# VENEZUELA CRISIS RESPONSE

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by sector in host countries

# Latin America and the Caribbean **REGIONAL OVERVIEW**



### **SOURCES:**

OCHA H RP | R4V 2019 | R4V Mid-Year Report June 2019 | R4V.info | COVID-19 RMRP 2020 | UNHCR Data Portal

## **KEY RESPONSE MESSAGES**

- > Political, human rights and socio-economic developments in Venezuela continue to lead to the exodus of millions of refugees and migrants—nearly 5.2 million as of Aug. 5, 2020. About 100,000 Venezuelans have opted to return to the country during the pandemic, despite border restrictions and increased risks.
- In response to the crisis brought on COVID-19-prevention measures, World Vision is requesting US\$3 million to scale up response activities inside Venezuela. We aim to assist 50,000 people 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. 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.
- Migrants' needs under COVID-19 are accentuated by higher risks of income loss, housing eviction, exploitation, human trafficking and others. In recent assessment conducted by WV in 7 countries in South America, 70% of Venezuelans had to change their housing arrangements because they could no longer afford it and looked for a cheaper solution, shelter or remain on the street. In this context every third child reported going to bed hungry. Governments need to ensure that humanitarian organizations have access to communities, migrants and refugees to provide basic assistance alongside the governments.
- World Vision's 7-country response aims to raise US\$80 million to reach 700,000 people from January 2020 through December 2022. That includes reaching 200,000 regionally and 40,000 in Venezuela between October 2019 and September 2020.

## REGIONAL HUMANITARIAN NEEDS



Migrants and refugees leaving Venezuela daily, before border closures



People need humanitarian assistance.



in need of

protection\*



People in need of critical health services







People in need of life-saving WASH services



People in need of education services



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**











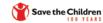




















# Latin America and the Caribbean REGIONAL OVERVIEW

# **RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: MONTHLY**



People reached with some form of assistance\*, including 15.878 children



Children and educators reached with education services



People provided inclusion services

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People received multipurpose cash transfers



3,876
People reached with WASH services



People reached with non-food items



3,517
People reached with protection



services

15,944

People reached with food security, nutrition, or livelihoods assistance or training



People provided with shelter

# **RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: CUMULATIVE**

(JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



People reached with some form of assistance\*, including 172,325 children



Children and educators reached with education services

243
People provided with shelter

73,256
People received multipurpose cash transfers



20,246
People reached with WASH services



2,125
People reached with non-food items

# 61,626 People reached with protection services

People provided inclusion services

148, 734

People reached with food security & nutrition assistance or livelihoods training

# **COUNTRY OVERVIEWS**

- **Bolivia**: Together with organizations that are part of a consortium, WV has been responding to families in the cities of La Paz and El Alto, with the delivery of food kits, hygiene and personal care kits and first aid kits. In addition, health care services are provided to that needy population and the provision of seasonal items (polar iackets, blankets).
- > Brazil: Humanitarian organizations are re-adapting operations to the COVID-19 risks in order to continue supporting Venezuelans, mainly in health and livelihoods sectors. The economy has gradually re-actived, re-opening job opportunities for migrants. 29 municipal governments in 7 states are participating of the first edition of "MigraCidades", led by IOM with the goal of improving the naturalization process for migrants in the country. Borders remain closed and there is no sign they open soon. Venezuelans struggle to access social protection programs, mainly for lack of knowledge of how to register themselves.
- > Chile: Among the main needs of the migrant and refugee population are the provision of basic services and the payment of housing rents. Given the socioeconomic context in which the country lives, unemployment—which already affects more than 2 million people—has become a serious risk for everyone.

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- Delombia: The sanitary emergency declared due to COVID-19 has hindered thousands of Venezuelan households in their ability to meet basic needs. Evictions, lack of work and food have caused the return of about 100,000 people to Venezuela. About 42,000 more are expected to return, according to the Colombian migratory authorities. Border areas have received around 1,200 buses with people seeking re-entry into Venezuela through the border crossings. This situation has given rise to repression and overcrowding along the border. As such, the need for advocacy and support from humanitarian actors remains key in order to attend to their needs.
- **Ecuador**: According to the Ecuadorian government, 37,219 Venezuelans were able to access the humanitarian visa during the one-year period issued by the government. It expires on August 14, 2020 without possibility of an extension. About 90.000 applications have been received. Civil society organizations, NGOs, and other international organizations like WV, continue to support the different areas of need, such as food and nutrition. But it's not enough.
- > **Peru**: A series of measures and benefits have been promoted for people in conditions of poverty and extreme poverty, however, these are limited to the Venezuelan migrant population. In July, six people from the national office were assigned to the OFDA project with a percentage of their working time: I intern at 100%, I intern at 50%, I administrative staff at 50%, I intern at 30%, I accounting assistant at 100%, I accounting staff at 50%. World Vision will also provide support in the components of Cash Transfer, hot meals and logistical, administrative and financial support.
- 47,000 infections and 390 deaths from COVID-19. An InSight Crime report revealed that distributors cross the border into Brazil to buy food and resell it in Venezuela at inflated prices; this, despite alleging that they are products bought for humanitarian reasons. Harsh conditions have been reported for returned migrants, who are quarantined under military control. Millions struggle daily to obtain basic food in a context of power outages, water shortages and the constant risk of exposure to COVID-19. Some officials have called the returning migrants "biological weapons" and say they are sent by the Colombian government to infect the population.

