



Turimiquire Foundation

Annual Report 2024

Our U.S.-based non-profit 501(c)3 Foundation has served the low-income populations of northeastern Venezuela since 1997. Based on more than 40 years of personally living and working in these impoverished regions, we present our **Recipe for a Thriving Community** as a tested blueprint for action in *four steps* that both guides our own work and offers a replicable model for developing rural communities the world over:

(1) FAMILY PLANNING: *Empowering women and families with the means to control their own fertility.*

- ⇒ In 2024, we added **5484** additional reproductive-age women and men and their families to our client base, delivering **36,308 Couple Years of Protection (CYPs)**, the internationally-accepted metric by which USAID measures family planning achievement.
- ⇒ Calculating an average family of five+, an *additional 21,936 family members* directly benefited in 2024.
- ⇒ Cumulatively, from May 1997 through December 2024, we have served more than **81,680** low-income women and men with contraceptive methods for a grand total of **314,841 Couple Years of Protection**.
- ⇒ Starting in 2003, we have offered a total of **5293 Workshops in Sexual and Reproductive Health** to **126,510 participants**, primarily students and teenagers, through 2024. This educational program is critical: Venezuela's teenage pregnancy rate is one of the highest in Latin America and the world.
- ⇒ We are reaching more and younger women with reversible family planning. In the past, women survived significant infant and maternal mortality and morbidity, as well as economic adversity related to supporting large families. The average woman we now serve with reversible contraception is in her mid 20s with two children, taking control of her reproductive health and fertility much earlier in life. These women become outspoken examples for their extended families and neighbors, showing the **improved quality of life accessible through proactively determining the size of their families**.
- ⇒ As the first civil organization to consistently offer these services in northeastern Venezuela, we have effectively been ground zero for family planning and reproductive health services. In Venezuela today, contraceptives are sometimes not available, and/or are very expensive. Our popular and accessible services are often stretched to an extreme. Marginalized low-income families and adolescents need family planning more than ever in this time of humanitarian crisis!

(2) HUMANITARIAN AID: *The current Venezuelan crisis has generated great human need.*

- ⇒ In 2024, we performed **1795** surgical procedures for low-income individuals who could not count on Venezuela's public health system. Since we initiated this program in 1997, through December 2024, we have cumulatively realized a total of **18,353 surgeries**, and now counting in 2025!
- ⇒ We have also cumulatively offered **24,227 medical consultations** in various specialties, plus more than **7000 Medical Follow-ups**, including biopsies, medicines, cardio, CT-scans, X-rays, echocardiograms and lab work for patients in need.
- ⇒ We additionally provide emergency assistance to dozens of rural families, helping to alleviate a myriad of problems, including food insecurity for children, in this time of acute crisis in Venezuela.

(3) EDUCATION: *Once families gain control of their fertility, they concentrate on giving their children the best possible future through schooling.*

- ⇒ Our **Scholarship Program** for the *Vía Cumanacoa* community helps **50+** rural high school students to continue their studies each year. More than 500 students from semi-literate families have now attended high school and more than 100 have graduated—the first in their families to do so. Previously, most students in this community abandoned their education at or before the sixth grade.
- ⇒ Selected high school graduates continue their studies at the *college level* with ongoing Foundation support, a real precedent.
- ⇒ Our **Rio Brito Education Program** offers staffed library and computer facilities upriver, two hours walking distance from the nearest road, to support students at the remote rural high school.
- ⇒ Both rural and low-income urban *barrio* students study at our **Computer Center** in the city of Cumaná, which offers free Internet, tutoring, snacks and study and social areas during schooldays.

(4) COMMUNITY: Investing in people first!

Over the years, we have developed and maintained community infrastructure in the remote roadless valley where we have a farm, focusing on agriculture. We cultivate and disseminate unusual tropical fruits like Durian, Mangosteen, Jackfruit, Rollinia and Canistel. We also help to resolve any number of social and practical problems that permit this rural community to progress.

Small Foundation, BIG Results
We simply do more with less:

- ⇒ Please visit our website to learn about all of our different activities.
- ⇒ In 2024, a little more than 94 cents of every Turimiquire dollar went directly into the field. Over the past 20+ years, an average of about 94% of our budget has gone into the field.
- ⇒ Local donations, in-country *social marketing*, and sliding scale fees, all help to cover our operating costs and administrative expenses.
- ⇒ Our services are offered at highly subsidized prices. Most everyone can help with *something*, but there are always those who need and receive extra help from us.
- ⇒ We invest *minimally in public outreach*. Women and their families, as well as public and private health facilities, all regularly refer clients to us.
- ⇒ **Fundación ServYr**, our non-profit organization in Venezuela, received in local currency and in USD\$ the equivalent of **\$79,988** in patient co-pays and in-country donations in 2024. These funds first helped to cover local administration and infrastructure, and were then dedicated to our field programs, focusing on rural education, community development and agriculture.
- ⇒ Our actual budget for rural education was about **\$15,000** with this in-country support.
- ⇒ Our actual budget for rural community development and agriculture was closer to **\$25,000** with this in-country support.

We work with public and private health and education services that are unable to meet the critical needs of the still growing populations whom we serve. The humanitarian crisis in Venezuela only aggravates this situation.

There are no short cuts, but a little bit can go a long ways. We truly appreciate your help and hope that you can continue to support this urgent work!

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Our Finances in 2024

Calendar Year Expenses		%	Calendar Year Income	
Non-program overhead:		5.7%	Donations \$5000 and more	\$ 148,067
Administration and Infrastructure in Venezuela			Foundation Support	\$572,164
\$25,145		4.1%	Donations \$1000 up to	\$36,264
Administration and Fund Raising in the USA			Individual donations up to \$1000	\$35,685
\$10,187		1.6%	Interest Income	\$1682
Programs:		94.3%	Total	\$793,861
Family Planning Services and Reprod Health Education			We spend very little on infrastructure in the public and private health sectors, adding only what is needed to deliver our services effectively. ----- We would like to express our special thanks to the Erik and Edith Bergstrom Foundation , the Population Connection , the Amara Foundation , and Vitala Global , and to all of our donors for their generous support of our ongoing work.	
\$ 490,158		79%		
Humanitarian Assistance: Surgical, Medical, Nutritional and Family Emergencies				
\$68,871		11.1%		
Rural Education Center and Student Scholarships				
\$ 9064		1.5%		
Rural Development and Agriculture				
\$16,866		2.7%		
TOTAL				
\$620,393		100%		

Some years our income does not cover all of our program expenses. This year we received a dedicated grant to expand our work going forward in 2025, with margins to cover emergencies and contingencies.

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