

LOGBOOK OF HOPE

A Response that
Crossed Borders

Sofía (2019), migrant girl.

6 YEARS ALONGSIDE MIGRANT
CHILDREN AND THEIR COMMUNITIES.

DEDICATION

To the girls, boys, and adolescents who reminded us that the right to dream knows no borders.

To their mothers, fathers, and caregivers, for their love-filled resilience.

To those who opened their homes, schools, churches, communities, and hearts to welcome them.

And to each person who turned compassion into action.

This report is for you.

Because every story shared here doesn't end — it's just beginning.



FOREWORDA

"What we learned by crossing borders with migrant children and adolescents"

Six years ago, we began this journey with one conviction: no girl, boy, or adolescent should ever have to cross a border fleeing hunger, fear, or abandonment. We met families who had lost everything, yet still held onto something stronger than despair: hope.

Hope without Borders was more than a name — it was a shared decision: to walk alongside, to protect, and to uphold the dignity of children and adolescents in human mobility and vulnerability. It meant weaving networks where there was once absence, creating safe spaces amid chaos, training pastors and teachers, empowering adolescents as leaders, and opening doors for those whom the world seemed to shut out.

Over the years, we had moments of doubt. Crises piled up, the pandemic hit hard, and violence escalated. And yet, one thing remained intact: our calling to stay, to never walk away, and to keep believing that migrant children, vulnerable boys and girls, and host communities deserve the very best of us.

This is not a technical accountability report. It is a logbook — a living memory, a chronicle of voices, actions, and transformation. Here you won't find faceless figures or disconnected testimonies: you'll find lives bound together by a shared longing for justice and a future.

These pages will show what we did, yes — but more importantly, how we did it. Because the true legacy of this response lies in the how: active listening, faith in motion, honest alliances, community work, and coherence between word and action.

To those who walked with us: thank you. To those who sowed, accompanied, or stood firm with tenderness: this closing belongs to you too.

And to the children and adolescents who today have a roof over their heads, a notebook, a name on a school register, a friend in their new neighborhood, or a dream that once again feels possible... you are the reason it was worth crossing so many borders.

Peter Gape

Director of the Multi-Country Response to the Migration Crisis *Hope without Borders*



TESTIMONIALS



Zinahy

» Zinahy, Migrant Youth Leader of the *Hope without Borders* Children and Adolescents Network, Portoviejo, Ecuador

"The Hope Without Borders project has been a light in my life. It not only walked with me through important moments, but also marked a before and after in my personal journey.

It left a deep mark on me.

Beyond the activities, it was the leaders—with their dedication and heart—who inspired me to become the woman of hope I am today.

Thank you for believing in us, for accompanying us, and for sowing so much good in children, adolescents, and youth. You taught us that our voices matter, that we can raise them, and that it is indeed possible to change what is wrong, starting with the small things."



Pastor Yonny Raga

» Pastor Yonny Raga, Member of the Hope Without Borders Church Network, Yaracuy State, Venezuela

"Hope Without Borders has meant real growth in my life, a way of expanding the Gospel through service, through rescue, through extending a helping hand. Many times, we limited ourselves—waiting for blessings or resources to come from outside. But this project taught us something essential: that we already had what we needed to begin.

Just like when the Lord asked Moses: 'What is in your hand?' He thought he had nothing, but he did. That word was for us too. We learned to use what we had at hand, to act with faith, and to become the answer for others. Hope Without Borders helped us stop waiting—and start blessing."

The Heart Behind the Response. Stories from those who walked every step of the way



► INTERVIEW WITH **Carolina Fúquene,** Cash Transfers Program Lead, in Colombia Response



From the beginning of the Multi-Country Response, Carolina Fúquene knew that cash transfers would make a difference. They didn't just meet urgent needs — like shelter, food, or transportation — they opened the door to something deeper: dignity.

» *“Starting with cash transfers meant starting from scratch,” she recalls. “We had no regional vendors, no local experience. We literally built it all from nothing.”* Alongside her team, Carolina not only managed to implement Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) in Colombia — where they administered over 100 million USD — but also laid the groundwork for simultaneous operations across several countries.

