International's response team was activated to provide immediate humanitarian aid to affected communities.

Deployed in Paiporta, Masanasa, Algemesi and Alfafar, the team delivered household water filters and solar lamps door-to-door and set up a relief center offering medical care, psychosocial support, and hygiene products, in collaboration with Fundación Altius and local volunteers.

The team also provided emotional support, trained local professionals in psychological first aid, and implemented a follow-up system for vulnerable cases.

## RIO GRANDE DO SUL, BRAZIL

In response to the devastating floods that struck Rio Grande do Sul in May 2024, CADENA International's first response team was immediately deployed to deliver hand-in-hand humanitarian aid in the most affected areas.

During the first phase, the team intervened in communities such as Eldorado, Porto Alegre, and Canoas, assisting over 500 families with drinking water filters, solar lamps, and medical consultations.







An aerial photograph of a village with several houses featuring red corrugated metal roofs. In the background, there is a large, disorganized pile of debris, including what appears to be a collapsed structure and various materials, suggesting a site of destruction or a waste dump. The foreground shows more houses and some sparse vegetation.

# RECONSTRUCTION AND RECOVERY

**We support the recovery of affected communities by helping strengthen their local economies, rebuilding infrastructure, and developing long-term resilience and recovery programs in collaboration with community members.**

# HURRICANE ROOFS OTIS - JOHN

In December 2024, CADENA carried out medical brigades and launched the project "A Roof, A Home: Reconstruction after Hurricanes Otis and John."

In 2023, Category 5 Hurricane Otis struck Guerrero with tremendous force, leaving thousands of homes roofless and hundreds of families without shelter. Less than a year later, in September 2024, Hurricane John brought heavy rains and flooding, worsening conditions in vulnerable communities in San Marcos, Coyuca de Benítez, and Las Vigas.

The "Otis - John Roofs" project emerged to provide a real and lasting solution. Over the course of a year, CADENA installed 1,207 roofs across 26 communities, offering safe shelter to 4,461 people. A total of 902 laminated roofs were installed on concrete structures and 305 universal roofs were built, ideal for homes made of fragile materials. Each roof represented a step toward stability and security, allowing families to rebuild their lives after disaster.

This effort would not have been possible without the support of Banorte Foundation, Checo Pérez Foundation, Coppel Foundation, Compartamos Banco Foundation, Diez Morodo Foundation, MAPFRE Foundation, AXA Foundation, Promotora Social México, Proeza - Metalsa, Nimbus, Tubacero, Faprode, HIR Casas, Valia Energía, AMYLS, Amefibra and Associates, and PYMO. Their collaboration helped transform vulnerable spaces into safe homes.

*"A house without a roof is just a room made of concrete.  
A house with a roof is a home."*  
- Beneficiary



# SCHOOL RECONSTRUCTION

At CADENA, we responded decisively to the devastation caused by Hurricanes Otis and John in Guerrero, focusing our efforts on the communities of Coyuca de Benítez, San Marcos, and Acapulco. We understand that interrupted schooling and damaged infrastructure not only jeopardize the education of children, but also undermine the vital role schools play as safe havens and community hubs during times of crisis.

That is why we mobilized to transform these spaces: we rebuilt classroom and civic area roofs, repaired walls, upgraded electrical systems, installed air conditioning, refreshed paintwork, and donated essential furniture. Every action was designed to restore dignity, safety, and hope to students and teachers, enabling them to return to

a secure and welcoming learning environment.

This impact was made possible thanks to the support of the Ministry of Public Education and the generous contributions of Promotora Social México, Nimbus Foundation, Banorte Foundation, Televisa Foundation, and the International Community Foundation.

We especially recognize the dedication of parents, volunteers, and teachers, whose commitment and collaboration ensured that these improvements were completed on time. Together, we have proven that solidarity and teamwork can rebuild not only schools, but also the future of entire communities.



*"A safe classroom is the first step toward a future full of opportunities."*

- Eluzay Hernandez Sotero, Project Manager.





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# PREVENTION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

**We create projects that promote actions to reduce the risk of current and potential disasters.**

**We work in communities with high vulnerability and exposure to the negative effects of post-emergency situations.**

**We develop resilience and sustainable development projects aligned with the 2030 SDGs Agenda, with the goal of supporting communities in fostering autonomy, cooperation, and shared responsibility.**

# AGUA YA

## (WATER FOR ALL)

Agua Ya is a sustainability and resilience project created by our CADENA Costa Rica team. Its goal is to provide vulnerable communities—especially those in rural areas—with a shared, reliable source of clean water.

