

VENEZUELA CRISIS RESPONSE

Situation Report HOPE WITHOUT BORDERS December 2020



Latin America and the Caribbean REGIONAL OVERVIEW



KEY RESPONSE MESSAGES

- ▶ Political, human rights and socio-economic developments in Venezuela continue to lead to the exodus of millions of refugees and migrants—more than 5.4 million as of Dec. 5, 2020. More than 110,000 Venezuelans have opted to return to the country during the pandemic, despite border restrictions and increased risks.
- ▶ The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in Venezuelans migrating through unauthorized border crossings. Limited access to health services, including prevention and care for COVID-19; eviction; domestic violence; and difficulties maintaining and generating income lead to more social and economic problems. Xenophobia and stigmatization also are prevalent among host communities. Governments need to ensure humanitarian organizations have access to communities, migrants and refugees to provide basic assistance alongside the governments.
- ▶ The primary protection needs for Venezuelan migrants: Immigration Regularization, Documentation, Prevention of evictions, and birth registration. Regarding GBV survivors: Psychosocial support for survivors, case management, legal assistance, and practical in-kind assistance, livelihoods for survivors. About special services: Specialized services for survivors, psychosocial support, family reunification, and alternative care
- ▶ Promising political developments include: Thirteen countries confirmed their commitment, through the Quito Process, to safe, organized, and regular migration and international protection for Venezuelan refugees. They also reaffirmed the need for international cooperation to contribute to the countries' efforts in caring for Venezuelan migrants and refugees. Regionally, all actors agree that the budget need is a central challenge in the region; the RMRP has a 55% budget gap, as of December 10, 2020.
- ▶ World Vision's 7-country response aims to raise US\$58 million to reach 700,000 people from January 2020 through December 2022.

REGIONAL HUMANITARIAN NEEDS



*Includes cases of unaccompanied and separated children, gender-based violence, people with disabilities, as well as human trafficking and smuggling prevention and response services.

DONORS AND PARTNERS



SOURCES:

OCHA HRP | RMRP 2021 | R4V Mid-Year Report June 2019 | R4V.info | COVID-19 RMRP 2020 | UNHCR Data Portal

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RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: MONTHLY (NOVEMBER 2020)



71,716

People reached with some form of assistance*, including 16,769 children



32,059

People received multipurpose cash transfers



3,312

People reached with protection services



2,586

Children and educators reached with education services



101

People reached with WASH services



28,656

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



4,954

People provided inclusion services



24

People reached with non-food items



2

People reached with multi-sector assistance

RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: CUMULATIVE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



562,290

People reached with some form of assistance*, including 258,838 children



105,576

People received multipurpose cash transfers



73,184

People reached with protection services



45,796

Children and educators reached with education services



27,289

People reached with WASH services



16,469

People provided inclusion services



5,296

People reached with multi-sector assistance



3,090

People reached with non-food items



285,253

People reached with food security & nutrition assistance or livelihoods training

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

COUNTRY OVERVIEWS

- Bolivia:** World Vision Bolivia, in coordination with partner organizations, has been supporting Venezuelan migrant families and refugee applicants who remain in the cities of La Paz and El Alto.
- Brazil:** The "Operação Acolhida" (name of the official government response program) still operates in Boa Vista, Pacaraima and Manaus city, where the priorities are: border control, humanitarian assistance and resettlement process. Last official information from government sources shows that there are 262,475 Venezuelans in Brazil. They each live with a certain level of social vulnerability. Of the total Venezuelans that have migrated, 102,504 of them have requested refugee status in Brazil.
- Chile:** COVID-19 has exacerbated the risks, threats, and vulnerabilities faced by migrant and refugee families. They can be indicated as the people most affected by the pandemic, due to the lack of social protections and due to loss of income from work in informal sectors. We have also evidenced the overcrowding and the precarious living conditions in which they live, which includes evictions from homes due to inability to pay rent. Currently, Venezuelans represent the largest migrant group in the country, totaling more than 457,000 people.

