



# **WAYÚU TAYA FOUNDATION**

## **2025 ANNUAL REPORT**

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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FUNDACIÓN WAYÚU TAYA IN VENEZUELA



## FOUNDER'S NOTE

When I founded Wayúu Taya more than two decades ago, the intention was simple: to stand alongside unprivileged communities that are too often left to face hardship alone. What began as a deeply personal commitment has grown into Wayúu Taya, which through consistency, trust, and local leadership has supported more than two million people across Latin America over time. This report reflects a portion of that work, focused on selected programs and activities during 2025.

# AT A GLANCE

## 2025 Impact Snapshot

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People reached in 2025

**326,567**



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People supported since founding More than

**2 million**



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Programas

- Food
- Health
- Water
- Education
- Music
- Agroecology



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Where we work  
Venezuela  
United States



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Years of service Founded  
in 2002

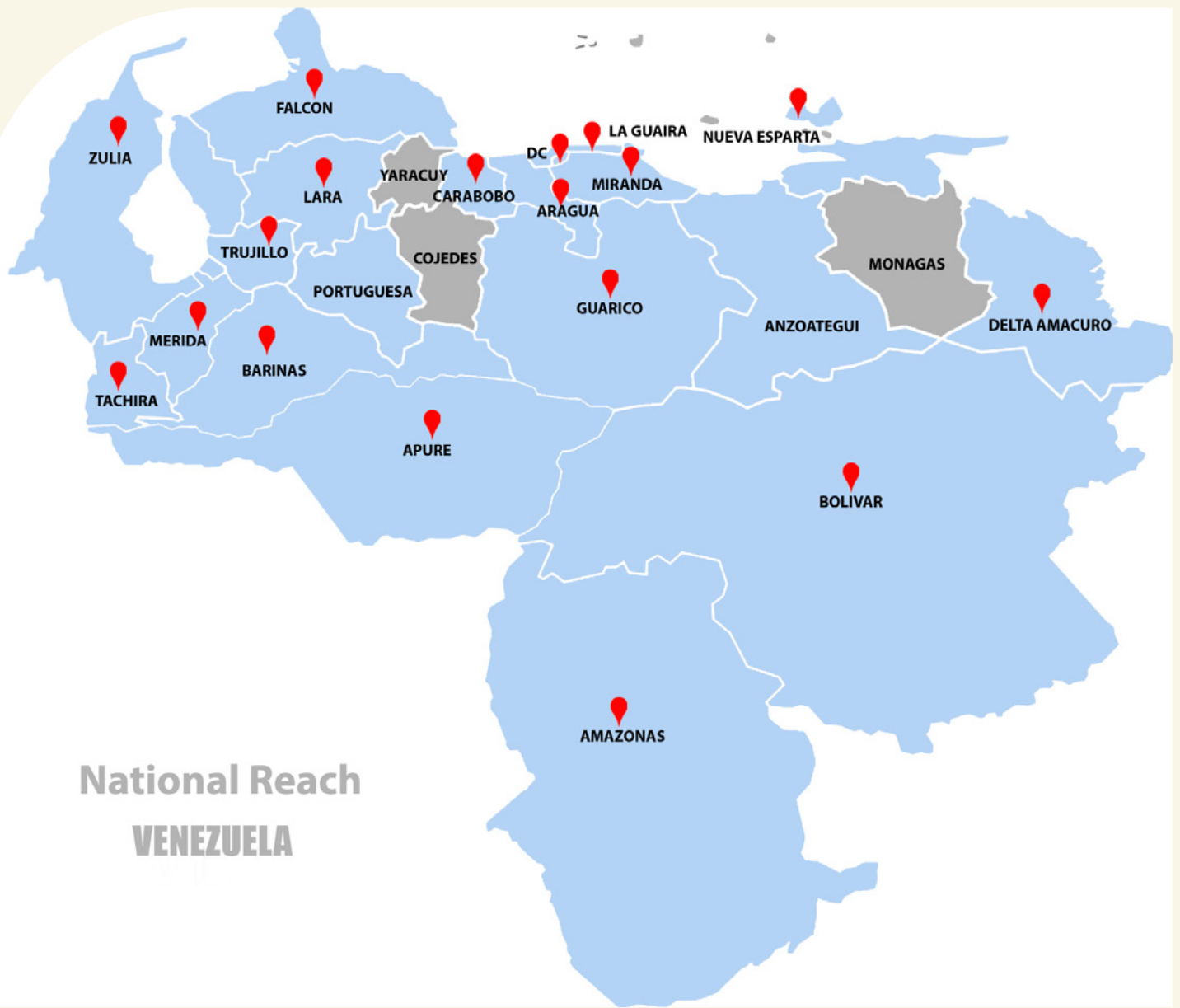




# INTRODUCTION

In 2025, Wayúu Taya Foundation, working through Fundación Wayúu Taya in Venezuela, continued its mission to support unprivileged communities across the country. Through integrated efforts spanning education, health, food security, and water access, Wayúu Taya reached 326,567 people during the year.

Since its founding, Wayúu Taya has supported more than two million people, strengthening communities through sustained, locally grounded initiatives. This report presents key outcomes, program highlights, and operational progress from both the United States and Venezuela during 2025.



# WHERE WE WORK

Wayúu Taya programs are implemented across underserved regions of Venezuela, with a strong presence in the Mara Municipality and surrounding areas. Key program hubs include Apuna Farm and Mirabello Farm, which support food distribution, water access, education, and agroecology initiatives. Medicine distribution and health campaigns reach schools, communities, and institutions across multiple regions.



# HOW WAYÚU TAYA WORKS

Wayúu Taya Foundation in the United States provides strategic direction, institutional support, and operational oversight. Through our sister organization, Fundación Wayúu Taya in Venezuela, programs are implemented locally by experienced teams who understand the realities, priorities, and needs of the communities they serve.