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# **COUNTRY OVERVIEW**

# **KEY MESSAGES**

- Due to the quarantine imposed by the government, the needs of the refugees and migrants coming from Venezuela have changed. These are some of the identified needs: personal protective equipment, personal hygiene kits, temporal shelter to practice social distancing, housing support, eviction support, food and work. World Vision has addressed some of these needs together with other partners, but it is critical the humanitarian community continue efforts to bring help to the most vulnerable.
- More than 615.000 cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Colombia. Cundinamarca (Bogotá D.C.), Antioquia, Atlántico and Valle del Cauca are amongst the most affected departments. There is a high presence of Venezuelans in these territories. Due to the high rate of contagion, the confinement measures in the national territory have increased, as have the needs of many migrant households.
- > About 100,000 people have returned to Venezuela mostly from Norte de Santander province. For this reason, the Healthcare Center 'Tienditas' (CAST in Spanish) was established at the border. From this center, World Vision has addressed some of the needs of the families in transit. This highlights the necessity of a continuing support from different humanitarian actors.



# **FUNDING NEEDS**

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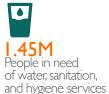
Funding pledged/ received Funding gap

# **HUMANITARIAN NEEDS**



















People returning to Venezuela due to COVID-19 crisis

#### SOURCES:

International Affairs Office, R4V Platform, UNHCR, COVID-19 RMRP 2020, GIFIMM

# COUNTRY OVERVIEW | COLOMBIA

# **SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS**



## CASH BASED PROGRAMMING

Unconditional electronic cash has been provided to vulnerable families in order to be used for different purposes.



### EDUCATION

Even if in-person educational activities have ceased, together with other partners, WV has distributed school books and materials that encourage a ludic and recreational education from home. In addition, educational institutions have been supported with supplies and the disinfection of the facilities children would occupy the moment they can attend in-person classes.



# PROTECTION

Online awareness sessions have been conducted with parents and caretakers on the matter of protection. World Vision has contributed to the CAST 'Tienditas' by making available a protective and friendly space, together with protective kits, for migrant children.



# FOOD SECURITY & LIVELIHOODS

Food vouchers and food in-kind have been distributed in different cities of the country to address food security risks during the national guarantine.



Through partners, WV has provided vulnerable families affected by the COVID-19 emergency with personal hygiene kits. Likewise, through the CAST 'Tienditas', WV has delivered self-care products, basic hygiene kits and water storage materials to hundreds of vulne-rable families seeking to return to Venezuela

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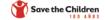














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# RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: MONTHLY

(July 2020)



People reached with some form of assistance



People received multipurpose cash transfers



3.872 People received water, sanitation, and hygiene services



People reached with food security, nutrition, or livelihoods assistance or training



Children and their families received education assistance



People received protection assistance

# RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: CUMULATIVE

(JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



People reached with some form of assistance



People reached with inclusion services



121.116 People reached with food security. nutrition, or livelihoods assistance or training



People received protection assistance



19,736 Children and their families received education assistance



People received multipurpose cash transfers



People received water, sanitation, and hygiene services



People provided with shelter

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# **COUNTRY OVERVIEW**

# **KEY MESSAGES**

World Vision Ecuador advocates the guarantee of the rights of children and adolescents in a situation of human mobility, separated or unaccompanied, by making four requests to the Ecuadorian State and its authorities:

- Include in public policies and actions to attend to the health emergency the large number of migrant and refugee children and adolescents;
- > Implement concrete and specific actions to protect your rights, from housing to your right to daily maintenance, prioritizing your family ties:
- Regularize their immigration status and grant the necessary administrative measures for this purpose, while their stay in the country lasts; and:
- > Avoid the eviction of migrant families from rental rooms for lack of payment and include families in situations of human mobility in the State's humanitarian care programs



# **FUNDING NEEDS**



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

# HUMANITARIAN NEEDS



















# **SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS**



CASH-BASED PROGRAMMING

World Vision Ecuador is assisting families through cash transfers for food and multipurpose cash in two coastal provinces—Manabí and Los Ríos.



