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Venezuela Scientologists Reach Millions with the Truth About Drugs

The Truth About Drugs initiative, supported by the Church of Scientology, works year-round to combat drug abuse and addiction.

The Truth About Drugs team of Venezuela pulled out all stops June 26, United National International Day against Drug Abuse and Addiction, to bring the message of drug-free living to people throughout the country.

Mario Chirinos, director of the group, broadcasted the anti-drug message in TV and radio interviews on Zulia State Catatumbo TV, Telecolor TV Channel, and radio 97.1FM, 107.3FM, 92.5FM and 101FM. He also arranged for Truth About Drugs public service announcements to be played on the TV screens at the Maracaibo bus station.

Chirinos and his team conducted Truth About Drugs workshops for employees at the Maracaibo, Puerto La Cruz and Caracas branches of BNC

Bank, and a conference at the Rafael Belloso (URBE) University of Maracaibo titled “Why People Take Drugs.” They also helped URBE students conduct a series of three Truth About Drugs seminars.

The URBE University Truth About Drugs group organized a series of conferences at Cristobal Mendoza High School, reaching 135 students with the Truth About Drugs curriculum, and URBE students distributed thousands of copies of Truth About Drugs booklets at the bus station and Maracaibo Cathedral.

They put the final touches on the day joining forces with the Scout Association of Zulia to distribute thousands of copies of The Truth About Drugs booklets in the park at Lake Maracaibo. Thousands more copies were distributed in the city of Mérida and at the stadium in Carabobo City.

For more than two and a half decades, Scientologists on five continents have been working in their communities to empower others with the truth about drugs. The Church and its members are dedicated to eradicating drug abuse through education.

The Church of Scientology has published a brochure, *Scientology: How We Help—The Truth About Drugs, Creating a Drug-Free World*, to meet requests for more information about the drug education and prevention initiative it supports. To learn more or read a copy of the brochure, visit the [Scientology website](#).

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Scientology Founder L. Ron Hubbard wrote, "The planet has hit a barrier which prevents any widespread social progress—drugs and other biochemical substances. These can put people into a condition which not only prohibits and destroys physical health but which can prevent any stable advancement in mental or spiritual well-being."

The Church of Scientology supports the Truth About Drugs, one of the world's largest nongovernmental drug education and prevention campaigns. It has been conclusively proven that when young people are provided with the truth about drugs—factual information on what drugs are and what they do—usage rates drop commensurately.



Truth About Drugs volunteers distributed thousands of drug education booklets June 26, 2013, United Nations International Day against Drug Abuse and Human Trafficking, throughout Venezuela.



Scientologist Mario Chirinos was interviewed about the Truth About Drugs initiative on the Angie Corzo TV show.



On United Nations International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, the Truth About Drugs initiative broadcasted their anti-drug message to millions of people in Venezuela.