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- Colombia:** Colombia has received the most Venezuelan migrants and refugees of any country in 2020. The country currently hosts more than 1.7 million Venezuelans, of which about 55% live with irregular status. In addition, approximately 845,000 Colombians have returned, been repatriated or have dual nationality. The pandemic has deeply affected refugees' and migrants' living conditions and exacerbated their needs. The loss of income and the restrictions on informal work have reduced access to basic goods and services for thousands of Venezuelan families. Therefore humanitarian support remains vital to help people in various aspects of life.
- Ecuador:** The country has gradually opened up since September and refugee and migrant livelihoods remain a priority. Several partners have reactivated some programs by strengthening capacities for employment and entrepreneurship, as well as financial support for economic inclusion. Food-security assistance continues to expand, while several strategies have been registered for the payment of rents and the opening of temporary shelters in July and August. The pandemic also has widened the gap in access to education for Venezuelan children.
- Peru:** During the coronavirus pandemic, World Vision Peru has continued working to address needs of the most vulnerable migrant and refugees, including interventions in the following areas: Multipurpose cash; Non-Food Items, providing cleaning kits to feeding centers, and integration, through the USAID-funded project that helps doctors get their certification to practice in the country. The strategies are taking into account the current pandemic situation in which we live and seek to reduce the levels of vulnerability of the migrant population.
- Venezuela:** The Venezuelan economy is still in a downward spiral, mostly because output from the country's oil industry continues to decrease. Across the country, the dollar has now replaced the Bolivar as the main currency. The regional spillover of Venezuela's political conflict and economic collapse has caused ties between Colombia and Venezuela, to fray as well, amid border closures, a migrant exodus and a rapid increase of humanitarian needs all across the country.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW

KEY MESSAGES

- › The increasing number of people who are migrating from Venezuela to different countries of the continent shows the growth of humanitarian needs within the country. At the same time, the closure of borders due to the pandemic forces people to use illegal crossings that are putting their lives at risk.
- › People who have returned from other countries after a first move, have been faced with alarming humanitarian needs, which is forcing many returnees to re-migrate from the country even with their families.



HUMANITARIAN NEEDS by sector in Venezuela

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

FUNDING NEEDS



Target **\$57.9 M (through 2022)**

Funding pledged/received Funding gap

RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS MONTHLY: (AUGUST 2020)

3,855
 People reached with some form of assistance

3,855
 People received multipurpose cash transfers

RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS CUMULATIVE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)

6,187
 People reached with some form of assistance

2,239
 Families reached with food and nutrition assistance

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

1,445
 People reached with protection assistance

3,896
 People received multipurpose cash transfers

52
 People reached with health services

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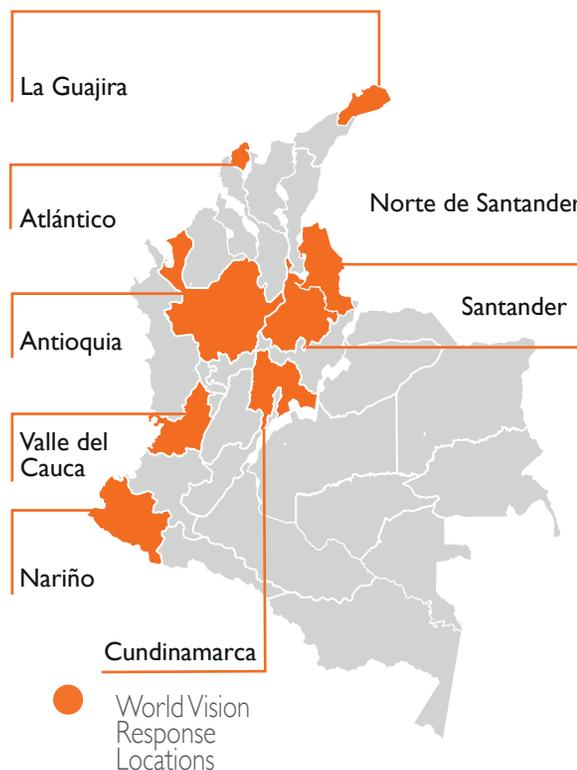
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COUNTRY OVERVIEW

