



Health is in crisis:

**“Venezuelans are
dying for lack of
medicines”**



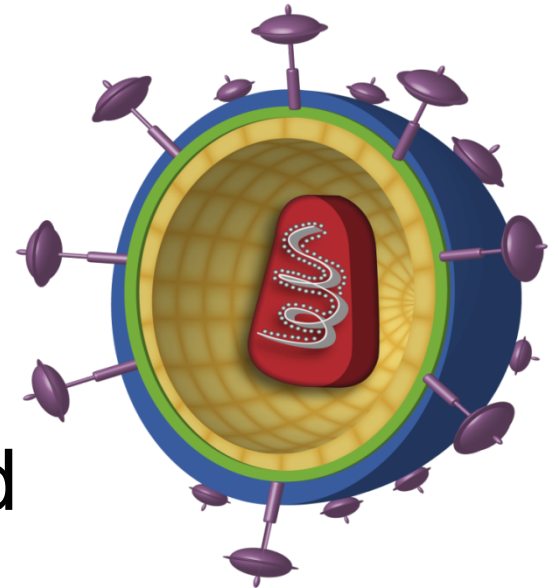
HIV and AIDS: THE MOST DEVASTATING EPIDEMIC IN HISTORY

❖ What does it mean?

- HIV: Human immunodeficiency virus.
- AIDS: Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

