

VENEZUELA CRISIS RESPONSE

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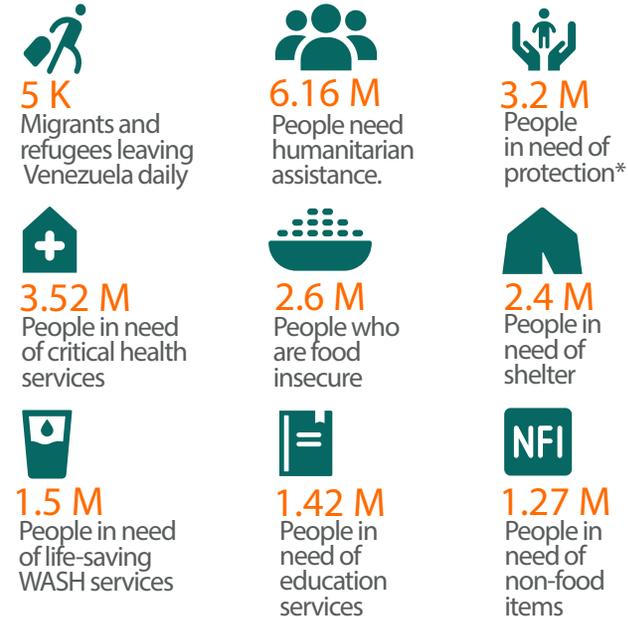
Latin America and the Caribbean REGIONAL OVERVIEW



KEY MESSAGES

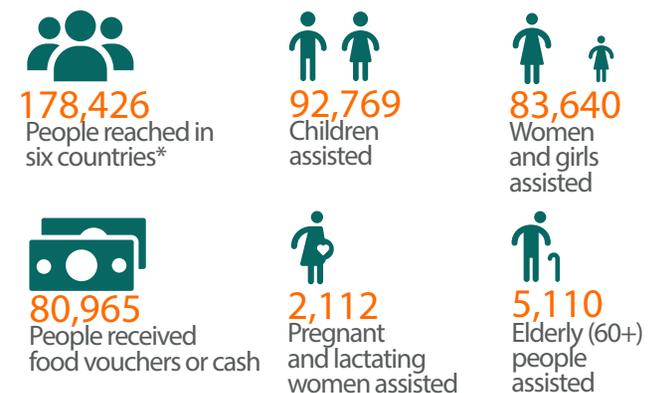
- ▶ With an average rate of 5,000 daily arrivals in countries bordering Venezuela, the international community remains highly concerned. The vulnerabilities of the refugees and migrants from Venezuela continue to increase while national response capacities reach a breaking point. This has led to growing tensions in host communities.
- ▶ 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 more than 4.7 million at the end of 2019.
- ▶ The International Solidarity Conference on the Venezuelan Refugee and Migrant Crisis held in Brussels on 28-29 October 2019 sent a strong message of support to the Venezuelan refugees and migrants as well as to their host countries and communities in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- ▶ The Venezuelan crisis requires aspirational thinking on the development of a global responsibility sharing mechanism, as no one country alone can address the challenge of children on the move. Cooperation and shared responsibilities must be part of the new framework.
- ▶ Governments and policy makers must invest in resilience and sustainable development outcomes to address the structural causes of the Venezuelan crisis. Child protection should be prioritized in all policies and political solutions to resolve the crisis.
- ▶ World Vision is now working in Venezuela, focusing on food security, nutrition, and cash programming with trusted partners.

