

# *Haitian Mother Names Newborn 'Venezuela' for Doctors Who Helped*

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Port-au-Prince, October 21 (RHC)-- A Haitian woman who gave birth with the help of Venezuelan doctors named her newborn little girl 'Venezuela,' to thank them for the support they are giving the country after Hurricane Matthew devastated the island.

Two groups of doctors from the Simon Bolivar Task Force are attending the most affected areas in Haiti, such as Pico Macaya, west of the country. The Venezuelan government sent a second brigade of 200 doctors to Haiti on Monday. "Go to Haiti and take our love and solidarity, to continue forging the Christian feeling of giving your life to save others," said President Nicolas Maduro during a graduation ceremony for new doctors last week in Caracas.

Venezuela has also sent two shipments of humanitarian aid, the first was an airplane with 20 tons of nonperishable food, water, blankets, kitchen utensils, disposable materials, tents, ponchos and medicines.

The governments of Cuba and Venezuela have shown their solidarity with Haiti by sending specialized medical personnel and humanitarian aid to alleviate the suffering of hundreds of thousands of people

affected by Hurricane Matthew.

Haiti, the poorest country in the Americas, was particularly affected and has not yet fully recovered from a devastating 2010 earthquake which decimated its infrastructure.

Moreover, there remains the threat of complications like cholera outbreaks or other health crises which have often followed natural disasters on the island. So far seven cases attributed to water contamination with sewage have been already registered. The hurricane left over 870 killed, and more than two million affected.

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