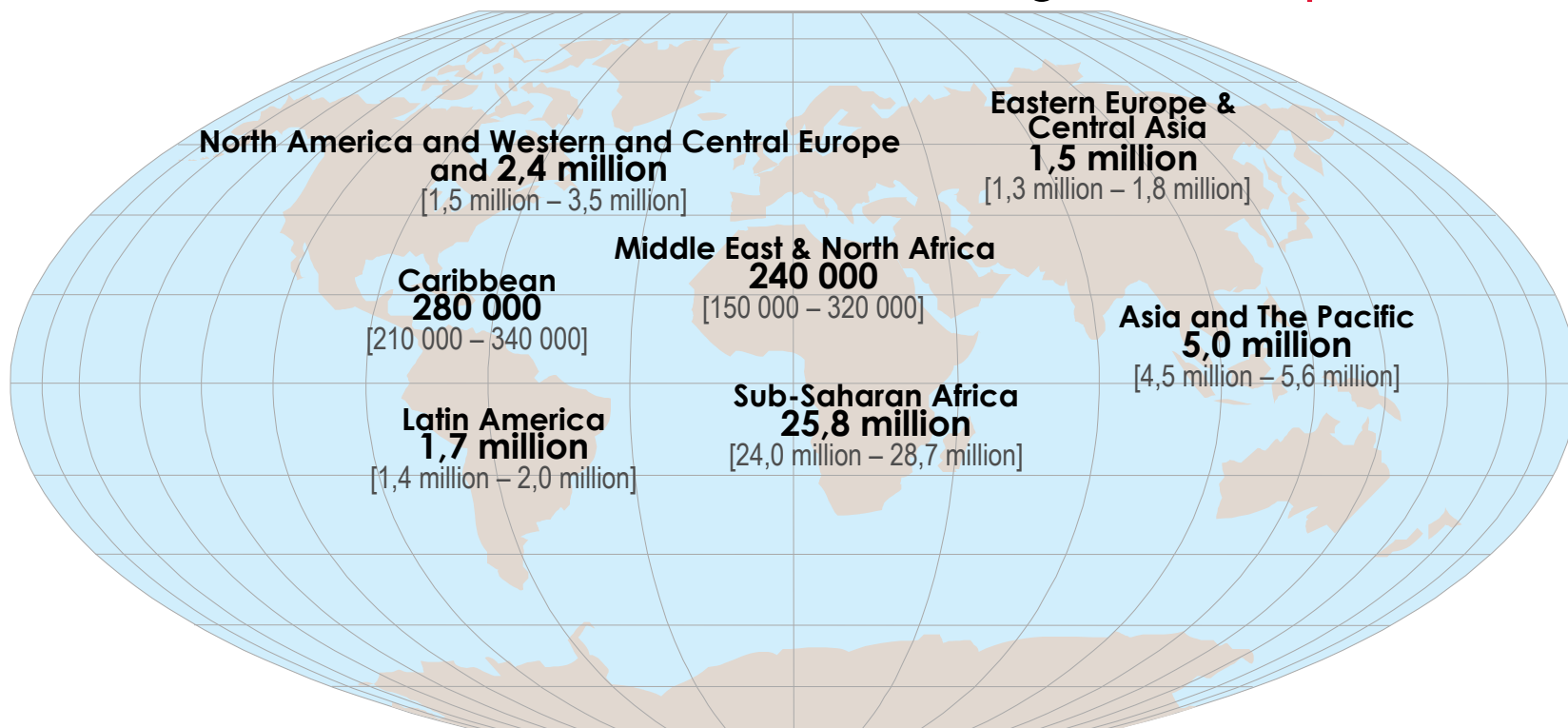
❖ HIV/AIDS Epidemy

- 36 years of epidemy
- There is no cure or vaccine
- Governments have committed



HIV and AIDS: In the whole world.

Adults and children estimated to be living with HIV | 2014



Total: 36,9 million [34,3 million – 41,4 million]

Source: UNAIDS

VIH y Sida: In Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela



It is estimated that

219.025

People could be infected with HIV

It is estimated that

80%

People do not know they have HIV

According to MPPS

61.000

People receive free treatment

According to MPPS

11.669

People get AIDS every year

According to MPPS

600

Children with HIV born every year

According to MPPS

2.161

People die due to HIV every year

Source: MPPS (Ministry of Popular Power for Health).

Venezuela:

16 years with ARVs treatment access

Thanks to the advocacy action taken between 1996 to 2001
by Civil Society, including PVVs

**14 Legal
Actions**

**Community
Movements**

Sensitization

- Human Rights and Citizen Exercise
- Empowered People with HIV
- Organization and Training
- Networking and Strategic Alliances
- Responsibility, Commitment and Passion

Venezuela:

Legal instruments that protect HIV/AIDS infected people's rights

- Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela's Constitution (1999)
- Resolution 292 from Health Minister and Social Development (2000), which requires to institutions providing health services to HIV testing to all pregnant.
- Judgment SG-439 from MSDS, date august 26,1994, which restricts HIV testing for job applications, keep on working and enter academic centers.
- Judgment from the National Institute for Prevention, Health and Safety (INPSASEL) which encourages laboratories to refrain from testing when required by employers without workers' consent (2007).

Venezuela:

Legal instruments that protect HIV/AIDS infected people's rights

- Technical Standard, Security Program and Health at Work in 2008, issued by the Ministry of Popular Power for Labor and Social Security.
- Regulation for HIV prevention and control for militaries at National Army Force (2006).
- Official regulation for comprehensive care of sexual and reproductive health (2004).
- Organic Law of Education, prevention, attention and rehabilitation against HIV and AIDS in Mérida State (2003).
- Law of Prevention, Conditions and Working Environment, (LOPCYMAT).

Venezuela:

Legal instruments that protect HIV/AIDS infected people's rights

- Care policy for Sexual and Reproductive Health of the Ministry of Popular Power for Health (2004).
- Judgments and injunctions in favor to HIV infected people:
- Issued judgment from the Fifth Court of First Instance of the Judicial District of the Federal District and Miranda State , dated 03/06/91. It is about a protection declared alleging violation derivative from employment discrimination and the right to work. Reinstatement of the appellant worker and barring from practice tests that detect HIV antibodies among CANTV workers.
 - Many others (find them in www.stopvih.org)

Venezuela:

Obligation to guarantee the life, health and access to the Progress of Science and Technology of PVVs.

On July 1999: Constitutional mandate from Supreme Court requires Venezuela's Government through Ministry of Health to supply medicines to people with HIV and AIDS, for free:

ARVs Treatment

Drugs for Opportunistic Infections

Diagnostic tests , control and monitoring of HIV

Comprehensive Care

Venezuela:

Law for the promotion and protection of equality's rights for HIV infected people and their families.