To achieve this, we designed a rainwater harvesting system that is effective, durable, and easy to install. The project not only aims to reduce waterborne diseases but also to strengthen social bonds within the communities.

### Costa Rica

We delivered 20 water filters and installed 5 tanks for rainwater harvesting systems.

### México

In 2024, we delivered 340 water filters in the Nuevo León, Quintana Roo, Guerrero, Oaxaca and Veracruz.

### Guatemala

We delivered 8 rainwater harvesting systems with 20 tanks and 62 water filters.

### Colombia

We delivered 98 water filters and rehabilitated 27 wells in the Guajira region.

### Panamá

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

### Venezuela

We delivered 41 water filters and 23 storage tanks.



If you want to learn more about our project, scan the **QR code**:







In 2024, we installed:

**45** Rainwater Harvesting Systems



and delivered

**1,099** Water Filters



## WELLS IN LA GUAJIRA, COLOMBIA:

In the arid and often forgotten region of La Guajira—where access to water has historically been limited and drought remains a constant threat—CADENA Colombia, in coordination with the Ministry of Housing, launched an ambitious humanitarian project in 2024: the rehabilitation of 18 wells in the municipality of Manaure.

This transformative effort positively impacted over 8,500 people, many of them from the Indigenous Wayuu population, historically affected by a lack of basic services. The communities that benefited—including La Loma, Ishamana, Musamana, Papumana, Jerjet, Masuren, La Estrella, Ekimana, Jirrumana, Majayupana, Cachuyas, Walirrumana, Wanapaina, Shonkomana, Ouispa, Limoncito, La Paz, and Pueblito Wayuu—now have access to safe water, significantly reducing health risks, malnutrition, and food insecurity.

Each well was restored to provide a flow capacity of up to 2.78 liters per second, ensuring a steady and sufficient supply for domestic, agricultural, and communal use. But the project went beyond infrastructure: it included a community-strengthening model that established local water committees and trained community leaders in the management, sustainable use, and maintenance of the rehabilitated water systems.







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# DE LITRO A TECHO

(FROM WASTE TO CHANGE)

De Litro a Techo was the winning project of the 2014 CADENA Initiative, and since then, it has been included in the regular activities of our organization. Its goal is to build roofs to protect vulnerable families from rain and flooding.

The roofs are made from recycled polyaluminum containers, indirectly aiming to reduce environmental impact and educate communities about recycling, sustainability, and humanitarian aid.

Thanks to the joint effort with Fundación Banorte and PYMO, in 2024 we continue the delivery of bamboo and sheets made from polyaluminum containers to dignify the roofs of Mexican families.

In 2024, we managed to collect

57,960

**Poyaluminum containers**

which are equivalent to 1,932 kilograms.

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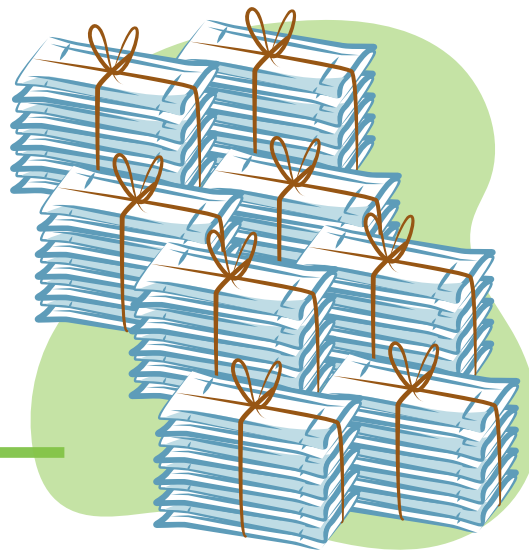
**16 roofs** 

benefiting

**64 people**

in the community of Ahuatenco,

Morelos in Mexico.









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# TRAINING AND EDUCATION

**This is CADENA's line of action focused on training humanitarian individuals through various formal and non-formal education programs. Its goal is to support volunteers in a process of meaningful learning and transformative experiences, fostering humanitarian awareness and a proactive attitude towards the world's problems.**

## Programs for schools



### Regeneration

It 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 base our approach on 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](http://www.becomeregeneration.com)

Schools from **9 countries** participated. More than **350 students** took part in the program with the support of the Moodle platform.