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» But the challenge went beyond the technical. *“It’s not just about sending money. It’s a cultural, logistical, and emotional process. Many people didn’t have identification or had never used financial services. And it’s not the same to do it on an island, in a rural road, or in politically sensitive settings.”*

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» Innovation was key: the WV Cash platform was developed, a chatbot was created to support families in transit, and safeguards were integrated to prevent impersonation, exclusion, or fraud. Protection was a crosscutting priority. *“Today, World Vision has certified personnel in Cash Transfers. And we always do it with a child-focused approach.”*

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» Carolina highlights the work with host communities: *“We crafted messaging to include them and reduce tensions. Through savings groups, valuable integration and financial empowerment dynamics emerged.”*

» Her voice breaks as she recalls a story: *“A migrant family, with a four-month-old baby, arrived sunburnt. We asked them to stay and rest, but they replied, ‘we have nothing to lose.’ That phrase reminded me this isn’t a project. It’s an emergency.”*

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» Throughout the journey, Carolina built strategic partnerships with local governments, communities, and Faith-Based Organizations: *“They are present where no one else is. They are reference points, bridges of trust.”*

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» For her, the true value of cash lies in autonomy: *“Empowering people to decide is an act of dignity. Cash is scalable, sustainable, and boosts local economies.”*

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» She concludes with the conviction of someone who sees her work not as a destination, but as a mission in progress: *“Even if we don’t have the funding right now, we have the commitment. There’s still so much left to do.”*



“It wasn’t just transferring money. It was walking alongside a life decision”

TRACING THE MULTI-COUNTRY RESPONSE

2019

THE BEGINNING OF THE RESPONSE

TOTAL REACH

156,06K people

The sharp increase in migration flows, especially from Venezuela, **prompted a child-centered humanitarian response**. Urgent needs included food, protection, and access to basic services. World Vision activated its network in Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Bolivia, and Brazil, **building partnerships with local churches, community organizations, and protection systems**.

This year saw:

- We deliver food, hygiene, and winter kits in border and urban areas.
- We identify and refer of at-risk children and adolescents.
- We install safe spaces with psychosocial support and emotional care.
- We raise awareness campaigns in schools and communities to prevent xenophobia.
- We coordinate with humanitarian actors at border points.

It was a year of emergency, but also one of groundwork: trust, networks, and territorial presence focused on migrant children.

"We didn't know how long it would last, but we knew we had to be there."

Gabriela Benítez,
National HEA Coordinator, World Vision Ecuador.



2020

AN EMERGENCY WITHIN THE EMERGENCY

TOTAL REACH

415,08K people

The pandemic halted mobility and deepened the crisis. The response adapted quickly to lockdowns, blending humanitarian aid with community innovation.

This year saw:

- We deliver cash transfers and food baskets.
- We install virtual safe spaces and psychosocial helplines.
- We provide assistance for migration regularization.
- We train Faith-Based Organizations (FBOs) in emotional first aid and community support.
- We coordinate with local protection, health, and education systems adapted to the COVID-19 context.

Faith, technology, and community kept hope alive in a critical year.

"Schools, churches, everything closed... but we kept accompanying and bringing hope."

Sandra Arbaiza
Special Projects Manager, World Vision Peru.



TRACING THE MULTI-COUNTRY RESPONSE

2021

**FROM EMERGENCY TO RECOVERY:
THE POWER OF COMMUNITY**

TOTAL REACH

554,8K people

As mobility and service systems resumed, the response shifted from direct aid to holistic processes. Partnerships with churches, communities, and local governments were key.

This year saw:

- We expanded safe spaces for case management, including "Parenting with Tenderness" and psychological first aid.
- We worked on referral pathways with defenders' offices, prosecutors, and local protection systems.
- We distributed food baskets, nutrition workshops, health screenings, and home gardens.
- We provided training on livelihoods, urban farming, animal husbandry, and small businesses; first women-led savings groups were formed.
- We delivered for hygiene kits and promotion of WASH practices.
- We supported children and adolescents with school catch-up programs and educational kits.

Faith-Based Organizations not only welcomed migrants — they protected, trained, and led.

"It wasn't just tomatoes that grew in the garden. Trust grew too."

Henrique Dos Santos,
HEA Manager at World Vision Brazil.



2022

SCALING, REPLICATING, DEEPENING

TOTAL REACH

541,27K people

This year we strengthened and replicated successful models in new territories, consolidating presence in cities and border areas with a territorial and local partnership approach.