- Promulgated on 30 December, 2014, published in Official Gazette 40,571.
- State responsibility regarding the obligation to take measures to ensure the care of people with HIV(art. 5) *(It also refers to ARVs treatment)*.
- Any act of discrimination committed by individuals, corporations public or private are explicitly prohibited (art. 7).
- It includes dignified and respectful treatment, in personal relationships, care services provided by the public or private sector(art. 8).
- Guarantee confidentiality and privacy (art. 9).
- Recognize life and health rights (art. 19 y 20).

Venezuela:

Law for the promotion and protection of equality's rights for HIV infected people and their families.

- Any insurers or prepaid medicine providers must not object the underwriting of insurance contracts for HIV/AIDS infected people (art. 21).
- HIV test have been prohibited (art. 24).
- HIV condition cannot be considered as a justified reason to fire a employee (art. 25).
- Perpetrators of discrimination against Persons with HIV will receive Administrative, Civil, Criminal and Community Sanctions(art. 37).
 - Fines from 10 to 1000 tax units are stablished.
- Affected people have the right to legal attention and assistance by Ombudsman, Public Ministry and Public Defense(art. 39).

Venezuela:

Law for the promotion and protection of equality's rights for HIV infected people and their families.

- The law has gaps to be covered by a Regulation of Law, it would be vital to draft , discuss, approve and promulgate a regulation to indicate the next steps for the proper application of the law.
- To prepare this Regulation of Law, HIV infected people should participate, among other social organizations that work for HIV people's rights altogether with health authorities, the ombudsman, The National Assembly and other organisms involved in the national response to HIV.

We all are the same but with differences!



**ALL HUMAN
BEINGS ARE
BORN FREE
AND EQUAL
IN DIGNITY
AND RIGHTS**



**Does the law of
promotion and
protection of
the equality's
right to HIV
infected people
and their
families is
fulfill?**

Venezuela:

So, what happens with HIV law?

- ◆ It is a breakthrough in the fight against the HIV epidemic, however, it has flaws that demand a Regulation of Law.
- ◆ It protects HIV/AIDS infected people and their families.
- ◆ It is just on a piece of paper.
- ◆ It is violated every day.
- ◆ HIV infected people can develop their rights, go to the Public Defensory, Public Ministry, Courts.



Venezuela:

Impact on achievements of the community actions

- An HIV/AIDS National Program was created
- A Public Policy about HIV/AIDS was established
- US\$ 49.247.300,17 (Bs. 211.763.390,73) was the investment for ARVs treatment in 2011
- Nowadays more than 61,000 **PV** receive ARV treatment
- 30 kind of ARVs are distributed for free (all of them are imported)
- "Decentralization" of ARVs delivery
- An united public program for health security
- HIV care services at the main public hospitals all around Venezuela regions (24 regional coordinations)

Taken from: http://www.unaids.org/en/dataanalysis/monitoringcountryprogress/progressreports/2012countries/ce_VE_Narrative_Report%5b1%5d.pdf

**Does the right
to health and
life that HIV
infected people
have is
guaranteed in
Venezuela?**



Venezuela: What NGOs observe ...

ARVs shortage in 2009

November	Abacavir solución, Fosamprenavir, Ritonavir, Saquinavir, Atazanavir, Trizivir and Viramune <i>Several drugs for opportunistic infections, nutritional supplements and breast milk substitutes for children with HIV</i>
December	Abacavir solución, Fosamprenavir, Ritonavir, Saquinavir, Atazanavir, Trizivir and Viramune. <i>Several drugs for opportunistic infections, nutritional supplements and breast milk substitutes for children with HIV</i>

Venezuela: HIV infected people ARVs shortage



Venezuela:

What NGOs observe ...

ARVs shortage in 2010	
January	Abacavir solución, Fosamprenavir, Ritonavir, Saquinavir, Atazanavir, Trizivir and Viramune
February	Kivexa
April	Tenofovir, Etravirina and Abacavir + 3TC
August	Kivexa
September	Tenofovir and Efavirenz
October	Kivexa, Abacavir and Reyataz
December	Tenofovir, Abacavir, Lamivudina, AZT+3TC, Kivexa, Raltegravir and Saquinavir.