### CADENA Initiative

It is a social entrepreneurship competition with over ten years of experience. Its goal is to raise awareness and sensitize high school students so that they can later become agents of change. It serves as a platform that listens to and spreads the ideas of participants.

The competition process promotes new learning models based on the practical application of values and social perspectives, with adolescents always at the center.

In the international competition, **12 countries** participated, and **88 schools** presented their humanitarian innovation projects..



It is a training program aimed at leaders aged 16 to 18 who become representatives of CADENA within their schools. We select leaders from each school to become CADENA representatives.

They receive ongoing training from their madrihim (mentor figures) and are responsible for motivating students through positive leadership.

**94 young people** aged 15 to 17 are active in CADENA Club. In Mexico, **37 young people** carried out awareness-raising activities in the school network, reaching **1,320 people**.

# In 2024:

## Volunteer programs



Its goal is to strengthen the psychosocial response in field interventions. Guides play a key role in promoting resilience in communities through non-formal educational activities, using playful tools to raise awareness and educate on values such as empathy, teamwork, and social commitment.

In these sessions, they learn how to act in emergencies, facilitate group activities, and guide communities toward effective emotional recovery.

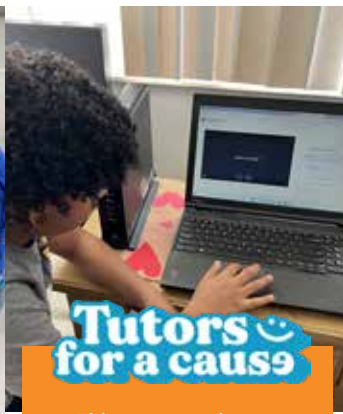
In 2024, CADENA trained the **2nd and 3rd Generations** of Humanitarian Training Guides. The training consisted of 4 sessions, each lasting **5 hours**, totaling **40 hours of training**.



It 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 areas.

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

**22 volunteer members** trained through 6 sessions to assume leadership roles in future humanitarian interventions.



This program aims to support migrant people in Miami who are seeking to catch up on their academic education.

We connect students with volunteers who provide virtual tutoring on various subjects. In this way, migrant youth receive personalized educational guidance.

We have supported around **80 individuals**—including students, parents, and siblings—by providing dozens of **clothing items, toys, and children's books**.



This humanitarian aid, rescue, and social action training program equips participants with practical tools to respond to crises, strengthen their leadership, and create community impact. Through collaboration between staff and volunteers, expert-led training sessions, and hands-on experiences with vulnerable populations, the program fosters social awareness, ethical commitment, and the values of Tikkun Olam, understanding that helping others is a moral responsibility.

Between August and October 2024, **28 young people** worked with communities affected by war, migrants, and vulnerable groups, while also receiving training in rescue operations and crisis response.



## Humanitarian Training

Humanitarian training is the bridge between theory and practice. These are dynamic programs based on non-formal education, custom-designed so that every person can find their cause and commit to Humanitarian Action.



### CADENA YOUNG

These are experiences designed for children that make the introduction to the humanitarian world fun and engaging. We share skills, values, and principles related to the importance of volunteering, resilience, solidarity, and the desire to repair the world. It's the first seed that begins the learning journey at an early age.



### MAGUEN KIDZ

This is a Maguén David Community event in Mexico that teaches children about community leadership, the value of helping others, and the impact of institutions through games and interactive activities.

It's a family experience that promotes unity and community pride, where children can play, participate in raffles and playful activities, assemble aid packages, learn about Tikkun Olam, meet institutions that change lives, and enjoy an open-air shuk (market), among many other things.

It's an educational and fun experience that strengthens a sense of belonging and teaches essential values.



### CAMPS

These serve as a first approach to humanitarian action for children. We create personalized activities for different groups where they form bonds and feel motivated to continue participating in Tikkun Olam.



### HUMANITARIAN BOOTCAMPS

These are three-day sessions where we foster solidarity, teach about humanitarian crises, and simulate field experiences to analyze the challenges that may arise and explore ways to help.

# In 2024:

Humanitarian Training in Mexico had more than  
**230 participants**, including the following camps:  
Maguen Kidz, Maccabi Miami, CADENA Initiative, and Camp Sababa.





