KEY RESPONSE MESSAGES

- Political, human rights and socio-economic developments in Venezuela continue to lead to the exodus of millions of refugees and migrants. The number of Venezuelans in countries across Latin America and the Caribbean rose from about 695,000 in 2015 to nearly 5.1 million by April 6, 2020.

- Due to the economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis on Venezuelans, World Vision is requesting US$15 million to scale up response activities inside Venezuela and in neighboring countries where the need is the most severe. World Vision aims to assist 625,000 people, or about 120,000 families, through multi-purpose cash assistance. This allows them to buy essential supplies like food, medicine, and personal hygiene items. We are focused on the most vulnerable people in Venezuela.

- Venezuela is ranked among the least prepared countries to respond to a pandemic, as it lacks basic supplies needed to prevent infection and treat illness. Meanwhile the closure of the borders in March prompted migrants to once again take to the illegal crossings, exposing children and women, in particular, to increased risk of trafficking and abuse. Countries hosting migrants and refugees are applying self-isolation, social distancing, and curfew measures that impact the operations of crucial services, such as life-saving and sustaining community kitchens, shelters, legal and protection services, with many services forced to shut down.

- Governments need to ensure that humanitarian organizations have access to communities, migrants and refugees to provide basic assistance alongside the governments.

- In this time of a global pandemic, the international community should focus on humanitarian aid towards Venezuela applying humanitarian law and obligations, and try to prevent a health disaster that could spread across much of Latin America.

REGIONAL HUMANITARIAN NEEDS by sector in Venezuela and host countries

- 5 K Migrants and refugees leaving Venezuela daily, before border closures
- 6.16 M People need humanitarian assistance.
- 3.2 M Children in need of protection*
- 3.52 M People in need of critical health services
- 2.6 M People who are food insecure
- 2.4 M People in need of shelter
- 1.5 M People in need of life-saving WASH services
- 1.42 M People in need of education services
- 1.27 M People in need of non-food items

*Reported cases of unaccompanied and separated children, elderly, people with disabilities, as well as human trafficking and smuggling prevention and response services.

DONORS AND PARTNERS

SOURCES:
COUNTRY OVERVIEWS

- **Bolivia**: Restricted mobility and limited banking services have made it difficult to acquire and distribute food. However, in coordination with the local response platform, WV Bolivia is playing a support role in the acquisition and distribution of dry food in the cities of La Paz, Cochabamba and Santa Cruz. We also coordinate with the Bolivian Red Cross to provide basic health care to the population in shelters and shelters in those three cities.

- **Brazil**: About 100,000 Venezuelans have settled in the border state of Roraima, which does not offer as many work opportunities as other states. Restriction and restrictions due to COVID-19 have made Venezuelans more vulnerable because essential health and immigration services have closed and employment has dried up. World Vision is adapting projects and programs to continue supporting informal education and protection activities for children, psychological support for special protection cases, employability and entrepreneurship. We are incorporating the three strategic objectives related to the Global COVID-19 Emergency Response, where Brazil is a priority country.

- **Chile**: The COVID-19 pandemic has made the Venezuelan migrant and refugee population here even more vulnerable. About 85% of them live in Santiago, the capital. The precarious conditions in which they live increase as the social distancing and quarantine measures do not permit formal or informal economic activities to be carried out.

- **Colombia**: Colombia has the eighth-highest number of COVID-19 infections in Latin America. Humanitarian needs in the country have increased significantly throughout the country, as quarantine has hindered people from acquiring resources for food, housing, and other vital needs. Because of the health emergency, WV response approaches have focused on health, WASH, food security and nutrition, multipurpose and Gender-Based Violence sectors.