Venezuela: NGOs denounce ARVs shortage



Venezuela: What NGOs observe ...

ARVs shortage in 2011

February	Tenofovir, Raltegravir, Abacavir, Zidovudina, Kivexa, Rayataz, AZT + 3TC and Viramune
March	AZT + 3TC, Efavirenz, Kivexa and Tenofovir
April	AZT + 3TC, Fuzeon and Efavirenz.
September	Breast-milk substitutes for children with HIV
October	Saquinavir and Efavirenz Breast-milk substitutes for children with HIV
November	Efavirenz
December	Saquinavir

Venezuela: An infected person denounces ARV shortage



Venezuela: What ONGs observe...

ARVs shortage in 2012	
January	Saquinavir, Didanosina pediatric version
May	Duovir, Efavirenz, Raltegravir and Tenofovir
June	Saquinavir, Duovir, Efavirenz, Raltegravir and Tenofovir
July	5,000 people affected by treatment interruption when switching to generic didanosine (Videx EC). No solution yet.
From January to July	Breast-milk substitutes for children with HIV

Venezuela: HIV infected people ask for support to WHO



HIV-infected strike in front of OPS- Venezuela due to the ARVs shortage

Venezuela: What NGOs observe ...

ARVs shortage in 2013	
January	Raltegravir (Isentress®) (terapia de rescate), Abacavir / Lamivudina (Kivexa®)
February	Raltegravir (Isentress®) (terapia de rescate), Telvir® (Tenofovir), Reyataz® (Atazanavir)
March	Raltegravir (Isentress®) (terapia de rescate), Darunavir (Prezista®), Etravirina (Intelence®)
April	Telvir® (Tenofovir), Darunavir (Prezista ®), Foamprenavir (Telzir®), Etravirina (Intelence®), Truvada® (Entracitabina + Tenofovir), Efavir® (Efavirenz), Reyataz® (Atazanavir), Abacavir / Lamivudina (Kivexa®), Raltegravir (Isentress®) (terapia de rescate)

Venezuela: What NGOs observe ...

ARVs shortage in 2013

May	Foamprenavir (Telzir®), Truvada® (Entracitabina + Tenofovir), Efavir® (Efavirenz), Darunavir (Prezista ®)
June	Foamprenavir (Telzir®), Darunavir (Prezista ®)
July	Foamprenavir (Telzir®), Darunavir (Prezista ®)
August	Foamprenavir (Telzir®), Darunavir (Prezista ®), Abacavir / Lamivudina (Kivexa®), Truvada® (Entracitabina + Tenofovir), Ritonavir

Venezuela: What NGOs observe ...

ARVs shortage in 2013

September	Foamprenavir (Telzir®), Truvada® (Entracitabina + Tenofovir)
October	Truvada® (Entracitabina + Tenofovir), Abacavir / Lamivudina (Kivexa®)
November	Abacavir / Lamivudina (Kivexa®)
December	Abacavir / Lamivudina (Kivexa®), Liponavir/Ritonavir (Kaletra®), Truvada® (Entracitabina + Tenofovir)

Venezuela: HIV-Infected denunciate ARV shortage



HIV-infected strike in front of OPS- Venezuela due to the ARVs, reagents for control testing and formula milk shortage.

Venezuela: What NGOs observe...