This year saw:

- We expanded safe spaces in Ecuador, Colombia, and Brazil offering psychosocial, legal, and emergency support.
- We trained leaders of community and FBO leaders in risk management, safeguarding, gender-based violence, and emotional first aid.
- We provided medical care in underserved areas.
- We provided support for academic leveling, distribution of school kits, and inclusive teaching methods as part of school catch-up efforts.
- We delivered financial education training, job placement, and seed capital for migrants and host communities.
- We distributed food cards and supported home gardens.
- We launched operations in Darién, Panama, to support migrants in transit.

"When we saw migration flows increasing in Darién, we didn't hesitate to step in."

Carlos Sarmiento,
Operations Coordinator in Panama.



The Heart Behind the Response. Stories from those who walked every step of the way



INTERVIEW WITH

Rosenberg Parra,
Impact Director, WV Colombia



Rosenberg Parra was the first manager of the *Hope without Borders* response in Colombia. At the time, neither the country nor the organization was prepared to face a Level 3 emergency with regional impact. *"Historically, Colombia was a country of emigration. We had no recent experience responding to international migration flows of this magnitude,"* he recalls.

» Operations were activated in 2018. What started as a response for pendular migration soon became more complex. *"Then came the walkers. Later, unaccompanied children and adolescents. Each new profile required adaptations, revised approaches, and team restructuring,"* he explains.

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» The challenges were many: from strengthening technical capacity and securing new funding sources to ensuring that the response wouldn't become a parallel structure to regular programming. *"We sought synergy. We had to integrate everything — protection, shelter, humanitarian transport, cash transfers."*

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» A turning point for Rosenberg was the creation of the service point in Berlin, Santander. *"Leadership bet on something we didn't have: a comprehensive support center. And it worked. It provided shelter, food, protection, WASH, all in partnership with others. Most importantly, it offered relief for those walking with nothing."* He also highlights the opening of the first-ever shelter for unaccompanied children in Villa del Rosario, Santander. *"Today, that practice is part of the national protocol."*

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» At the border, they also promoted livelihoods, supporting those trying to rebuild. *"The goal wasn't just to assist — it was to empower people to move forward."*

» One of the greatest lessons for him was about partnerships. *"This isn't about doing it all. It's about doing what we know — and doing it well. We can't have a savior mentality. In trying to solve everything, we risk losing what's essential."* He also emphasizes that host communities were included from the start. *"That focus helped avoid tension, strengthened the social fabric, and built dialogue-based solutions with clear materials and communication."*

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» For Rosenberg, migrants themselves were a constant source of inspiration. *"Some arrived with nothing and are now entrepreneurs, employers, community leaders. They've organized to defend their rights. Their ability to persevere still amazes me."*

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» What changed in you through this process? *"My ability to adapt. I found myself taking on many roles in a short time. I stepped out of my comfort zone. I rediscovered myself. Leadership believed in me — even more than I did in myself. And for that... I'm grateful."*



*"We had to grow
at the same pace
as the emergency"*

TRACING THE MULTI-COUNTRY RESPONSE

2023

**FLOURISHING LEADERSHIP,
STRENGTHENING NETWORKS**

TOTAL REACH

399,7K people

The response centered on youth participation, local leadership, and sustainable impact. Community and intersectoral alliances were strengthened.

This year saw:

- We consolidated spaces of multisectoral safe spaces and community protection networks.
- We expanded the program of the Breathing Inclusion program and training of adolescent school leaders.
- We promoted fairs, regularization processes, and youth networks like *Jóvenes sin Fronteras*.
- We developed gardens and self-sufficiency strategies.
- We provided care, community-based prevention, and emotional support.
- We expanded transit assistance efforts in Darién and border areas.

"When young people lead, the community breathes hope."

Mariana Zavala, Children Protection Advisor



2024

SUSTAINABILITY AS A HORIZON

TOTAL REACH

397,21K people

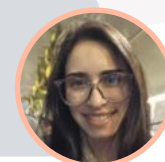
The year focused on consolidating sustainable models to outlast World Vision's direct presence. Capacities were transferred and local structures strengthened.

This year saw:

- We promoted the certification of Humanitarian Churches and the continuity of safe spaces under community leadership.
- Consolidation of We Breathe Inclusion in schools, emphasizing institutional ownership and student leadership.
- We promoted financial inclusion in partnership with VisionFund, supporting entrepreneurial ventures and youth economic networks.
- We developed the "Routes of Hope" Pilot Project for Cash Transfers in Colombia, Peru, and Ecuador, with a focus on protection for highly vulnerable families in transit.
- We carried out resilient food security programs in rural communities.
- We developed health, self-care, and community leadership programs.