- **Ecuador**: The UN projects there will be 659,000 Venezuelans in the country by the end of 2020. The country has been under strict closures, quarantine, and movement restrictions since March 16. This has made hundreds of thousands of Venezuelan migrants even more vulnerable, hunger, health problems, and other protection issues. World Vision Ecuador is participating actively in the different working groups activated to respond to this emergency such as Humanitarian Country Team, CCD, Education Working Group, Protection WG, Food Security WG.

- **Peru Lima**: Peru Lima hosts 86.6% of the Venezuelans in Peru. Other Peruvian cities with significant Venezuelan populations: Trujillo, Piura, Chicha, Chimbote, Iquitos, Huánuco, Huancayo, Arequipa, Ica, and Tacna. In Tacna, a key group of Venezuelans live as quarantine has hindered people from acquiring resources for food, housing, and other vital needs. Because of the health emergency, WV response approaches have focused on health, WASH, food security and nutrition, multipurpose and Gender-Based Violence sectors.

- **Venezuela**: Operational and safety conditions in the field continue to be affected by power outages, telecommunication problems, intermittent access to water, food-price increases, fuel shortages, and the activities of irregular armed groups, mainly in border and remote areas. Since mid-March COVID-19 closures, the return of Venezuelans from Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru, among others, requires particular attention to ensure that they can practice appropriate virus-prevention measures, including provision of decent and safe temporary accommodation.
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COUNTRY OVERVIEW

KEY MESSAGES

- The injection of resources to support the humanitarian crisis of Venezuelans is urgent, especially because of the new health emergency of COVID-19. From March 24th to April 26th, the Colombian government declared a mandatory lockdown across all Colombian territory due to the spread of COVID-19, with 4,356 people infected and 206 deaths (as of April 23). All air, land and sea borders have been closed.

- According to figures from the Colombian Office of Foreign Affairs, there are 1,825,687 Venezuelans in Colombia, out of which 1,026,314 are in an irregular situation. However, due to the new emergency by COVID-19, a significant flow of people has been identified transiting from inside the country towards Venezuela through illegal borders.

- President Iván Duque published an article in The Washington Post calling for additional support from the international community for Colombia’s response to refugees and migrants from Venezuela. Due to the national quarantine, calls to domestic violence prevention hotlines have increased by 200%.

HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

- 1.02 M Migrants in Colombia with irregular status.
- 3.2 M People in need of humanitarian assistance
- 1.73 M People in need of protection services
- 1.01 M People in need of water, sanitation, and hygiene services
- 330,300 People in transit
- 1.81 M People in need of food assistance and nutrition services
- 696,000 Children in need of education
- 2.26 M People in need of urgent health services
- 350,488 Returnees

FUNDING NEEDS

Target 20.5 M

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SOURCES:
International Affairs Office, R4V Platform, UNHCR, RMRP
### CASH BASED PROGRAMMING

Despite the impacts of COVID-19, families have managed to receive multipurpose cash to meet their basic needs. The distributions are conducted following health protocols and social distancing.

### EDUCATION

Despite the fact that school activities were suspended, educational materials were provided to children to be held in their homes according to health protocols.

### PROTECTION

Although there is evidence of increased violence and rights violations, actions have been implemented to address these risks, especially for vulnerable children and women.

### FOOD SECURITY & LIVELIHOODS

There were no food voucher deliveries in March due to the risk of infection. However, house-to-house deliveries of food packages were conducted.

### WASH

Hygiene kits were delivered to vulnerable populations and water tanks were provided to migrant shelters.

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### RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: MONTHLY  
(MARCH 2020)

- **12,069** People reached with some form of assistance
- **299** People received protection assistance
- **4,776** Children and their families received education assistance
- **649** People reached with non-food items
- **367** People received food and nutrition assistance
- **5,978** People received water, sanitation, and hygiene services

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### RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: CUMULATIVE  
(JANUARY 2019 - PRESENT)

- **118,569** People reached with some form of assistance
- **64,517** People received food and nutrition assistance
- **1,779** Families received livelihoods assistance
- **21,166** People received protection assistance
- **7,575** People received unconditional cash transfers
- **22,701** Children and their families received education assistance
- **831** People reached with non-food items
- **7,196** People received water, sanitation, and hygiene services
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COUNTRY OVERVIEW

KEY MESSAGES

- The UN projects there will be 659,000 Venezuelan migrants in the country by the end of 2020. The country has been under strict closures, quarantine, and movement restrictions since March 16. This has made hundreds of thousands of Venezuelan migrants even more vulnerable to hunger, health problems, and other protection issues.