ARVs shortage in 2014

January	Abacavir / Lamivudina (Kivexa®), Truvada® (Entracitabina + Tenofovir), Telvir® (Tenofovir), Liponavir / Ritonavir (Kaletra®)
February	Raltegravir (Isentress®) (terapia de rescate), Abacavir / Lamivudina (Kivexa®), Viraday (Atripla®), Abacavir (Ziagen), Telvir® (Tenofovir), Ritonavir (Norvir®)
March	Truvada® (Entracitabina + Tenofovir), Reyataz® (Atazanavir), Abacavir / Lamivudina (Kivexa®), Lamivudina, Abacavir (Ziagen), Duovir (Combibir) (Lamivudina / Zidovudina), Efavir® (Efavirenz), Ritonavir (Norvir), Foamprenavir (Telzir®), Darunavir (Prezista®), Kaletra® (Lopinavir / Ritonavir), Nevirapima, Tenofovir, Raltegravir (Isentress®) (terapia de rescate), Viraday (Atripla®) and Complera® (Emtricitabina / Rilpivirina / Fumarato de Disoproxilo de Tenofovir)

Venezuela:

What NGOs observe...

ARVs shortage in 2014

April

Kivexa, Efavir, Raltegravir (Isentress®) (terapia de rescate), Abacavir (Ziagen), Truvada® (Entracitabina + Tenofovir), Norvir® (Ritonavir), Tenofovir, Liponavir / Ritonavir (Kaletra®), Viraday, Reyataz® (Atazanavir), Darunavir (Prezista®), Kaletra® (Lopinavir / Ritonavir), Telzir®, Duovir(Combibir) (Lamivudina / Zidovudina)

May

Abacavir / Lamivudina (Kivexa®), Efavir® (Efavirenz), Duovir (Combibir), Abacavir (Ziagen), Tenofovir, Norvir® (Ritonavir), Darunavir (Prezista®), Viraday (Atripla®), Reyataz® (Atazanavir), Truvada® (Entracitabina + Tenofovir), Zidovudina (AZT), Complera® (Emtricitabina / Rilpivirina / Fumarato de Disoproxilo de Tenofovir), Intelence® (Emtravirina), Lamivudina, T-20, Raltegravir (Isentress®) (terapia de rescate)

Venezuela: What NGOs observe ...

ARVs shortage in 2014

June

Raltegravir (Isentress®) (terapia de rescate), Darunavir (Prezista®), Duovir (Combibir) (Lamivudina / Zidovudina), Lamivudina, Tenofovir, Abacavir, Etravirina (Intelence®), Zidovidune, Abacavir / Lamivudina (Kivexa®), Complera

“There are no reagents for testing CD4 or viral load until further notice”.

July

Duovir (Combibir) (Lamivudina / Zidovudina), Abacavir, Viraday, Complera, Trizivir, Truvada, Abacavir / Lamivudina (Kivexa®).

Venezuela: What NGOs observe ...

ARVs shortage in 2014

August

Zidovudina 300 mg (AZT), Raltegravir (Isentress®) (terapia de rescate), Abacavir / Lamivudina (Kivexa®), Darunavir (Prezista®), Abacavir, Lamivudina, Reyataz® (Atazanavir), Viraday, Duovir (Combibir) (Lamivudina / Zidovudina), Truvada, Norvir® (Ritonavir), Saquinavir (Invirase), Kaletra, Trizivir, Complera

September

Darunavir (Prezista®), Duovir (Combibir) (Lamivudina / Zidovudina), Abacavir, Zidovudina, Norvir® (Ritonavir), Truvada® (Entracitabina + Tenofovir), Viraday, Complera...

Venezuela: What NGOs observe ...

ARVs shortage in 2014

October	There was not report of ARVs shortage.
November	Truvada® (Entracitabina + Tenofovir), Efavir® (Efavirenz)
December	Truvada® (Entracitabina + Tenofovir), Efavir® (Efavirenz) and, Duovir (Combibir) (Lamivudina / Zidovudina)

Venezuela: Women claim their rights



HIV-infected strike in front of OPS- Venezuela due to the ARVs shortage

Venezuela: What NGOs observe...