*"Being a Pathfinder in CADENA means responsibility, leadership, and inspiring both the volunteers and the team in every intervention. Each one is different, and all are opportunities to learn and improve for the next. While the emotional and logistical aspects can be overwhelming, the gratitude we receive from the people we reach—their smiles and joy when we arrive—make it all worth it."*

*Being a Pathfinder in CADENA is not just about leading and ensuring logistics run smoothly. It's about serving, empathizing, and working for the well-being of others, with the certainty that everything we do is to help those who need it most and to leave the world better than we found it."*

**Elían Jiménez, Pathfinder**







# Humans of CADENA

*"We are in the Montaña region of Guerrero, visiting communities such as La Escalerilla and Huixtla Sur, which were severely affected by Hurricane Otis. They lost their crops and are now facing extremely low temperatures and frost.*

*Right now, these communities are asking us for more food, as the winter season makes it nearly impossible to recover essential harvests like corn—on which many families depend.*

*Our work here also focuses on health, through our medical brigade offering free check-ups and dental care, including cleanings, preventive extractions, and brushing techniques.*

*Additionally, we're organizing playful activities for children who didn't receive gifts during Christmas or the Three Kings Day, helping them feel a part of their community again.*

*Many schools have yet to resume classes, so we're supporting this transition while also providing blankets, food supplies, and hygiene products to those in need.*

*I want to thank CADENA for making this intervention in the Montaña region of Guerrero possible, as well as all donors and allies who allow us to fulfill this mission."*

**Joaquín Lladó, Alliances Director CADENA.**

*"I'm a parent at Emiliano Zapata School. We want to thank CADENA Foundation for the support they've given us with the roofing and painting of the school.*

*Thanks to this effort, our children now have better conditions for learning and can attend class in a more suitable environment.*

*We are deeply grateful for this support.  
Thank you so much!"*

**Juana Camacho, parent**

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*"I work with CADENA in the WASH area, helping with cleaning services for migrant people and individuals arriving from other places. I help maintain hygiene in the bathrooms so that when they leave, they can share that in Costa Rica, there is a foundation called CADENA that always treats them well, takes care of them, and supports them at all times.*

*I want people to know and share that CADENA is a global organization."*

**Abraham Herrera, Member of the Cabécar community, Costa Rica**

*"Right now, we are in the community of Temoris, and our partnership with CADENA has been essential—it has allowed us to reach different communities and expand our impact."*

*Thanks to this intervention, we've been able to support many people with food supplies and essential aid for those who need it most.*

*We've also provided blankets and other resources to help protect the community during this cold season.*

*This intervention has been dynamic, full of energy and intensity, helping us make a meaningful difference in the lives of those facing difficult circumstances."*

**Ezequiel López, Bocar Family Foundation.**

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*"This is my third year doing this, and like every year, it's an incredible experience.*

*Once a year, we go out and see everyone helping and providing comfort, especially during the cold weather—we bring blankets and warm food to help people enjoy and feel cared for.*

*I remember a conversation I had with someone about college—I'm currently applying myself—and it was really comfortable to share and connect over our experiences."*

**Ilana Croitorerscu, volunteer.**

*"I've been a CADENA volunteer for four years. For me, being a CADENA volunteer means being aware of my surroundings and collaborating and learning about my community. My favorite part of being a CADENA volunteer is doing something I truly love and connecting with people."*

**Dana Shiro, volunteer.**

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*"Over the years, we've worked to professionalize our efforts to provide the best possible healthcare—one of the fundamental pillars of human development. That's why we offer free medical consultations and distribute medication to those in need.*

*We also offer ENT evaluations for everyone, and in the psychosocial area, we create playful spaces for children and offer individual counseling sessions.*

*Today, we're working with people in mobility situations, providing all kinds of care—something essential, given their limited access to healthcare. None of this would be possible without the help of volunteer doctors, dentists, and psychologists who help us build a more resilient world."*

**José Antonio, member of the medical team**

*"My favorite part was speaking with the first person. She was so grateful, and that moment will stay with me forever."*

**Alexandra Bentes, volunteer.**

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*"Before CADENA arrived in Johna Costa Chica, my home was made of mud. I'm not sure if you can picture it—but the walls were mud. When the hurricane hit, by morning the walls had practically dissolved and collapsed. My house was completely destroyed. Everything was covered in mud—clothes, beds, fans—almost everything was lost.*