Our commitment was always to the people. Hope without Borders transformed lives, and I'm glad to have been part of this team.

Daniela Ortigón, Information Management Officer



TRACING THE MULTI-COUNTRY RESPONSE

2025

REGIONAL CLOSURE, ENDURING LEGACY

TOTAL REACH

52,95K people

The *Hope without Borders* Regional Response formally concluded, while operations continue in Colombia and Venezuela. Other participating countries sustain efforts through national structures, with regional support available in case of future emergencies.

This year saw:

- We consolidated multisectoral safe spaces and community protection networks.
- We expanded the We Breathe Inclusion program and trained adolescent leaders in schools.
- We promoted entrepreneurship fairs, regularization processes, and youth networks like Youth Without Borders.
- We developed community gardens and self-consumption strategies.
- We provided primary health care, community-based prevention, and emotional support.
- We extended transit support work in Darién and at border points.

"Hope does not retreat. It transforms, multiplies, and walks with the community."

Gabriela Becerra, Communications Manager



The Heart Behind the Response. Stories from those who walked every step of the way



INTERVIEW WITH

Erika Alejandra Torres,
Director of Grants for South America, World Vision



Erika Alejandra Torres has worked behind one of the most complex — and vital — engines of the Multi-Country Response: financial sustainability. In her role as Director of Grants, she served as a bridge between the cause and those who chose to support it. But beyond mobilizing funds, she became part of a deeper transformation: how to communicate, plan, and sustain a crisis that turned into permanence.

» *“The cause of migrant children has been well received by donors,” she affirms. “Because there’s something profoundly human about it. Not just because of the stories, but due to the visible collapse of systems. The communities we serve, and even the governments themselves, see our action as a coordinated response that reaches where others cannot.”*

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» She explains that the financial narrative also evolved. *“We began with an emergency mindset. But as the social challenges were growing more complex, we had to shift toward development, adaptability, and long-term planning. The response became more strategic.”* Thus, an architecture was built that combined humanitarian aid, community development, and advocacy, with actors ranging from governments and UN agencies to churches and businesses.

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» Erika notes that one of the keys was building partnerships that went beyond the transactional. *“We had projects funded that integrated reception, livelihoods, and protection. But we also learned the power of grassroots partnerships — maybe with smaller budgets, but deeper roots and long-term commitment.”*

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» One of the most important lessons, she says, was understanding that flexibility is part of success. *“The migrant population changes — and so do their needs. As an organization, we had to adapt to that. Hope Without*

Borders is replicable because it doesn’t rely on a rigid model. We diversified funding sources, strategies, and approaches.”

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» She also acknowledges the tough moments: *“There were times when we didn’t respond quickly enough. Or when we did really well in one country, but failed to leverage the momentum regionally. That’s part of the process. But what made it work was the consistent will to improve, to learn with others.”*

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» To current — and potential — donors, she offers a clear message: *“Even if migration is no longer in the media spotlight, the challenges remain — and it has worsened. A lack of attention does not mean a lack of suffering. Investing in migrant children is not charity: it’s an urgent necessity. Stopping now could undo all the progress we fought so hard to achieve.”*

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» When asked to summarize the response in one phrase, she doesn’t hesitate: *“Hope Without Borders — a name I had the honor of helping choose — was a comprehensive, flexible response that brought resilience and dignity to migrant families for many years.”*

“Investing in migrant children is not charity — it’s urgent”

BOLIVIA

Humanity and Action Along the Migration Corridor

Since its activation in 2019, Bolivia has become a strategic point for humanitarian assistance to people in transit, mainly Venezuelan migrants. Although Bolivia was not their final destination, it became a critical stop along the journey to the southernmost regions of the continent. The extreme entry conditions—altitude, weather, lack of resources, and dangerous routes—demanded a humanitarian response that was agile, flexible, and empathetic.

» Initial interventions were deployed in Pisiga and Desaguadero, two key border points where World Vision Bolivia provided immediate assistance. **Food kits, non-food items, warm clothing, and hygiene products were distributed, and safe spaces for children were established.** Later, operations extended to La Paz, covering highly vulnerable transit corridors.