ARVs shortage in 2015

January	Reyataz® (Atazanavir), Duovir (Combibir) (Lamivudina / Zidovudina), Lamivudina, Zidovudina, Darunavir (Prezista®), Raltegravir (Isentress®) (terapia de rescate), Saquinavir (Invirase), Truvada® (Entracitabina + Tenofovir)
February	Darunavir (Prezista®), Duovir (Combibir) (Lamivudina / Zidovudina), Truvada® (Entracitabina + Tenofovir)
May	Complera® (Emtricitabina / Rilpivirina / Fumarato de Disoproxilo de Tenofovir), Viraday (Atripla®), Truvada® (Entracitabina + Tenofovir)
June	Viraday (Atripla®), Truvada® (Entracitabina + Tenofovir), Norvir® (Ritonavir), Efavir, Lopinavir/Ritonavir (niños)

Venezuela: What NGOs observe...

ARVs shortage in 2015

August	Norvir®
September	Norvir®
October	Viraday (Atripla®), Truvada® (Entracitabina + Tenofovir)
December	Nevirapina

Venezuela: What NGOs observe...

Shortage inputs in 2015

January- December

The National Government did not buy reagents for ELISA test (HIV primary detection).

The National Government did not buy reagents for monitoring and controlling HIV- Infected, such as: reactivos para pruebas de Carga Viral y reactivos para conteo linfocitario de CD4.

There was no reagents for purified protein derivative; PPD, (Diagnosis of tuberculosis), neither antibiotics to treat this infection.

The health ministry did not buy Ivermectin , a drug to treat scabies.

Venezuela: HIV infected people protest for shortage



HIV-infected strike in front of OPS- Venezuela due to the ARVs shortage.

Venezuela: What NGOs observe...

ARVs shortage in 2016

January	Viraday (Atripla®), Truvada® (Entracitabina + Tenofovir), Nevirapina
February	Viraday (Atripla®), Truvada® (Entracitabina + Tenofovir), Nevirapina
March	Enfuvirtide (Fuzeon®), Raltegravir (Isentress®), Rilpivirina (Complera®), Viraday (Atripla®)
April	Enfuvirtide (Fuzeon®), Raltegravir (Isentress®), Rilpivirina (Complera®), Viraday (Atripla®)
May	Raltegravir (Isentress®), Darunavir (Prezista®), Etravirina (Intelence®), Reyataz® (Atazanavir), Rilpivirina (Complera®), Didanosina, Fuzeon®, Maraviroc, Lamivudina (en suspensión), Nevirapina (Viramune®)

Venezuela: HIV Service Store Shortage



Reagent shortage in public service stores for HIV infected people

Venezuela: What NGOs observe...

Shortage in 2016

January- April

The national government has imported reagents for ELISA (primary HIV test).

The national government presented shortage of reagents for viral load tests and CD4 lymphocyte count (January to April).

The MPPS (Ministry of Popular Power for Health) imported and distributed the reagents described above to the end of April 2016.

Venezuela: The Venezuelan Government is killing us.



HIV infected people strike in Venezuela

Venezuela:

Lo que observan las ONG...

Shortage in 2016

January-May

No reagents for PPD (diagnosis of tuberculosis).

In Venezuela there are no drugs to treat toxoplasmosis, cytomegalovirus, Kaposi's sarcoma, tuberculosis, syphilis, among others.

The Health Ministry has not purchased Ivermectin , a drug to treat scabies.

There is no formula.

The MPPS (Ministry of Popular Power for Health) has not purchased none of the above reagents.

Venezuela: There is no medicine for oportunistic infections



There are no Drugs to treat tuberculosis in Venezuela.

Venezuela: From November 2009 to May 2016...

- ARVs shortage and drugs for opportunistic infections;
- Delivery of ARVs already expired in some regions within the country;
- ARVs scheme changes without consulting people with HIV;
- Reagents shortage for testing ELISA and Western Blot;
- Failures reagents for CD4/CD8 and viral load;
- Shortage of kits biosafety;
- 4 laboratories for viral load (1 in Caracas and 3 in some regions);
- Increased mortality from AIDS (+70% between 1999 and 2012);
- There is no public inversion for preventing HIV;
- In Venezuela, food has weakened which deteriorates the quality HIV infected people's life, and it is a total risk for their lives.

**More than 61 thousand people affected by
HIV and AIDS**

Venezuela: A miserable feeding in public hospitals



This is what people eat at hospitals in Venezuela

In a nutshell.