REGIONAL HUMANITARIAN NEEDS by sector in host countries



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

RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



*Protection, education, food security, nutrition, or WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene)

SOURCES:

OCHA H RP | R4V 2019 | R4V Mid-Year Report June 2019 | R4V.info | RMRP 2020 | UNHCR Data Portal

COUNTRY OVERVIEWS

- ▶ **Bolivia:** Many Venezuelans enter the country irregularly without documents—as such, they are legally required to remain in Bolivia. World Vision (WV) runs a migrant protection center that provides legal advice, basic health care, and case referrals to migrants. WV Bolivia also operates a child friendly space promoting social inclusion through health and educational projects, and has partnered with UNHCR to strengthen the local government response.
- ▶ **Brazil:** The Brazilian Government remains committed to supporting people coming from Venezuela. Most arrive needing protection and humanitarian assistance. As they cross the border, World Vision distributes relief and dignity kits and creates entrepreneurship and income-generation opportunities. WV Brazil is assisting in the implementation of several Child Friendly Spaces. These safe spaces focus on child protection and education. WV couples violence prevention activities and case management with basic educational skills development.
- ▶ **Chile:** Hundreds of Venezuelans arrive to Chile every day, becoming the country with third-most Venezuelan migrants after Colombia and Perú. During the first half of 2019, about 20,000 Venezuelan migrants settled in Chile every month. Partnering with UNHCR, WV's protection center in Arica provides shelter and protection, promotes inclusion of Venezuelan migrants into society, provides child protection and basic necessities. WV collaborates with the municipality and government as well as with local churches.
- ▶ **Colombia:** Thousands of Venezuelans arrive in Colombia every day. Many walk along main roads and highways seeking food, shelter, and a place to rest. WV maintains a broad, multi-sectoral portfolio, spanning the migration route. At two border points with Venezuela, WV operates food, health,

hygiene and shelter activities. WV strengthens local capacity to identify and respond to child protection needs, provide psychosocial support, and prevent and respond to Gender-Based Violence (GBV). Education activities adapt protective school environments for children and build the education authority's capacity. Farther along the migration route, WV supplies food and nutrition while helping adolescents to assess and combat risks. At the Ecuador border (Nariño), shelter and WASH items are given to migrants leaving Colombia. In Antioquia, a settlement location, WV offers food, nutrition, and hygiene assistance to families.

- ▶ **Ecuador:** By the end of 2020, the United Nations estimates that 659,000 Venezuelans will be in Ecuador, a transit and destination country for refugees and migrants from Venezuela hosting the second largest Venezuelan population after Colombia. Within Ecuador, World Vision provides assistance in Manta and Quito, delivering food, nutritional, and shelter support. WV works to re-establish communication within migrant families and offer internal transportation. WV also operates a cash-based program assisting Venezuelan families in Quito and at the northern border with Colombia.
- ▶ **Peru:** Most Venezuelans in Peru reside in Lima (78%); the perception among Peruvians of Venezuelan migrants as criminals has generated resistance from local governments to implement pre-established agreements in the public sector to support Venezuelan migrants. World Vision operates a multi-sector portfolio in Peru by providing hot meals, conducting cash-based programming, offering protection services, operating Child-Friendly Spaces, holding social integration activities, and providing livelihoods support.
- ▶ **Venezuela:** The ongoing political and socio-economic crisis in Venezuela have caused more than 4.7 million people to flee the country. The exodus is the largest in modern history of Latin America and the Caribbean and involves both refugees and migrants from Venezuela. World Vision aims to reach 40,000 people in 2020 with food, nutrition, health, and education programs.

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COUNTRY OVERVIEW

KEY MESSAGES

- Of the 4.5 million Venezuelans who have left their country of origin, more than 1.4 million are in Colombian territory. Compared to October 2018, the number of migrants in Colombia has increased 38%.
- The increasing restrictions established by Ecuador and Perú in terms of visa and permissions requirements have made a bottleneck of migrants trying to cross in the south of the country. This has caused high needs in these locations.
- In order to further strengthen the Colombia response, WV has been developing its humanitarian response plan for refugees and migrants (RPRM) for 2020 which will focus on protection, multisector cash and education, to meet the most important humanitarian needs.



FUNDING NEEDS



SOURCES:

International Affairs Office, R4V Platform, UNHCR, RMRP

HUMANITARIAN NEEDS



665,665
Migrants in Colombia with irregular status.



