HIV Treatment Crisis in Venezuela

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AID FOR AIDS is a U.S.-based nonprofit organization committed to improving the quality of life of people living with HIV/AIDS in Latin America and the Caribbean, especially through its HIV medicine recycling program.

Jesus Aguais, the founder and executive director, has alerted POZ of an urgent situation in Venezuela and is asking for support from our readers.

In an email to POZ, he said:

> "A coalition of AIDS services organizations in Venezuela has contacted [AID FOR AIDS] to ask for our help. Due to a lack of government action [in Venezuela] in the face of massive nationwide shortages, the political and economic climate has left Venezuela's stocks of medication severely depleted and the country is set to run out of HIV medication by the end of June. When this happens, over 61,000 people will be without access to treatment.

"Even with our decades of experience and the size of our program, to be able to overcome this great challenge I will need your help collecting medication and spreading the word about a potential catastrophe in the making, letting them know that they can donate surplus ARVs to our organization to help us mitigate the effects of this encroaching problem."

For a list of the most urgently needed HIV meds, click here. Please call their development and communications associate Pedro Aguilar at 212-337-8043 or email him at paguilar@aidforaids.org for more information.

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