This structure allows Wayúu Taya to maintain accountability, continuity, and adaptability while ensuring decisions remain grounded in local leadership and on the ground experience.

# FUNDACIÓN WAYÚU TAYA

# VENEZUELA

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS





## FOOD PROGRAM

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**2025: 6,671 PEOPLE**

**TOTAL TO DATE: 99,175 PEOPLE**

Through the ACESSO food program, Wayúu Taya reached 90 communities and 118 schools, providing weekly meals to 6,671 individuals, including 4,717 children.



# HEALTH PROGRAM

**2025: 318,073 PEOPLE**

**TOTAL TO DATE: 1,021,938 PEOPLE**

With the support of Direct Relief, GlobalGiving, Center for Disaster Philanthropy, and Colgate, medical supplies were distributed to 68,015 people through 110 institutions. In addition, six health campaigns provided services to 3,521 individuals. Hygiene kits reached 246,393 people, delivered across 1,002 schools, 112 communities, 63 institutions, 79 NGOs, and 6 health drives.



# WATER PROGRAM

**2025: 791 PEOPLE**

**TOTAL TO DATE: 93,631 PEOPLE**

In 2025, thanks to the collaboration with Center for Disaster Philanthropy (CDP), 924,560 liters of clean water were distributed in the Mara region. Throughout the year, 411 people maintained regular access to safe drinking water, while an additional 380 people gained access during the final quarter, bringing total beneficiaries to more than 790 people.



# EDUCATION

**2025: 704 PEOPLE**

**TOTAL TO DATE: 7,474 PEOPLE**

At Tepichi Talashi School, 411 students received two daily meals, essential school supplies, and access to basic healthcare services. In parallel, six teacher development workshops strengthened educational capacity, directly benefiting 293 participants.



# MUSIC PROGRAM

**2025: 328 PEOPLE**

**TOTAL TO DATE: 1,438 PEOPLE**

Through 237 workshops, the Núcleo Wayúu Taya Program engaged 252 youth in musical initiation, orchestral training, choral practice, and ancestral music, with the support of El Sistema. The Music Heals Program, in partnership with Music Heals International, provided 31 children with twice weekly instruction across multiple instruments, while the Ancestral Music Program supported 45 children in preserving traditional musical expressions. Participants received instruments, snacks, drinking water, transportation, and educational materials to support consistent participation.