WVE is implementing the project "Protection of Venezuelan migrant girls, young women and women and their children in Portoviejo", which aims to provide prevention and protection from gender-based violence in WAYCS (Center of Services for Children, Adolescents and Women) to Venezuelan migrant girls, adolescents and women and to increase their resilience.

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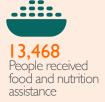
# RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: MONTHLY (JULY 2020)





# RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: CUMULATIVE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)









80 Children and their families received education assistance

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# **COUNTRY OVERVIEW**

# **KEY MESSAGES**

- More than 73% of the Peruvian labor market is informal. The Peruvian capital concentrates 80% of the Venezuelan migrant population in the country: one out of three has become unemployed during the quarantine. WVP is lobbying for Venezuelan doctors and nurses to obtain tuition and access to decent work.
- > WV has been coordinating with the National Cuna Más Program to promote partnerships for the progressive reactivation of the services of the Cuna Más Programme in the time of COVID-19. This includes running day care centres for migrant children under the age of five.



# **FUNDING NEEDS**



# **HUMANITARIAN NEEDS**





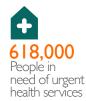












SOURCES: ENPOVE, R4V Platform, COVID-19 RMRP 2020.

# COUNTRY OVERVIEW | PERU

# **SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS**



CASH-BASED PROGRAMMING

In the region of La Libertad, WV provided cash transfers worth about \$108 each to 117 households. This benefitted 258 people.



Assessment has begun in 18 soup kitchens in which the next project will be starting operations: Two in Tumbes, three in La Libertad and 13 in Lima.

WV Peru helped 44 Venezuelan migrant doctors register for the National Medical Examination, as part of the process to obtain their credentials to practice medicine in Peru.



The USAID II project has been initiated and its objective is to reduce the vulnerability of Venezuelans in Peru through the promotion of livelihoods, protection, food assistance and cash transfers. This will be implemented in Tumbes. La Libertad. Lima and Tacna.

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# RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: MONTHLY

(July 2020)





# RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: CUMULATIVE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



People reached with some form of assistance



31,632 People received multipurpose cash transfers



7,984 People provided with food and nutrition



People received protection assistance



People reached with inclusion services



100 Families received livelihoods assistance



People received water sanitation.



Children and their families received and hygiene services education assistance



People reached with non-food items

# BOLIVIA | VENEZUELA CRISIS RESPONSE Situation Report HOPE WITHOUT BORDERS August 2020



# **COUNTRY OVERVIEW**

# **KEY MESSAGES**

The increase in cases of COVID-19 in La Paz caused a significant increase in the demand for health care. This collapsed the local health system, worsening this situation due to social demands, which threaten with the closure of the roads. The government is asking for general elections to be held, which has caused a political crisis affecting the entire country.

# SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS



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



> The consortium WV Bolivia is part of continues providing food to some of the most vulnerable families during COVID-19 prevention measures.



World Vision is supporting basic health care and first aid efforts.



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# RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: MONTHLY (APRIL 2020)



People reached with some form of assistance



People provided with food and nutrition



People reached with non-food items

# **RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: CUMULATIVE**

(JANUARY 2019 - PRESENT)



People reached with some form of assistance



People reached with protection assistance



People reached with non-food items

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# CHILE J VENEZUELA CRISIS RESPONSE Situation Report HOPE WITHOUT BORDERS August 2020



# **COUNTRY OVERVIEW**

# **KEY MESSAGES**

> From the national statistical institute it has been reported that unemployment in Chile has reached 11.5%, as a result of the lack of opportunities, many migrant and refugee families are leaving the country

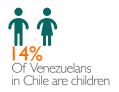
> From the national coordinator of immigrants Chile, the expulsion of immigrant mothers with children born in Chile has been denounced



# **HUMANITARIAN NEEDS**

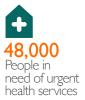
















SOURCES: OCHA HRP. R4V. COVID-19 RMRP 2020

# SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS



The socio-educational accompaniment program continues to provide tele-face-to-face care to migrant children attended in Arica and Santiago de Chile.