- World Vision Ecuador is participating actively in the different working groups activated to respond to the COVID-19 emergency. They include the Humanitarian Country Team, CCD, Education Working Group, Protection WG, and Food Security WG.

HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

- 342,000 People in need of protection services
- 468,000 People in need of humanitarian assistance
- 122,000 People in need of shelter
- 96,000 People in need of water, sanitation, and hygiene services
- 27,000 Undernourished people
- 355,000 People who are food insecure
- 93,000 Children in need of education
- 232,000 People in need of urgent health services
- 55,000 People in need of non-food items

FUNDING NEEDS

- Target: 6 M
- Funding received: 570 K
- Funding gap: 5.43 M

SOURCES:
SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

PROTECTION

The project financed by UNHCR "Respiramos Inclusión" is being implemented in three provinces (Manabí, Pichincha and Tungurahua). It seeks to promote inclusive educational spaces and to reduce discrimination and xenophobia in educational institutions.

FOOD SECURITY

WV Ecuador is implementing a World Food Program food assistance project in the Province of Manabí, with the goal of improving the food security of 7,500 people. Food security relief efforts continue as possible during the government-ordered COVID-19 prevention measures.

FOOD SECURITY

A World Food Program food assistance project is underway in the Province of Los Ríos, with the aim of improving the food security of 3,150 people.

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RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: MONTHLY

(MARCH 2020)

248 People reached with some form of assistance

228 People provided with food and nutrition assistance

20 People provided with water, sanitation and hygiene services

RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: CUMULATIVE

(JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)

11,728 People reached with some form of assistance

11,228 People received food and nutrition assistance

420 People received water, sanitation, and hygiene services

80 Children and their families received education assistance
More than 210,000 refugees and migrants are highly vulnerable and will not have access to government economic subsidies. As they do not have the possibility of generating economic income, their situation of vulnerability is aggravated. The 85% of the Venezuelan population in Peru that depends on informal jobs will be affected most, and this is likely to result in a short-term increase in the level of food insecurity. In the first 17 days of quarantine, there were 2 femicides, 2,500 complaints against aggressors, 43 rapes, and 538 identified as severe cases of aggression against women.

Since September 2018, World Vision Peru has implemented projects in Tumbes, La Libertad, Lima and Tacna. These interventions include child protection, food security, non-food items, unconditional cash transfer, improvement of shelters, education, and livelihoods programs. These actions fall within the framework of World Vision Peru’s Response Plan to the Venezuelan migration/refugee emergency 2020. In the state of Tumbes, a meeting was held with the social development management, represented by the deputy manager. The aim was to influence the state to provide support to migrants in the areas of education, health and work.
COUNTRY OVERVIEW | PERU

SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

FOOD SECURITY & LIVELIHOODS

In Lima, the Technical and Professional Certification project financed by USAID Country Mission has succeeded in enrolling 38 Venezuelan doctors who took the national medical examination for their professional license.

STRATEGY

WV Peru is part of the National Humanitarian Network and the Working Group for Refugees and Migrants (WGRM). We continue to participate in meetings convened by the GTRM Group. WVP has participated with the RHN sectors for the Multisectoral Report of the National Humanitarian Network on Pandemic COVID-19.

PROTECTION

At a regional level in Tumbes, Trujillo, Lima and Tacna, World Vision participates in various spaces promoted by the government and cooperation mechanisms. In Tumbes, World Vision Peru participates in the protection and basic needs sectors.