3.2 M
People in need of humanitarian assistance



501,100
People in pendular transit



1 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



1.73 M
People in need of protection services



350,488
Returnees

SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

CASH BASED PROGRAMMING

The Ven Esperanza Project was awarded in Consortium with MercyCorps, IRC and Save The Children. World Vision intervention will be located in Barranquilla, Cucuta and nearby areas. Multipurpose and unconditional cash transfers are the foundations of the project.

EDUCATION

Four teachers were hired to strengthen our efforts in the project "Education Cannot Wait" in Norte de Santander and La Guajira. Throughout the project with UNICEF, World Vision is holding education campaigns and flexible education sessions in Norte de Santander and La Guajira.

PROTECTION

World Vision has implemented actions seeking to strengthen the capacities of the community and local actors, the prevention of gender based violence, the provision of psychosocial support for children and communities, the establishment of referral routes with local organizations and national institutions, the installation and adequacy of Child Friendly Spaces and the provision of Journey Kits for walkers.

LIVELIHOODS

World Vision has developed and implemented livelihoods programs in Norte de Santander department funded by OFDA, providing technical assistance and training to vulnerable families so that they develop or strengthen their entrepreneurship projects with knowledge, supplies and machinery for their small businesses.

FOOD SECURITY

In partnership with World Food Program, World Vision has been providing assistance to improve food security among highly vulnerable Venezuelan settled in Norte de Santander department. We are in discussions with WFP to extend the joint food security project in 2020 with increased actions beyond food voucher delivery.

RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS

TO DATE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



90,648
People received life-saving assistance



49,001
People received food and nutrition assistance



15,392
Children and their families received education assistance



1,779
Families received livelihoods assistance



20,403
People received protection assistance



2,476
People received unconditional cash transfers

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COUNTRY OVERVIEW

KEY MESSAGES

- › Education interventions remain a clear unmet need. These type of interventions require close collaboration and cooperation with the government.
- › Better information saves lives and decreases vulnerability. The Ministry of Human Mobility requested the International Organization for Migration, IOM, to conduct the Displacement Tracking Matrix, DTM, to determine the situation and needs of Venezuelan population in Ecuador. World Vision and IOM have conducted five DTM rounds, the last one having taken place in June 2019.
- › New visa restrictions in Ecuador for Venezuelans took effect on August 26, 2019. Stricter immigration policies are being implemented in several countries; these regulations are increasing the number of people using informal crossings.
- › In light of these needs, World Vision conducted a multi-sectoral and multi-agency humanitarian needs and market assessment along with a rapid analysis to better understand the local context.



FUNDING NEEDS AND GAPS

- › There are key gaps for social and economic inclusion activities.
- › There is a need to consider single men traveling alone in programming as gender approaches may exclude this demographic, despite urgent needs and vulnerable conditions.

SOURCES:
 RV4 2019, RV4 Mid-Year Report June 2019, RMRP 2020.

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

SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS



PROTECTION

In October 2019, World Vision started an inclusion project with UNCHR that was conducted in education institutions in Quito and Manta in order to promote the fulfillment of migrant children's rights in education spaces.



FOOD SECURITY

Beginning in March 2019, World Vision has been partnering with the World Food Program, WFP, to provide food in Manta to 7,500 people. Together with WFP, World Vision also manages a food assistance project in Los Ríos province that has assisted a total of 3,150 people so far.



COMMUNICATIONS

In October 2019, World Vision conducted workshops in seven cities to sensitize journalists and media about the impact of communications on humanitarian assistance.

RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS

TO DATE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



9,192
People received
life-saving
assistance



8,712
People provided
with food and
nutrition assistance



300
Children provided
with education
assistance



3,767
Women
and girls
assisted



400
People provided
with water,
sanitation and
hygiene services



4,665
Children served

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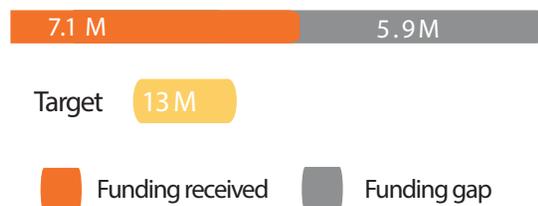
- › The project Reducing the vulnerability of Venezuelan migrants / refugees in Peru (USAID / FFP-OFDA), has been implemented 22 dining rooms in the three regions (16 in Lima, 03 in La Libertad and 03 in Tumbes). 01 dining room in the Binational Border Assistance Center (CEBAF); which allows us to attend children, people and families who, due to immigration requirements, cannot enter Peru.
- › Access to basic rights and services is a crucial need among Venezuelan refugees and migrants arriving in Peru. In particular, they face significant challenges accessing regularization mechanisms while trying to settle in the country.

GAPS AND NEEDS

- › There is a need to partner more frequently with organizations with access to greater resources and funding from bilateral and multi-lateral donors.
- › Need exists to continue to promote a humanitarian response focused on livelihoods.
- › A greater awareness and focus on the need for early childhood care, from both donors and partner organizations.



FUNDING NEEDS



HUMANITARIAN NEEDS



268,000
People in need of protection services



617,000
People in need of humanitarian assistance



208,000
People in need of shelter



268,000
People in need of water, sanitation, and hygiene services



431,000
People in need of non-food items



208,000
People who are food insecure



342,000
Children in need of education



401,000
People in need of urgent health services

SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

PROTECTION

The "Healing in Harmony" project has started, aiming to emotionally support migrant and refugee youth and adolescents, as well as host communities, through music (i.e. making songs, recording music, and therapeutic accompaniment).

STRATEGY

Within the Working Group for Refugees and Migrants, World Vision specialists participated in the Protection, Integration, Education and sub-Information groups, as well as the CBI and Communications sectors.

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.

OPERATIONS

World Vision has 96 employees trained in emergency affairs nationwide.

RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS

TO DATE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



34,043
People received life-saving support



4,624
People provided with food and nutrition



25,140
People provided with multi-purpose cash assistance



15,554
Children assisted



1,013
People provided with inclusion services



18,362
Women and girls assisted



2,990
People received protection assistance

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COUNTRY OVERVIEW

KEY MESSAGES

- Greater recognition is needed for Bolivia's role in the crisis. The country has seen a gradual increase in the numbers of Venezuelans. Reports show that migrants and their families are settling in urban areas and often struggling financially; many lack economic opportunities and seek assistance for basic needs.
- There is a large need for child friendly spaces to protect children as well as education opportunities as it is evident that many of them are out of school.
- For Venezuelan migrants entering Bolivia, support and legal advice is required to comply with appropriate entry procedures. Registration and documentation assistance can greatly help



SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS



- World Vision Bolivia has started a humanitarian protection project to provide case management to Venezuelans. WV hired staff, has begun implementing activities, and started installing equipment.
- Together with UNHCR, World Vision is part of a network of civil society organizations that assist Venezuelans entering the country.
- World Vision is serving children and adolescents with psychosocial support and protection services in La Paz.

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RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



50
Venezuelans received protection advice to enter the country



100
People received protection assistance



\$140 K
To start a new multi-sector project



89
Children assisted at new Child-Friendly Space

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COUNTRY OVERVIEW

KEY MESSAGES

- While the impact of the arrival and transit of increased numbers of refugees and migrants from Venezuela has been considerable, the Government of Chile has worked towards identifying solutions and responding to the needs of vulnerable refugees, migrants and host communities impacted directly and indirectly by the crisis in Venezuela.
- Chile is going through an important social and political crisis that will cause significant national changes. It is expected to have constitutional ramifications.
- During the first half of 2019, the country has received a more diverse influx of refugees and migrants from Venezuela, many arriving in highly vulnerable conditions. For example, an increased number of those coming to Chile arrive with families that include pregnant women, children, and elderly individuals.