# AGROECOLOGY PROGRAM

**2025 : 50 PEOPLE**

**TOTAL TO DATE: 175**

At Mirabello Farm, one grape harvest was achieved in May and June, with a total yield of 2,000 kg, sold to a local winery. Training activities were conducted with a focus on women's participation in agriculture. Through the completed harvest and the engagement of participants, many of them women, the program maintained consistent community involvement in agroecological practices.

# OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



## INFRASTRUCTURE

The main house at Mirabello Farm was refurbished to serve as Wayúu Taya operational offices in the Mara Municipality. Operations were relocated from Apuna Farm to Mirabello Farm to centralize activities and reduce operating costs.

In September 2025, a potable water processing plant was completed at Mirabello Farm. The reverse osmosis system has a purification capacity of up to 15,000 liters per day and is supplied by the farm's deep water well.

## PERSONNEL

In 2025, staffing levels were adjusted in line with operational needs. No new employees were added, and staff levels were reduced. As of year end, Wayúu Taya employed 22 people.

# VOLUNTEERS

During 2025, 118 volunteers supported Wayúu Taya programs and operations, contributing time and expertise across initiatives.



# LEGAL COMPLIANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

All required certifications and registrations were renewed to maintain legal operations in Venezuela. Administrative systems were updated to strengthen internal procedures. Permits related to new water program operations were requested and are currently in process.



# CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED

## VENEZUELA

Program expansion required flexibility, simplified processes, and strong local leadership to address logistical and economic challenges.

## UNITED STATES

Supporting program expansion across entities revealed the need for stronger internal systems, clearly defined roles, and structured communication.



## IMPACT STORIES

Maria, a student at Tepichi Talashi School, improved her health and academic performance through the school feeding program. In the Mara region, access to clean water reduced waterborne illnesses, particularly among children.

Teacher at Tepichi Talashi School

“The meals, supplies, and support we receive allow our students to focus on learning. We see the difference every day in their energy, their attendance, and their confidence.”

Volunteer in the Mara region

“I keep coming back because this work is consistent. Communities know they can count on Wayúu Taya, and that trust matters.”

# GOALS

## FUNDACIÓN WAYÚU TAYA

### Venezuela

#### SHORT TERM GOALS 2026

- Reevaluate programs to align with priority needs
- Redirect agroecology resources to health, food, and education
- Optimize the Water Program including a self sustaining model

#### LONG TERM GOALS

- Reduce operational expenses without affecting impact
- Expand funding sources and strategic partnerships

## WAYÚU TAYA FOUNDATION

### United States

#### SHORT TERM GOALS 2026

- Position Wayúu Taya as the primary strategic support platform for programs in Venezuela
- Advance structured fundraising and resource development while lowering operating costs
- Expand Wayúu Taya presence within key institutional and funding networks

#### LONG TERM GOALS 2026 TO 2027

- Achieve greater financial resilience through diversified multi year funding
- Sustain organizational capacity, governance, and internal coordination
- Consolidate the United States foundation as a long term stability platform for Venezuela programs

# LOOKING AHEAD

Looking ahead, Wayúu Taya remains focused on sustaining what works, strengthening local leadership, and continuing to respond as needs evolve across the communities we serve.



# CLOSING

As conditions in Venezuela continue to evolve, Wayúu Taya Foundation, through Fundación Wayúu Taya, remains committed and prepared. Guided by local leadership and supported by institutional capacity in the United States, Wayúu Taya continues to implement, adapt, and sustain programs as needs change.

The trust placed in Wayúu Taya by donors and partners enables responsible stewardship, continuity of operations, and the flexibility required to act with care and purpose. Together, across borders, the focus remains on supporting communities with dignity, consistency, and long term commitment.





## A MESSAGE TO YOU

Your trust, engagement, and belief in this work make it possible for Wayúu Taya to continue supporting communities with clarity and accountability. Thanks to you and our partners, this work moves forward, grounded in responsibility, presence, and long term commitment.



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**THANK YOU**