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RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: MONTHLY
(MARCH 2020)

1,222 People reached with some form of assistance
1,105 People provided with food and nutrition
37 Children and their families received education assistance
45 Families received livelihoods assistance
35 People received protection assistance

RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: CUMULATIVE
(JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)

39,019 People reached with some form of assistance
7,811 People provided with food and nutrition
37 Children and their families received education assistance
100 Families received livelihoods assistance
2,209 People reached with inclusion services
3,675 People received protection assistance
KEY MESSAGES

› The Bolivian government has declared a state of health emergency throughout the country, issuing control measures for the movement of people and suspending educational activities. It tightened the quarantine measures from March 26 to April 30, 2020, restricting the movement of vehicles and people, declaring a total closure of all borders with the aim of reducing the spread of COVID-19.

› World Vision Bolivia has taken measures to protect its staff and has adopted teleworking as a means of providing direct assistance to the vulnerable children and families in our program areas.

SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

PROTECTION

› World Vision has been providing care services in Child-Friendly spaces to support the protection of children.

FOOD SECURITY

› In an initial response to COVID-19 in March, WV Bolivia distributed food kits to 338 people in shelters and hostels in La Paz.
In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, living conditions have become significantly more precarious as a result of the imminent economic recession at the national level. The Venezuelan migrant population does not have enough information or knowledge to access the aid provided by the government. World Vision Chile has adapted its operations to offer key aid in the context of the pandemic to all families who visit its centers in both Arica and Santiago. The centers have delivered food and Non-Food-Item support, psychological first aid, tele-education aid, and continuous monitoring to 80 families.

WV has reached an operational agreement with UNHCR so that we can have some degree of autonomy in terms of increased visibility with the government. The project's main sector is education (formal and non-formal), and focuses on the integration of migrant girls in the country. Another relevant issue is the prevention of sexual abuse situations and human trafficking involving children, adolescents and women. By not having access to work they may be potential victims. There has been an increase on working deals related to informal trade or sexual exploitation.

**HUMANITARIAN NEEDS**

- **283,000** People in need of protection services
- **295,000** People in need of humanitarian assistance
- **14%** Of Venezuelans in Chile are children
- **149,000** Children in need of education
- **211,000** People in need of non-food items
- **179,000** People in need of urgent health services
- **24,000** People are refugees

**FUNDING NEEDS**

- **Target**: 500K
- **Funding received**: 450K
- **Funding gap**: 50K

**SOURCES:**

OCHA HRP, RV4 2019, RV4 Mid-Year Report - June 2019
Since its realignment to adapt to the COVID-19 crisis, the “hope without border” project has been able to reach 89 migrant families with both material and psychosocial aid.

RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS
CUMULATIVE:
JANUARY 2019- PRESENT

- 7,294 People reached with some form of assistance
- 3,207 People reached with food and nutrition
- 202 Children & their families reached with education assistance
- 2,282 People reached with protection assistance
- 1,042 People reached with non-food items
- 483 People reached with water, sanitation, and hygiene services
- 78 People reached with shelter
- 37 Children & their families reached with education assistance
- 418 People reached with protection assistance
- 65 People reached with water, sanitation, and hygiene services
- 339 People reached with food and nutrition
- 252 People reached with non-food items

RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS
MONTHLY: MARCH 2020

- 1,111 People reached with some form of assistance
- 339 People reached with food and nutrition
- 37 Children & their families reached with education assistance
- 418 People reached with protection assistance
- 252 People reached with non-food items

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KEY MESSAGES

According to official reports by Federal Police, 94,844 Venezuelans live with an open refugee request and 64,707 with temporary resident status, resulting in a total of 159,551 people from Venezuela with high vulnerability. World Vision is working constantly to adapt our projects according to the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to a recent study by OIM in Brazil, more than 60% of Venezuelans there are unemployed and 96% say Brazil is their final destination. World Vision is working to adapt their social integration interventions according to the restrictions related to COVID-19 and the resulting effects on social integration programs.

