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VENEZUELA NEEDS YOUR URGENT HELP

Venezuela a country that according to the World Bank classification is high income, that is to say classified as rich, therefore completely ineligible for international aid and to get support from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria that you represent. With this WB classification, you may imagine that we have living standards and access to healthcare services similar to the European Union, the United States, Canada, Australia or Japan. However, for us who live in dire straits, we clearly know that way of thinking is far from true, this classification does not mean anything, in fact, global travelers who have visited us recently have told us that the current situation in Venezuela on access to food and basic health services is much more like sub-Saharan Africa and especially to what happened in Zimbabwe a few years ago

Our currency has depreciated by about 900% in three years; Inflation is estimated to be at around 700%; government offices only work two days a week for lack of electricity; in terms of insecurity at this time maybe we are just below the war zone in Syria. Currently we have queues and long waiting times of several hours in supermarkets for basic products such as chicken, sugar, rice, coffee, milk, etc. And sometimes after several hours of waiting, when our turn comes the product is already sold out

Health services conditions in Venezuela are deplorable, no lab reagents, some TB referral centers cannot take simple chest X-rays because no plates or because the equipment is broken, medicines are scarce, some have been in complete zero stock for a few months, hospitalization areas without running water, fully-contaminated surgery rooms, not enough anesthesia to treat the wounded, several thousand people with HIV are now without antiretroviral treatment

We know that currently the world does not care about Venezuela or they think the problem will be solved by Venezuelans or that in any case we will receive help from Latin America, and of course perhaps in many cases many countries do not like the government that Venezuela has. In this letter we do not intend to speak bad or good about the current government of Venezuela, but make a strong call for international solidarity and support for the people of Venezuela who are not just facing the most severe economic crisis in our history, but in an emergency of food and unprecedented health services crisis

Perhaps you consider that this situation is only juncture, well then we ask for at least short term international aid, we would like to ask you to approve an exception to provide urgent humanitarian aid for HIV-AIDS and Tuberculosis, literally we are not only suffering hungry, but we are also dying because our health system is totally collapsed.

If urgent help won't pass, please at least come to Venezuela immediately come visit us to asses with your own eyes and confirm that we are not exaggerating and that our suffering is real

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