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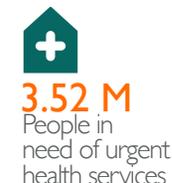
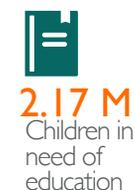
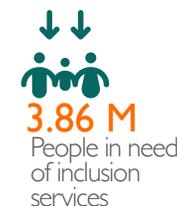
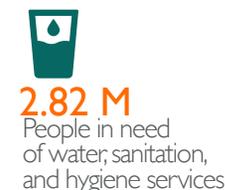
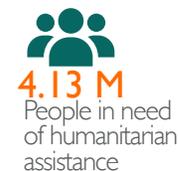
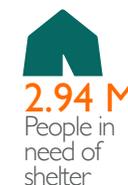
- ▶ Since the opening of the economy in September of this year, re-entries from Venezuela have increased through informal passages to some territories such as Norte de Santander, Santander and Arauca. According to UNHCR, an average of 80-100 Venezuelans enter the Arauca and 300 to Cúcuta daily. The irregular status of migrants and the presence of armed groups increase the exposure of refugees and migrants to protection risks during border crossings and transit through the country.
- ▶ Once the border opens, the government expects the number of Venezuelans who settle in the country could reach 2 million. This scenario, together with the consequences of the health emergency, exponentially, increases the number of people in need. This highlights the need for continued support from different humanitarian actors.
- ▶ Needs among Venezuelan households include: personal protection equipment, personal hygiene kits, support for testing (strengthening of health laboratories), hospital supplies and equipment, access to clean water, hand washing and waste disposal facilities, housing support, family-planning alternatives and food. World Vision has addressed some of these needs with partners, but the humanitarian community must be able to assist the most vulnerable people.



FUNDING NEEDS



HUMANITARIAN NEEDS



SOURCES:
International Affairs Office, R4V Platform, UNHCR, COVID-19 RMRP 2020, GIFIMM, RMRP 2021

SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

CASH BASED PROGRAMMING

'Unconditional electronic cash has been provided to vulnerable families for different purposes.

EDUCATION

World Vision, together with its partners, has given school supplies kits to children affected by the migratory crisis in order to promote the continuity of their learning processes.

PROTECTION

'World Vision set up a Protective and Amicable Space for Children in the Healthcare Center 'Tienditas' (CAST). In addition, protection and traveling kits have been handed out to migrant children at the healthcare center. Also, we distributed information about protection and attention mechanisms.

FOOD SECURITY

Food vouchers have been delivered to families affected by the migratory crisis and the sanitary emergency.

WASH

World Vision, together with its partners, distributed hygienic kits to vulnerable families affected by the crisis.

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RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: MONTHLY (NOVEMBER 2020)



53,173
People reached with some form of assistance



28,210
People reached with food security, nutrition, or livelihoods assistance or training



1,423
People received protection assistance



22,899
People received multipurpose cash transfers



540
Children and their families received education assistance



101
People received water, sanitation, and hygiene services

RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: CUMULATIVE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



385,400
People reached with some form of assistance



255,589
People reached with food security, nutrition, or livelihoods assistance or training



32,915
People received protection assistance



1,191
People reached with inclusion services



22,059
Children and their families received education assistance



52,060
People received multipurpose cash transfers



116
People reached with multi-sector assistance



21,400
People received water, sanitation, and hygiene services



70
People provided with shelter

COUNTRY OVERVIEW

KEY MESSAGES

World Vision Ecuador advocates the guarantee of the rights of migrant children and adolescents, 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 2021, COVID-19 RMRP 2020.

HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

573 K
 People in need of protection services

682 K
 People in need of humanitarian assistance

257 K
 People in need of shelter

502 K
 People in need of water; sanitation, and hygiene services

56 K
 People need nutrition assistance.

458 K
 People who are food insecure

143 K
 Children in need of education

427 K
 People in need of urgent health services

582 K
 People in need of inclusion services

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.