# CASH-BASED PROGRAMMING

The project has carried out digital monetary transfers that have allowed migrant families to acquire goods and services that ensure their survival in the uncertain economic conditions that the country presents today.



### NUTRITION

In addition to cash transfers, the project has continued to help with food baskets, given the need and precariousness of some migrant and refugee families.

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# **RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS** MONTHLY: JULY 2020



People reached with some form of assistance



Children & their families reached with education assistance



People reached with non-food items



People reached with food and nutrition



People reached with protection assistance



People reached with shelter

People received

multi-purpose



People reached with water, sanitation, and hygiene services

# RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS **CUMULATIVE:**

JANUARY 2019- PRESENT



People reached with some form of assistance

Children & their

families reached

with education

assistance



People reached with food and nutrition



People reached with non-food items



People reached with protection assistance



People reached with water. sanitation, and hygiene services



People reached with shelter



People received multi-purpose cash transfers

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151.000 People in need

of water, sanitation,

People in need

assistance

and hygiene services

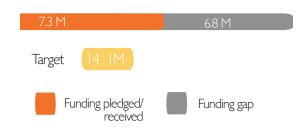
# **COUNTRY OVERVIEW**

# **KEY MESSAGES**

- More than 80% of migrants say they have seen reduction in job opportunities since the the COVID-19 pandemic began. World Vision Brazil is working in migrant context adapting our capacity-building and entrepreneurship programs to provide more opportunities to help people adapt to the new reality.
- Migrant children are hit especially hard by school closures. World Vision Brazil continues providing non-formal educational support for more than 2,000 children who live in informal settlements and shelters in Roraima state.
- Child protection issues continue to increase during the pandemic. Some reports says that domestic violence increased around of 30%, mainly in the poor homes. For this reason, World Vision Brazil adapted our psychological and psychosocial programs, providing online tools and assistance for parents, children, and caregivers that need support prevent violence against children.



# **FUNDING NEEDS**



# HUMANITARIAN NFFDS



protection services







234,000

People in need of non-food items

## **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, COVID-19 RMRP 2020.









people



274.000 People in



People are

food insecure

need of urgent health services

# COUNTRY OVERVIEW | BRAZIL

# **SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS**



# EDUCATION

In partnership with UNICEF, World Vision reached 2,035 children with non-formal education activities modified COVID-19 context.



More than 110 children, who were victims of violence, were protected, identifyed and referenced to the child protection legal systems. Another 314 children received psychological support.



# FOOD SECURITY/LIVELIHOODS

Adapting to the new COVID-19 restrictions, World Vision Brazil has reestarted its capacity-building programs. 180 Venezuelans restarted their Portuguese training as part of the adaptations made to the project "Protecting Vulnerable Venezuelans in Brazil Through Livelihood Assistance," in partnership with the US Bureau of Population, Regugees and Migration (PRM) (PRM).

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# RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: MONTHLY (JULY 2020)



People reached with some form of assistance



People reached with protection assistance



People provided inclusion services



People reached with multi-sector assistance



Children and their families reached with education assistance

# RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: CUMULATIVE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



People reached with some form of assistance



People reached with protection assistance



2.492 Families reached with livelihoods assistance



People reached with water. sanitation, and



Children and their families reached with education assistance



People reached with non-food items



People provided inclusion services

hygiene services



People reached with multi-sector assistance



People received multi-purpose cash transfers

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# **World Vision**

# **COUNTRY OVERVIEW**

# **KEY MESSAGES**

- > Venezuelan migrants are returning to their home country and are stranded in several border areas, mainly Colombia's border with Venezuela. WV advocates that the international community provides the necessary funding to support Venezuelan migrant children and protect them from unimaginable dangers during this journey in the midst of a world- wide pandemic.
- > Venezuela has recorded nearly 47,000 infections and 390 deaths from COVID-19. confirmed cases of coronavirus in Venezuela. The government extended the state of alarm decreed in April, which allowes it to take extraordinary measures to manage the pandemic.
- > World Vision Venezuela continues to support 800 families with multipurpose cash assistance and capacity building for three local partners.

# **FUNDING NEEDS**





# **HUMANITARIAN NEEDS**

by sector in Venezuela





People need urgent food assistance



People need access to education



People in need of water sanitation. and hygiene services



2.8 M People nee'd urgent health services



People need protection services

**RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS** MONTHLY: (JULY 2020)

People reached with some form of assistance



# RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS **CUMULATIVE**

(JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



People reached with some form of assistance



Families reached with food and nutrition assistance



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



People reached with protection assistance



People received multipurpose cash transfers



People reached with health services

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