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Solidarity Statement Venezuela earthquake

Public Services International (PSI), a global trade union federation representing more than 30 million public service workers in 154 countries, expresses its deepest solidarity with the Venezuelan people, with the families affected by the earthquake and with our 11 affiliated organisations in the country.

The earthquake has had a devastating impact across a vast area and has hit a country whose capacity to respond has been severely undermined by the prolonged economic blockade. This situation has hampered the speed of responses in the most remote areas, has overwhelmed supply chains and has forced an unsustainable use of public infrastructure, such as schools and sports centres converted into care centres for the injured and for families who have lost their homes or whose homes have suffered serious structural damage.

The public health system, which was already facing significant shortages of infrastructure, supplies and staff before the disaster, is under enormous pressure to deal with the emergency.

In times of crisis such as this, the essential role played by public service workers around the world is once again made clear. From search and rescue operations to healthcare, emergency response and the restoration of water, energy and other essential services, it is these workers who sustain the immediate response and support local communities in their most difficult moments.

This disaster demonstrates once again that having strong, adequately funded public services under public control is essential to protect the population and respond to emergencies quickly, effectively and in a coordinated manner. Investment in high-quality public services strengthens communities' resilience and saves lives.

On behalf of more than 30 million public service workers around the world PSI calls on the public and all authorities to recognise the continuing efforts of Venezuelan public service workers in extraordinarily complex circumstances, often putting their own safety at risk to assist and care for those most in need.

We reiterate our full commitment to standing alongside and supporting our affiliated organisations in Venezuela, as well as the Venezuelan people, in their response, recovery and reconstruction efforts.

International solidarity is one of the pillars of the trade union movement and, in these difficult times, we reaffirm our commitment to stand alongside those who work every day to protect lives and guarantee the rights of the population.



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