- 17 years of Bolivarian Government;
- 14 health Ministers;
- Health Ministry budget is in deficit;
- High inflation rates hinder citizens have access to a balanced diet and vital drugs;
- 90% of medicines shortage and hospital supplies;
- Collapse of public and private health system;
- People die every day due to the lack of medicines;
- HIV is out of control:
 - No epidemiological studies.
 - No epidemiological of surveillance.
 - No investment in prevention.

What is the result? Health Humanitarian Crisis

Venezuela: Is it fair that our hospitals are falling off?



These are the bedrooms and beds at some hospitals in Venezuela.

Photo: at a popular clinic in Nueva Esparta – April 2016.

Venezuela: Where is the technical cooperation?



Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

UNAIDS

UNICEF • UNDP • UNFPA • UNDCP
UNESCO • WHO • WORLD BANK

Faced with the crisis that people living with HIV, in Venezuela, we do not have a local office of UNAIDS. It is closed! How long?

Venezuela: PAHO confirms ARVs shortage

Antiretroviral
Treatment in
the Spotlight:
A Public Health
Analysis in
Latin America
and the Caribbean

2012



37 episodes of ARVs shortage since 2010 to 2011, based on a study in 36 countries from Latin America published by PAHO named “Treatment in the spotlight” (march 2012)

Which means that:

- PAHO restates the truthfulness of the allegations made by the Civil Society over 2 years on the ARVs Shortage.
- Venezuela is in the first place of ARVs shortage in Latin America through this period of time.

Venezuela: PAHO confirms ARVs shortage

Antiretroviral Treatment in the Spotlight:

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Caribbean

2013

According to data from the official study “ARVs Treatment in the Spotlight” (2013), In 2012 **Venezuela is ranked as the highest number of episodes of ARVs shortage.**

Among other highlights aspects:

- Seven countries have achieved universal coverage (more than 80%) on ARVs free treatment: Argentina, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Guyana and Mexico. 11 countries are close to reach that goal, with a near or greater coverage of 70% : Bahamas, Belize, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, and Venezuela .