GAPS AND NEEDS

- With shelter as a key need, there is a clear need for rental housing support. There is need to continue promoting humanitarian response focused on livelihoods.
- To support the empowerment of women and foster greater agency, World Vision field teams point to a gap in women's entrepreneurship activities.

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

SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS



PROTECTION

World Vision is conducting workshops to train children to protect themselves against sexual abuse and is planning to open another protection center in the city of Santiago.



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

World Vision provides laundry services, clean bathrooms and showers to migrants through a partnership with ADRA.



PROTECTION

1,678 people have attended the Child Friendly Space in Arica.



FOOD SECURITY

World Vision has provided a basic food basket to 639 people.

RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS

TO DATE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



5,592
People received some form of assistance.



544
People provided with shelter, livelihoods and resilience support



687
People provided with non-food items



3,005
Children assisted



1,563
People provided with protection services



2,292
Women and girls assisted



2,476
People received unconditional cash transfers



2,111
People provided with food and nutrition

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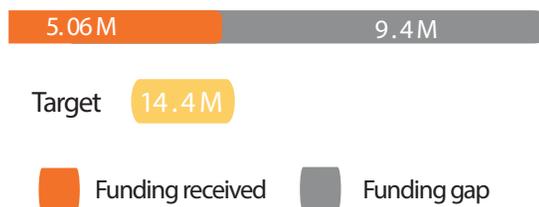
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KEY MESSAGES

- Partnerships are key to meeting the needs of migrants. World Vision is partnering with the national government and other agencies to increase protection assistance for the most vulnerable. World Vision's response aims to empower and build the capacity of Venezuelans through entrepreneurship and income generation activities.
- Due to the increase of xenophobia and the frailty of the local protection network, World Vision is proposing an expansion of its protection response inside the territories in order to support the well-being of the beneficiaries and their families.
- Resilience is important to consider throughout this response—among the host communities and among Venezuelans. Employment is the primary need.



FUNDING NEEDS



SOURCES:

Federal Police; Government of Brazil; Regional Platform for Refugees and Migrants Platform, Socio-economic and vulnerability, July 2019 profiling of Persons of Concern in Pacaraima, Boa Vista and Manaus, OCHA HRP, RV4 2019, RV4 Mid-Year Report June 2019, RMRP 2020.

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



250,000
People in need of urgent health services



216,000
People in need of non-food items

GAPS AND NEEDS

- For those most vulnerable Venezuelans, there is a need to improve the procedures for protection cases.
- Though key health needs exist (including health analysis, mobile units, mental health and psychosocial support in particular), there are health funding gaps.
- There is an urgent need for nutrition services for children and refugees living on the street. Food gaps are present for those leaving shelters, in resettlements or living in shelters.
- A greater need exists for temporary shelter and cash voucher programming, as well as support for refugees

SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS



PROTECTION

World Vision is very active in the local protection network in Roraima, offering specialized assistance and identifying, referring and following protection cases in coordination with UN agencies and local government coordination bodies.

RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS

TO DATE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



21,735
People provided with life-saving services



6,692
People assisted with livelihoods and resilience assistance



8,883
Children provided with education assistance



11,612
Children assisted



4,041
People received protection assistance



12,484
Women and girls assisted



2,225
People provided with water, sanitation and hygiene services

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COUNTRY OVERVIEW

KEY MESSAGES

- › Seven million people require some form of humanitarian or protection assistance in Venezuela.
- › There are significant humanitarian needs in the areas of health, food security, nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene, protection, shelter and non-food items and education.
- › The operational environment for humanitarian organizations has improved in recent months. In the last several months, there have been positive trends, towards a greater recognition by the Government of the need for humanitarian assistance and for the UN and its partners to further scale up its response and establish humanitarian coordination structures in line with IASC guidelines and principles.



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

RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS

(October - December 2019)


28,600
 Meals provided to children


266
 Adults and church leaders trained to better serve their communities


1,445
 People received protection assistance


1,955
 People provided with water, sanitation and hygiene services

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