» The response **prioritized protection, especially for children and adolescents exposed to risks of family separation, violence, and emotional distress.** Those who remained in mobility for long periods began to show signs of emotional withdrawal and loss of social skills. To address this, playful activities, emotional support, psychological care, and informative sessions about rights and available services were implemented.

» **Interagency coordination was essential in such a challenging environment.** Close collaboration with the Ombudsman's Office, UNHCR, UNICEF, and allied organizations enabled the establishment of referral pathways, safe routes, and increased visibility of this population's needs. **World Vision also strengthened its internal capacity, adapting processes to respond in real time to a continuously moving emergency.**

» The country faced specific operational challenges: altitude sickness, lack of shelters, and limited access to basic services. **To mitigate these risks, hot meals, appropriate supplements, and specialized kits for extreme climates were provided.** **Humanitarian transportation** played a key role in relieving the physical and emotional burden of those walking long distances or traveling in precarious conditions.

» Although Bolivia did not receive the largest number of migrants, the intensity and urgency of each case demanded a humanitarian approach centered on dignity and protection. Over time, World Vision's **Area Programs progressively included children on the move in their work plans, laying the foundation for a more sustainable and locally rooted response.**

"The experience in Bolivia provided profound lessons on responding to migratory flows under extreme conditions. Today, **it has resulted in a strengthened national capacity, strategic alliances, and a team that learned to prioritize life and dignity in their work.**"

TOTAL SERVICES DELIVERED:

44,95 K

SECTORS OF INTERVENTION:

-  **FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION**
-  **HEALTH**
-  **PROTECTION**
-  **NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI)**
-  **SHELTER**
-  **WASH**
-  **HUMANITARIAN TRANSPORT**



BRAZIL

An Integrated Response from the Border to Inclusion

Brazil emerged as a key country in the humanitarian response to Venezuelan migrants and refugees, particularly in the border state of Roraima. Through the *Hope without Borders* project, Visão Mundial Brasil implemented an integrated approach that combined immediate relief with sustainable strategies in protection, inclusion, education, and food security.

» In **food security**, food distribution—thanks to partnerships with Mastercard and Amgen—helped **mitigate child malnutrition, especially during the pandemic**. These efforts were complemented with nutritional guidance for pregnant and breastfeeding women, reinforcing preventive child health.

» **Community gardens were promoted as a strategy for food autonomy**. These not only provided fresh produce but also generated income. Combined with Portuguese language classes, job training, and support for accessing social security, these actions strengthened migrant autonomy and integration into Brazilian society.

» In the **protection** sector, **safe spaces were established** in Pacaraima and Boa Vista, providing recreational and psychosocial activities, referral **mechanisms for abuse cases, and campaigns to prevent domestic violence, child labor, sexual exploitation, and xenophobia**. Faith-based organizations played a vital role in community mobilization, humanitarian aid, and emotional and spiritual support for migrant families.

» In **education**, **non-formal programs** such as “Green Planet” and the “Science Fair” **integrated environmental content, health, violence prevention, and emotional well-being**. Tutoring, music classes, and psychological support were offered in partnership with local institutions. The radio program “La Estación” also launched, inspiring other regional initiatives and demonstrating creativity during pandemic-related mobility restrictions.

» From 2019 to 2025, the response **reached highly vulnerable migrant children and adolescents, especially those in informal settlements and Indigenous communities**.

Major challenges included language barriers, constant family mobility, limited local resources, exposure to extreme temperatures, and discrimination. Operational flexibility, volunteer engagement, community partnerships, and inclusive tools like community radios and mobile sound trucks helped overcome these obstacles.

Lessons learned include the **importance of adapting responses to changing contexts, incorporating intercultural approaches, and promoting active participation of children and caregivers in protection and education processes**. Best practices such as functional Portuguese classes and family gardens are now replicable references in other border areas.

Brazil demonstrated that **a dignity-centered response**, grounded in strategic alliances and a rights-based approach, can turn emergency settings into sustainable opportunities for inclusion and care.