PROTECTION

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)



1,762
People reached
with some form
of assistance



1,762
People provided
with food and
nutrition assistance

RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: CUMULATIVE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



16,433
People reached
with some form
of assistance



13,468
People received
food and nutrition
assistance



2,131
People received
multipurpose
cash transfers



754
People received
water, sanitation,
and hygiene services



80
Children and their
families received
education assistance

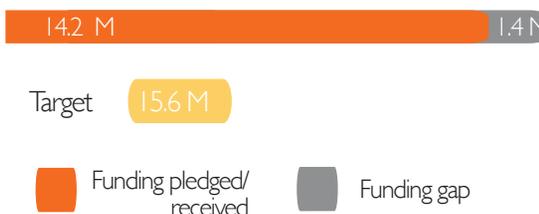
COUNTRY OVERVIEW

KEY MESSAGES

- World Vision is helping doctors and medical professionals get certified to practice in Peru.
- World Vision Peru has worked, in its various interventions, in the following areas: CBI (Multi-purpose cash transfers); NFI, providing cleaning kits to soup kitchens, and Integration, through the project of certification of doctors and medical professionals, financed by USAID PERU. The strategies are taking into account the current pandemic situation and seek to reduce the levels of vulnerability of the migrant population.



FUNDING NEEDS



HUMANITARIAN NEEDS



1.31 M
People in need of humanitarian assistance



966 K
People who are food insecure



858 K
People in need of urgent health services



810 K
People in need of protection services



721 K
People in need of shelter



580 K
People in need of water, sanitation, and hygiene services



414 K
Children in need of education



211 K
People need nutrition assistance.

SOURCES:
ENPOVE, R4V Platform, RMRP 2021,
COVID-19 RMRP 2020.

SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

CASH-BASED PROGRAMMING

The USAID II project in November made the first cash transfer to 1,816 people, the second transfer to 1,261 people.

FOOD SECURITY/LIVELIHOODS

During the month of November, the USAID II project reached 860 beneficiaries in 17 soup kitchens in the regions of Tumbes (2), La Libertad (4) and Lima (11), delivering a total of 17100 rations. In relation to the accumulated goal between September and November, the project has reached 913 beneficiaries.

PROTECTION

The protection team conducted a rapid needs assessment among 366 families in Tumbes, La Libertad, Lima and Tacna.

We identified 82 public and private institutions for protection services case referrals and our specialists developed guidelines and framework for new education and protection programming in those regions.

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RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: MONTHLY (NOVEMBER 2020)



9,355
People reached
with some form
of assistance



8,909
People received
multipurpose
cash transfers



446
People provided
with food and
nutrition assistance

RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: CUMULATIVE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



60,131
People reached
with some form
of assistance



44,722
People received
multipurpose
cash transfers



8,899
Families received
food and nutrition
assistance



4,425
People received
protection
assistance



1,092
People reached
with inclusion
services



683
People received
water, sanitation,
and hygiene services



47
People reached
with multi-sector
assistance



63
Children and their
families received
education
assistance



200
People reached
with non-food
items

COUNTRY OVERVIEW

KEY MESSAGES

- There is a flow of people passing through the border point of Desaguadero en route to other countries. Some families decide to stay in Bolivia and request support from organizations like World Vision.



SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

NON-FOOD ITEMS

- Delivery and supply of seasonal items such as jackets, blankets, personal hygiene kits

PROTECTION

- World Vision is providing comprehensive care of children in a Child-Friendly Space.

HEALTH

- World Vision is supporting basic health care and first aid efforts implemented through the Bolivian Red Cross.

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RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: MONTHLY (AUGUST 2020)



609

People reached with some form of assistance



609

People reached with non-food items

RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: CUMULATIVE

(JANUARY 2019 - PRESENT)



1,442

People reached with some form of assistance



163

People reached with protection assistance



1,279

People reached with non-food items

WORLD VISION
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COUNTRY OVERVIEW

KEY MESSAGES

- ▶ The new Law on Migration and Foreigners is in its final phase of approval. It replaces the current law in force since 1975. This regulation creates, among other elements, the National Immigration Service and establishes 13 types of visas for temporary residence (including a family reunification visa and another for humanitarian reasons). It will also require that these visas be requested at the Chilean consulates abroad.
- ▶ One of the groups most affected by the pandemic in the country has been people with irregular migration status. The pandemic has increased protection risks, especially among children. People in our programs who are in an irregular situation have not been able to access the cash transfer programs crucial to providing economic security to families in times of COVID-19.
- ▶ In the Tarapacá region, in the town of Huará, a border territory with Bolivia, during the last month there has been a sustained increase in people entering Chile through unauthorized passages. This unprecedented situation in the country has led to the installation of spaces that offer shelter, clothing and food to migrants before transferring them to be tested for COVID-19 in health facilities in Iquique.