*We had to take refuge in the chapel for almost a month. Then came the good news: CADENA helped us build what you now see above us—the roof. Thanks to that, we can say we now have shelter. We're slowly rebuilding. Resources are scarce, but little by little, we're making progress.*

*Thank you, CADENA, for helping us take this step forward, and for continuing to help those who need it most."*

**Modesta Vázquez Gallardo,  
El Roble community member**

*"Being part of this volunteer experience with CADENA Israel helped me realize that Jewish resilience is not just a story of the past, but a reality we continue to write with our hands and hearts."*

**Orly Levy, volunteer.**

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*"For me, it was the stories everyone shared. Each person had gone through something different, and listening to them and connecting was so special—something we don't often take the time to do."*

**Andrea Mizrahi, volunteer**

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*"I've been a CADENA volunteer for three years. Volunteering with CADENA means creating impact, building a sense of community, and learning how to foster empathy for others.*

*My favorite part is being a tutor for Tutors for a Cause and seeing the growth and progress of the student I support—her achievements feel like my own."*

**Jaia Herdan, volunteer.**



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## To our *volunteers,*

This year—just like every year—thanks to you, we continue delivering aid hand-in-hand to those who need it most, no matter the distance or the obstacles.

You are the people who make our mission come alive, turning indifference into action and bringing light, hope, and support to the most remote places and the most vulnerable communities.

Being a CADENA volunteer is more than a commitment—it's a daily act of service. You are the beating heart behind a more just and resilient world, the driving force behind every project, every program, and every intervention.

It is your courage, your unwavering dedication, and your relentless commitment that keep CADENA moving forward, repairing the world we all share little by little.

Every one of your efforts plants a seed of transformation in the hearts of the communities we serve.

Thank you for your boldness, your dedication, and your commitment.

With our deepest gratitude,  
**The CADENA Team**

# Allies and Funds

A partner is more than just a donor—it's a committed ally who actively supports our mission to help vulnerable communities through ongoing contributions to our programs.

Our partners are made up of institutions and families who become part of our humanitarian action chain. Together, we combine efforts and coordinate closely to carry out more effective and sustainable interventions.

We would like to extend a special thank-you to the following institutions, who have placed their trust in CADENA and provided continuous support over time.

