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Region(s): **All**

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United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination Team

UNDAC ALERT MESSAGE (M1)

Event:	Venezuela Earthquake	Country:	Venezuela
Date/time of Occurrence:	24 June 2026	Type of Emergency:	Earthquake
Affected Area:	The main affected areas reported so far are Caracas, especially Los Palos Grandes, Altamira, San Bernardino, and Petare/Catia, plus La Guaira/Maiquetía around the airport and coastal zone.		

Background and mission objectives:	<p>Two strong earthquakes struck northern Venezuela on Wednesday, 24 June 2026, at approximately 17:04 local time, with preliminary magnitudes of 7.2 and 7.5 and a shallow depth of 10–15 km. The epicenter was off the country’s Caribbean coast near Morón, west of Caracas, and the shocks were felt across a wide area. An undetermined number of buildings were damaged or collapsed, and residents evacuated into the streets. This is assessed as one of the strongest earthquakes to affect Venezuela in over a century, with impacts felt across much of the country and neighboring states, and significant exposure in densely populated areas nationwide. The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, in coordination with the UN Humanitarian Coordinator in Venezuela, is requesting the mobilization of a UNDAC team to support government efforts on the ground.</p> <p>The main objectives, as part of an OCHA-led team, will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination support to the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the UN Humanitarian Coordinator, under the leadership of OCHA Venezuela Country Office. • USAR coordination. • Information management. • UN-CMCoord. • Logistics. • Environmental emergency response. • Administration and operational support. <p>Full TORs will be developed in the next few hours.</p> <p>Spanish, both spoken and written, is strongly preferred. UNDAC members should have experience in disaster management or civil protection, ideally in earthquake response, humanitarian coordination, information management, logistics, and operational support.</p>
Mission Duration & Location(s)	<p>The expected duration of the mission is approximately three weeks.</p> <p>Locations: Affected areas in Venezuela. Caracas and probably field locations</p>

Special Requirements:

Passports valid for at least six months at the time of entry into the country.

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UNDAC Team Members:

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OCHA wishes to thank all UNDAC members for their commitment and availability.