FUNDING NEEDS



HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

370 K
People in need of humanitarian assistance

316 K
People in need of protection services

294 K
People in need of inclusion services

216 K
People in need of water, sanitation, and hygiene services

169 K
Children in need of education

158 K
People in need of shelter

123 K
People who are food insecure

110 K
People in need of urgent health services

SOURCES:
OCHA HRP, R4V, COVID-19 RMRP 2020, RMRP 2021

SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS



INTEGRATION

The women's entrepreneurship program continues to expand throughout the country. This innovative program works 100% remotely. In it, participants connect to online classes, receive personalized technical advice to develop or strengthen their businesses and receive a monetary contribution for the purchase of materials, supplies and tools that they receive directly at home.



CASH-BASED PROGRAMMING

With UNHCR, we deliver multi-purpose electronic coupons, allowing refugee and migrant families to access what they need most. The system works 100% digitally, which allows us to easily reach different cities throughout the country.



PROTECTION

Specialized attention to extremely vulnerable migrants allowed us to strengthen the protection of families in Arica and Santiago. They receive psychological first aid and guidance on various topics to improve access to public services and minimize the need to resort to negative survival mechanisms.

WORLD VISION DONORS AND PARTNERS



RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS

MONTHLY: NOVEMBER 2020



988

People reached with some form of assistance



670

People reached with protection assistance



251

People received multi-purpose cash transfers



24

People reached with non-food items



22

People reached with shelter



20

Children & their families reached with education assistance

RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS

CUMULATIVE:

JANUARY 2019- PRESENT



18,989

People reached with some form of assistance



4,058

People reached with food and nutrition



8,907

People reached with protection assistance



2,674

People received multi-purpose cash transfers



1,611

People reached with non-food items



939

People reached with water, sanitation, and hygiene services



526

Children & their families reached with education assistance



215

People reached with shelter



38

People reached with multi-sector assistance

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COUNTRY OVERVIEW

KEY MESSAGES

- After a 6-month interruption in the education cycle, Venezuelan children are facing the consequences of the stress and challenges caused by the lack of online resources and other mechanisms to continue learning at home. World Vision is supporting children with digital and physical tools to keep them motivated and active meanwhile they wait for classes to start up again.
- As part of the economic recovery, job opportunities are key for Venezuelans' recovery and integration. World Vision is actively advocating with employers to maintain and reinforce migrant-friendly employment policies during the pandemic.
- Venezuelan Women still suffer the worst consequences of the pandemic, mainly those who are facing lack of household income. World Vision, in partnership with IOM, is working to support 1,200 women with financial education and Cash-Based Interventions to support their financial recovery.



FUNDING NEEDS



HUMANITARIAN NEEDS



283 K
People in need of protection services



152 K
People in need of water, sanitation, and hygiene services



98.9 K
People in need of shelter



379 K
People in need of humanitarian assistance



109 K
Undernourished people



145 K
People are food insecure



74.5 K
Children in need of education



157 K
People in need of urgent health services



142 K
People in need of inclusion services

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, RMRP 2021.

SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

EDUCATION

World Vision continues to support migrant children in Boa Vista and Pacaraima cities in partnership with Pfizer. During the last month, 1,978 children participated in non-formal education activities in informal settlements and other marginal areas through the cities.

PROTECTION

More than 1,219 children and their families got access to different humanitarian protection services, including protection network referral, psychological attention and information distribution thanks to Pfizer partnership in Boa Vista and Pacaraima cities.

INTEGRATION

Working in collaboration and partnership with the "Operação Acolhida" and other local actors, a total of 2,265 people have been trained with different technical programs to improve their job opportunities. Programs in partnership with the International Organization on Migration (IOM) and the US Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) contributed to this achievement.

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