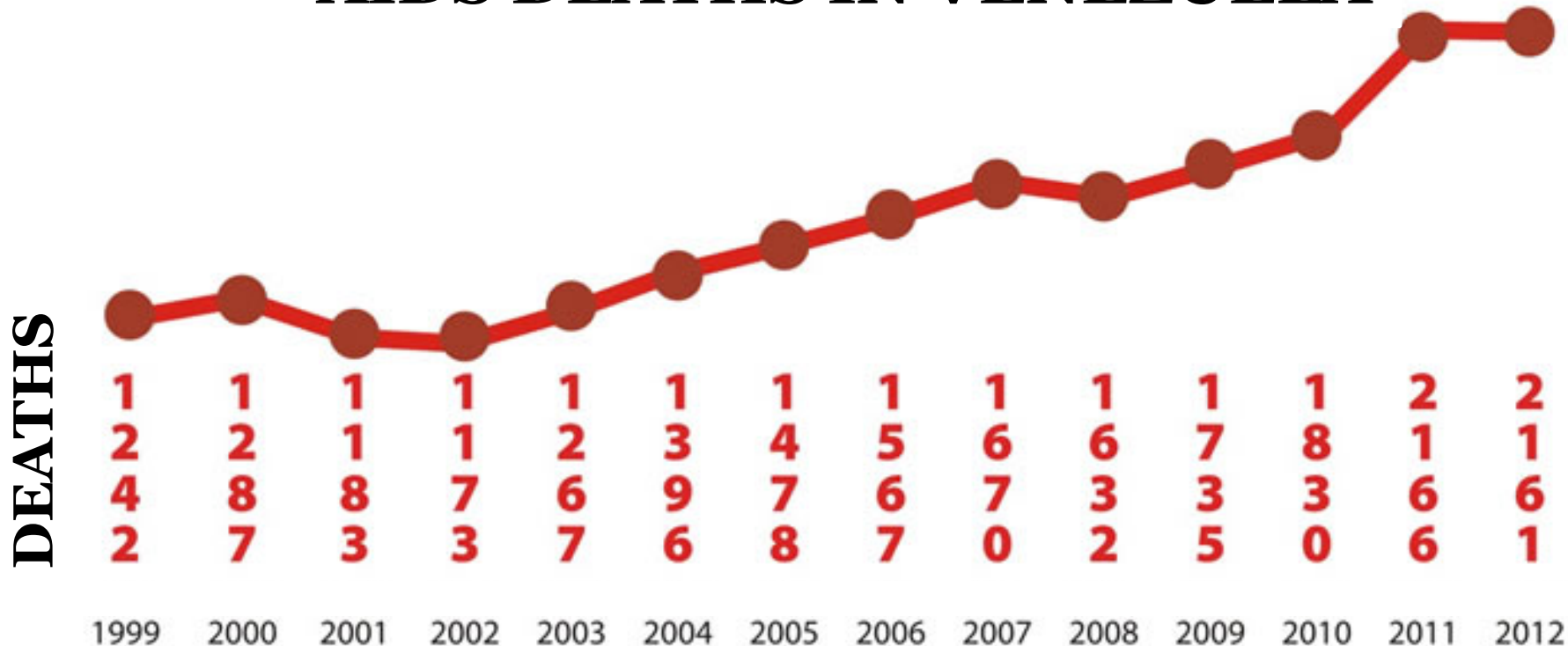


“HIV infected people can not stop their ARVs treatment, if they do the virus becomes resistant to drugs, their health would deteriorate and other diseases may cause death”



Venezuela: AIDS mortality has increased +70%

AIDS DEATHS IN VENEZUELA



Source: www.mpps.gob.ve



“Health is not a gift, it is a constitutional duty and the state is obliged to ensure this, no matter what.”

StopVIH:

Proposals to optimize health in Venezuela

- To recognize that we have a health crisis that requires serious commitment and humanitarian aid for avoiding mortality causes due to shortage of medicines and supplies;
- To create CONASIDA (Comisión Nacional para la Respuesta al VIH y Sida: a mixture team involving the National Government, Social Organizations, United Nations Agencies, Private Enterprise, people living with HIV, among other key actors);
- To pay off government debt with laboratories to supply the demand of the population and have large stock of medicines in public and private pharmacies;
- To remove restrictions that limit access to medicines, in this sense, allow drugs delivery nationwide through food companies;
- To eliminate the barriers that prevent information from reaching to schools and communities (Ministry of Education and Ministry of Communication);

StopVIH:

Proposals to optimize health in Venezuela

- To plan, invest and promote prevention and non-discrimination to people living with HIV;
- To do epidemiological and surveillance HIV studies;
- To increase investment to the national response of HIV;
- The TCAs should encourage the Venezuelan government to take steps to ensure the health and life, without forgetting that their duty is not only to cooperate with governments but also ensure the welfare of the people;
- To create mechanisms to help improve the country's situation regarding health and humanitarian crisis we are living;
- To accept humanitarian aid from international organizations, social organizations, people and solidarity countries with the Venezuelan people in order to guarantee the rights to health and life.

NGOs are still working



“HIV epidemic does not stop yet; although the state breaks on its obligation, social organizations will not stop until achieving everyone’s dignity”.

The condom: it is your best ally!



“The condom is the most effective individual technology for preventing sexual infections such as HIV/AIDS. But, where are they?”

We must make our voices heard



“ We recognize the success, but we also raise our voices to make visible the flaws that affect HIV/AIDS infected people in Venezuela”.

The education is the solution!



“Only education can generate positive changes in citizen’s behavior to stop this worldwide epidemic”

AIDS prevention campaigns!



“Due to the absence of official campaigns (since 2005) to prevent HIV in Venezuela, NGOs promote prevention and awareness attached to journalists, artists, athletes and many other public figures”.

United, we can make it!



*“My dream is to see healthy relay generations, no HIV infected children when born, **no more infected people**, no more deads citizen because of AIDS and **no discrimination against HIV living people.**”*

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