

MORTALITY RATE SKYROCKETING IN VENEZUELA

Cause Map

If you can find health care, you can't afford it

"There are people dying for lack of medicine, children dying of malnutrition and others dying because there are no medical personnel."
- Dr. Yamila Battaglini, surgeon at J. M. de los Rios Children's Hospital

"Venezuela's problems are a consequence of the craziest economic policy ever in a country or in the world. It's a country that has gone through its longest and highest oil boom in its history, and ended that period over-indebted, with a destroyed productive capacity, and now it cannot face the reduction in the price of oil."
- Ricardo Hausmann, Professor at the Kennedy School of Government

2 Analysis

Detailed Cause Map

Patient Safety Goal Impacted

Evidence: Death rates of babies under a month old increased to >2% in 2015 from 0.02% in 2012 (government report); maternal deaths increased almost 5x in same period

Patient Services Goal Impacted

Organization Goal Impacted

1 Problem

What	Problem(s)	Venezuelan health care crisis
When	Date	Ongoing
	Different, unusual, unique	Hyperinflation; policies set prices below production costs
Where	Facility, site	Venezuela
	Unit, area, equipment	All health care facilities
	Task being performed	All types of treatment

Impact to the Goals

Patient Safety	Mortality rates skyrocketing
Patient Services	Health care treatment unavailable
Schedule/ Operations	
Property/ Equipment	Drugs, equipment unavailable

3 Solutions

With this many (and this severe) problems, there are no easy answers. Making the situation even worse is the government's denial that there IS a problem. Says President Nicolás Maduro, "I doubt that anywhere in the world, except in Cuba, there exists a better health system than this one." This is preventing other countries from providing aid, sometimes because they are unaware the extent of the need. At least one country, India, is offering drugs for oil, though that may be mainly to recoup funds they are already owed, not for providing new medication.

Property, Equipment Goal Impacted

Evidence: Per Pharmaceutical Federal of Venezuela, country is lacking ~80% of needed basic medical supplies

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Step 1	Problem	What's the Problem?
Step 2	Analysis	Why did it happen?
Step 3	Solutions	What will be done?

