

Latest News: Integral launches a joint Disaster Response for the Venezuela Earthquake



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Integral has launched a joint Disaster Response for the impact of the recent earthquakes in Venezuela. Nine Integral Members¹ are responding together in this crisis, combining their strengths to serve affected communities better.

Venezuela is facing a national emergency following the two consecutive high-magnitude earthquakes (7.2 and 7.5) of 24 June in the north-central region. Authorities report more than 512 aftershocks. The official toll currently stands at more than 1,700 people dead and over 5,000 injured, with around 12,000 people displaced. Additionally, at least 2,500 structures have been reported as affected, including 38 hospitals and 774 buildings. [Source [here](#)].

Integral Members and their Partners will be working with affected communities to provide safe shelter, access to clean water and sanitation, food and essential household items.

On the first joint call Members discussed sharing needs assessments, how to most effectively coordinate individual responses and provide surge capacity to support the response. Members are already sharing communications material which enables fundraising campaigns to be launched in Members' headquarter countries.

Integral Member ZOA based in the Netherland is present in Venezuela. Kees-Jan Hooglander, ZOA's Director of the Disaster Response Team, says "It is wonderful to know that all over the world Christians are supporting the affected people in Venezuela in prayer and financially. Through Integral many Christian organisations approach their constituencies to raise funds for support the best positioned Members on the ground. In this way, a quick and quality relief intervention is organised and implemented by organisations who know each other and work together shoulder to shoulder with the same drive of faith and compassion."

Mike Boomer, who is working with one of ZOA's partners on the ground, explains, "Here in El Junquito, an entire building housing around 500 people was severely affected by the earthquake - all its inhabitants have been displaced. The main needs we've identified are emergency shelter, food assistance, and essential items for cooking, cleaning, and basic hygiene."

Mike continues, "The hospitals and the pharmacies are running out of supplies. It is a very difficult situation, but what we are seeing is Venezuelans helping each other, helping their families and the most impacted communities."

In the initial stages of an Integral response, operational and communications coordination calls are held as frequently as necessary, so that Members can share information in the critical phase

¹ Baptist World Aid (Australia), Ena (Switzerland), Tearfund Belgium, Tearfund Netherlands, Tearfund New Zealand, Tearfund (UK), World Relief (US), World Renew (North America), ZOA (The Netherlands)

when needs are acute. The Integral online platform enables Members to share photos and stories, response plans and funding needs.

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Extra information:

Integral's Vision

Christian agencies uniting globally, alleviating suffering and restoring hope, in disasters and beyond.

Integral's Mission

Integral exists to see God's Kingdom demonstrated by uniting our Members.

We champion, encourage and facilitate collaborative working across the Alliance, particularly in disasters.

On Integral Collaboration:

Integral is a global alliance of 22 Christian relief and development agencies that come together to respond in times of disaster. Our Members are headquartered in 14 countries, work in over 73 countries and work together with a network of more than 470 local Partners.

When disaster strikes Integral Members follow an agreed Joint Disaster Response process, strategically combining their programming, financial and communications resources. This ensures a rapid and high-quality response both directly and through local Partners. We also focus on neglected crises that lack donor and media attention.

By combining Member strengths, we extend our reach and deepen our impact in disasters. In uniting our collective capacity, funding and expertise, we believe we serve people better by working together.

Integral promotes locally led action in disaster responses, recognising local organisations as equal partners. Integral has pledged to maintain the high quality of our work by endorsing and committing to the [Core Humanitarian Standard](#).

Our Christian values unite us in prayer, Christian reflection and collaborative action. Strong relationships and prayer are foundational in all we do. Members encourage, learn from and inspire one another.

Integral was founded in 2004 when leaders of Christian INGOs imagined how, through greater collaboration, they could have wider reach and impact for people experiencing disasters. In a world that is often cynical, fragmented and hostile, we are Christians who believe that disaster and suffering are not the end of the story.

See more about Integral's 22 Members [here](#)