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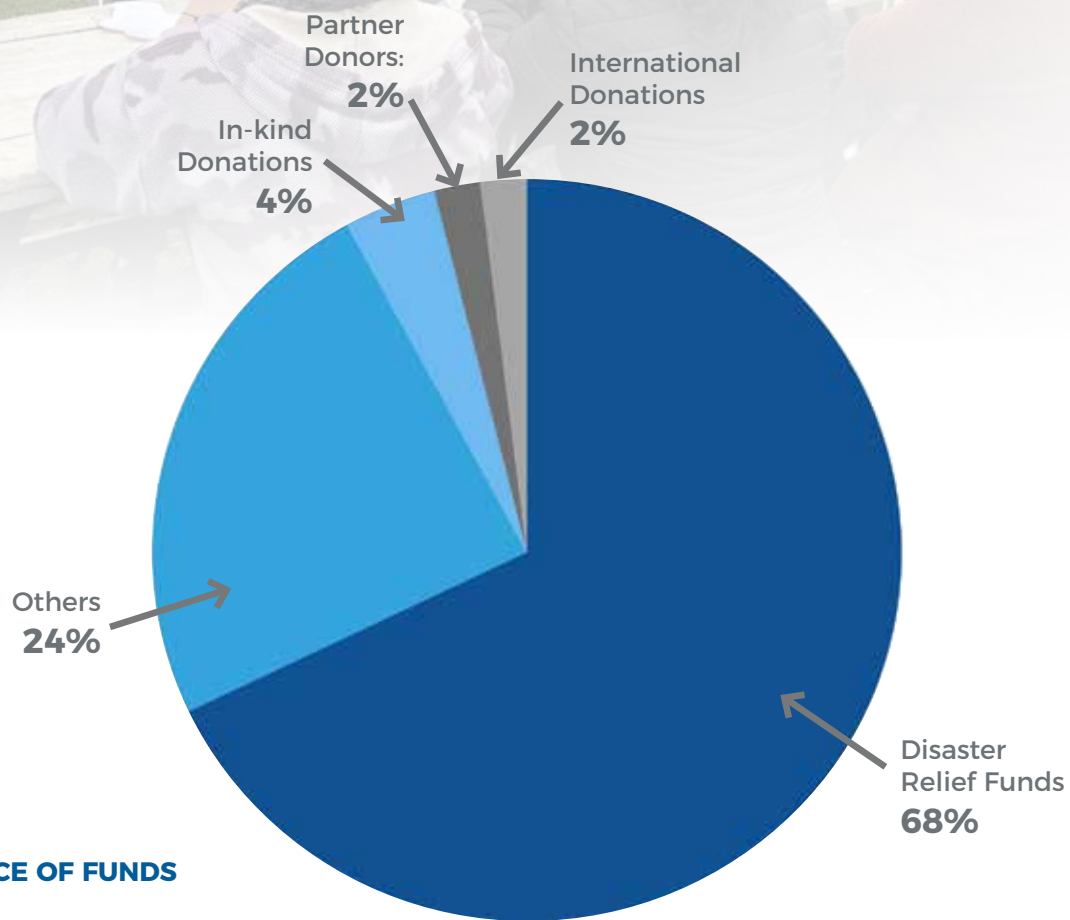
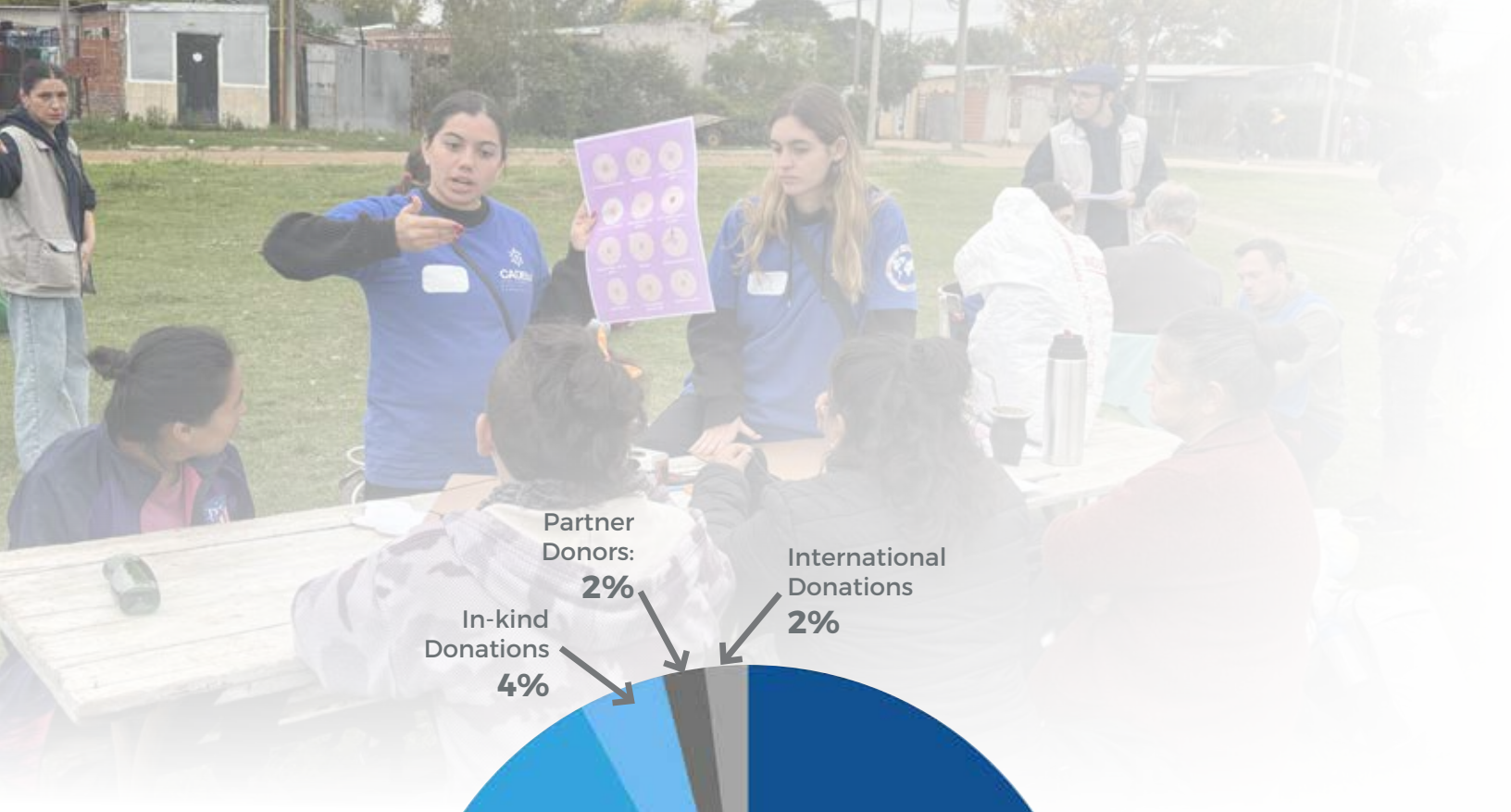
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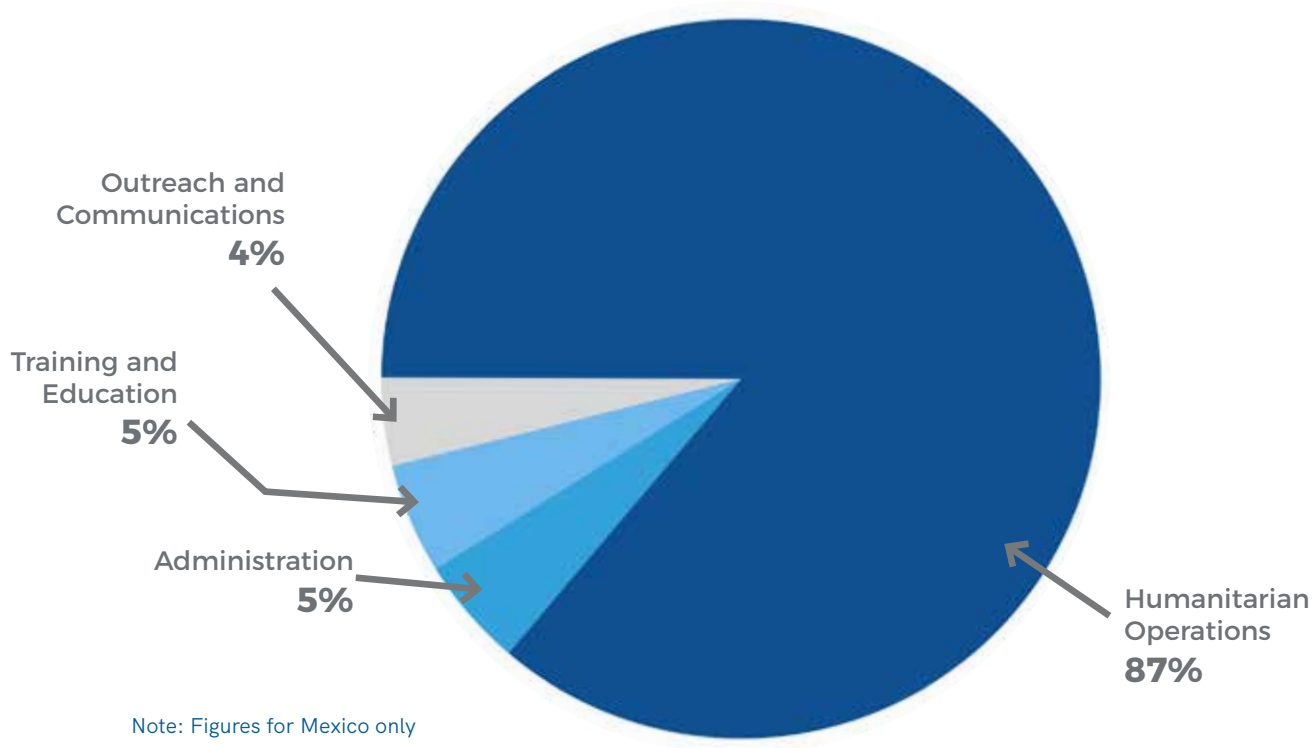


# Transparency

Accountability is a crucial element of humanitarian action. That's why one of our commitments to our supporters is full transparency. We close this annual report with charts that illustrate the sources and uses of our resources. The largest percentage of our resources is allocated to humanitarian operations.

We maintain a low percentage of administrative expenses thanks to our extensive volunteer network. Most of our funding comes from partner institutions and organizations.

## RESOURCE DISTRIBUTION











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