

Social food assistance programme for very vulnerable people at the San Rafael Home and Hospital in Maracaibo, and the St John of God Hospital in Caracas - Venezuela



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#### **Background**

Venezuela is in the throes of its worst humanitarian crisis in the modern age, paralysing production, the economy and national development, creating hyperinflation, runaway devaluation of the local currency, with a slump in the production of goods and services, affecting every part of the complex social fabric

#### **Purpose**

To alleviate the food needs of our Venezuelan brothers and sisters working or being cared for in the Caracas and Maracaibo Centres.

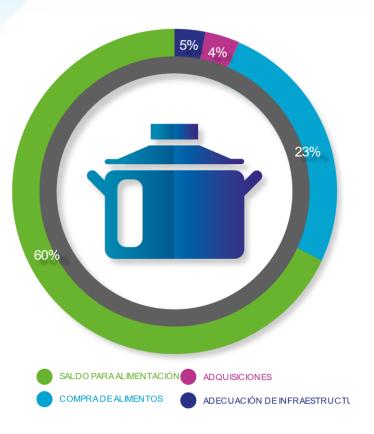
#### Scope

To provide 78,000 nutritious mid-day meals for 6 months from Monday to Friday for the co-workers and guests of the San Rafael Home and Hospital in Maracaibo, and the St John of God Hospital in Caracas - Venezuela.



## How the project was financed

- Thanks to the cooperation of the General Curia of the Hospitaller Order of St John of God and its benefactors, we received a total of US\$ 110,145.
- In March 2020, we received a further 202,311.34 euros from the General Curia with which we can continue funding the project for a further one to two years, depending on the needs we have to meet. The General Curia Campaign raised a grand total of 307,423.34 euros.
- To meet our goal we had to equip the kitchen with everything we needed to provide food meeting the best food biosecurity standards.







# WHAT THE PROJECT HAS ACHIEVED

- We launched the project at the **St John of God Hospital in Maracaibo** in December 2019.
- The service was run that month until 15 December 2019, when the Centre suspended its operations until the new year.
- In January 2020 we provided social support by serving **6,000 meals**, thereby achieving our goal.
- **b** By the third week in February we had provided some **4,500 meals**.
- Raising the awareness of our local community has had a great impact, with local chefs joining this noble cause by offering their services free of charge.





A total of 30 people -- Brothers, Co-workers, Volunteers and other helpers – are working on the project, disinterestedly dedicating their time and their energies for the common good every single day in groups of 10 people for the benefit of our Guests.

Lastly, this social project with its humanitarian focus is ensuring that the Charism of the Hospitaller Order of St John of God lives on.



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