Over the previous 3 months of operations, World Vision has supported more that 8,246 children who live in conditions of extreme vulnerability, out of school, and at increased risk of violence. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, there is need for urgent action to provide support to this specific group.

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HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

- 289,000 People in need of protection services
- 108,000 People in need of water, sanitation, and hygiene services
- 108,000 People in need of shelter
- 289,000 People in need of humanitarian assistance
- 36,000 Undernourished people
- 54,000 People are food insecure
- 65,000 Children in need of education
- 253,000 People in need of urgent health services
- 216,000 People in need of non-food items

SOURCES:
SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

HEALTH
World Vision adapted all our programs and projects to respond to the COVID-19 global emergency. More than 2,000 Venezuelans were reached by educational and prevention programs to reduce risk of infections. Our local market assessment and nutrition evaluation among the migrant population in Roraima, Amazonas and Pará States revealed a lack of nutrition among indigenous refugees. We aim to improve the general access to macronutrients. The situation will likely change as the COVID-19 pandemic evolves.

LIVELIHOODS
Thanks to the Bureau of Populations, Refugees and Migrants of the US Department of State, nearly 1,100 migrants started technical capacity building in the states of Roraima, Amazonas, and São Paulo.

PROTECTION
Super Panas, our child friendly spaces adaptation to the migrant context, is still in operation despite the lockdown limitations. Educational Operations continue mainly in the indigenous shelters and BV8 base in Pacaraima, where part of our staff are also refugees. There, 8,426 children continued with non-formal educational support since January. In addition, 1,169 children were referred to specific protection networks.

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COUNTRY OVERVIEW | BRAZIL

RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: CUMULATIVE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)

People reached with some form of assistance 6,752
People reached with protection assistance 3,404
People reached with livelihoods assistance 2,141
Children and their families reached with education assistance 1,207

RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: MONTHLY (MARCH 2020)

People reached with non-food items 6,120
People reached with livelihoods assistance 2,141
Children and their families reached with education assistance 1,207
People reached with water, sanitation, and hygiene services 2,119

People reached with some form of assistance 41,360
People reached with protection assistance 15,133
Families reached with livelihoods assistance 2,452
Children and their families reached with education assistance 15,221
**COUNTRY OVERVIEW**

**KEY MESSAGES**

- Considering the collapse of public services in the country and high rates of violence, Faith-Based Organizations and churches in Venezuela represent key partners for World Vision. Their communities trust them and they are committed to serve the most vulnerable population across the country.

- In March, World Vision conducted a multi-sector rapid assessment of 1,388 families to determine needs in the Venezuelan states of Distrito Capital, Lara, Táchira, Miranda, and Zulia. We were awarded 50,000-Pounds grant from the Latin American Children’s Trust with the support of WV.

- On March 13, the government decreed a State of Alarm that allowed it to take extraordinary measures to manage the COVID-19 crisis. The closures and restrictions have made struggling families even more vulnerable to malnutrition, violence, and health issues.

**HUMANITARIAN NEEDS**

- 7 M People need humanitarian assistance
- 4.3 M People in need of water, sanitation, and hygiene services
- 3.7 M People need urgent food assistance
- 2.8 M People need urgent health services
- 2.2 M People need access to education
- 2.7 M People need protection services

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**FUNDING NEEDS**

- 800 K Funding received
- 14.2 M Funding gap

- Target: 15 M

**RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS**

**MONTHLY: (MARCH 2020)**

- 28 Partner leaders trained in cash transfers and communications

**CUMULATIVE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)**

- 28,600 Meals provided to children
- 1,445 People reached with protection assistance
- 1,955 People provided with water, sanitation and hygiene services
- 294 Adults and church leaders trained to better serve their communities