TOTAL SERVICES DELIVERED:

239,86 K

SECTORS OF INTERVENTION:

- EDUCATION
- FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION
- INCLUSION
- PROTECTION
- NFI NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI)
- WASH



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► INTERVIEW WITH

Johnny Jara,
Multi-Country Response Coordinator, *Hope Without Borders* – Bolivia



When Johnny Jara was appointed as the coordinator of Hope Without Borders in Bolivia in 2019, his first reaction wasn't one of excitement. *"I wasn't exactly thrilled by the news, to be honest,"* he confesses. At the time, Bolivia had never experienced a migration operation of that magnitude, and the challenge seemed overwhelming. But sometimes, the missions that transform us the most are the ones that arrive unannounced.

» From the very beginning, Johnny understood that migration flows weren't just numbers. *"Grasping the scale of the movement wasn't a statistical issue — it was about human accompaniment. It meant looking into the eyes of people who were hungry, afraid, and whose hope had been broken."*

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» What he witnessed in Desaguadero, Pisiga, and later in La Paz, marked him forever. One such moment occurred during the pandemic, when plans to reach Chile or Argentina collapsed in a matter of hours. *"There were families stranded in foreign lands, with nothing. Border closures left them in limbo. We had to respond with whatever we had — sometimes very little, but we never stopped showing up."*

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» Over time, not only did the flows shift — so did the faces. What started as a movement of men traveling alone turned into families, and later women with children. *"At one point, unaccompanied children began to appear. That's when we realized our work had to go beyond distributing kits. We were dealing with fractured childhoods."*

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» Johnny still remembers a young girl who crossed the Bolivian border with her aunt, heading toward Chile. Weeks later, she was seen again in La Paz — alone and with an unfamiliar group. *"It was a clear warning*

of how uncertain and dangerous this journey is. We mobilized and followed up. You can't be a bystander when a child reappears with a different story."

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» He also learned that the journey hurts even more when a child's eyes lose their spark. *"I saw many like that. Parents crying on the roadside, asking why God had abandoned them. But in those tears, I also found the strength to keep going."*

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» Over the years, Johnny led teams, built partnerships with UNHCR, UNICEF and others, faced criticism for assisting foreign populations, and engaged in difficult dialogues. But what impacted him the most were the lessons learned from children themselves. *"There was a group that spent weeks at the border. Every time I visited, they'd say goodbye with a smile and a blessing. That warmed my heart."*

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» Today, Johnny looks back with gratitude. He knows his team has the tools to carry on. *"This project changed my life. It pushed me beyond local limits — beyond borders. If I had to describe Hope Without Borders in one word, it would be: opportunity."*



"The mission that changed my life"

COLOMBIA

The Starting Point of a **Response That Grew with the People**

In 2017, as migration flows from Venezuela became increasingly constant and massive, **Colombia was the first country in the region where World Vision activated a humanitarian operation specifically to support people on the move.** Although the organization already had a strong national presence, the scale of the crisis required a differentiated, fast, and adaptable intervention. The response was declared a Category III, the highest level within the World Vision Partnership.

The situation, due to its large scale, severity, or complexity, exceeded the response capacity of the national team and required a regional and global mobilization of human, technical, and financial resources.

» Initial actions focused on **immediate assistance:** hygiene kits, food, protection, and guidance. As more families chose to settle in Colombia, **the strategy evolved toward development—prioritizing inclusion, community integration, and capacity-building.**

» Cash transfers were another major milestone. **Initially covering basic needs such as lodging and food,** they expanded to include rent, **education, health,** and **livelihoods**—supporting microenterprises and economic inclusion.

» **Colombia was a pioneer in establishing integrated service points,** such as the one in Berlín, Santander, where thousands received shelter, food, protection, legal advice, and emotional support. In Villa del Rosario, a shelter was set up for unaccompanied or separated children, which was later scaled nationally.

» **Colombia stood out for programmatic innovation,** integrating **protection, food security, WASH, humanitarian transport, and temporary shelter.** Strong partnerships were built with local governments, community organizations, technical partners, and churches—delivering a contextualized and sustainable response.

» **Flexible learning models,** tutoring, catch-up strategies, tablet distribution during the pandemic, and educational retention programs were implemented.

» **In health, care days and partnerships with public systems were facilitated.** Economic inclusion efforts included vocational training and income-generating activities.

TOTAL SERVICES DELIVERED:

1,4 M

SECTORS OF INTERVENTION:

-  **EDUCATION**
-  **FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION**
-  **HEALTH**
-  **INCLUSION**
-  **PROTECTION**
-  **MULTI-PURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE (MPCA)**
-  **MULTISECTOR**
-  **NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI)**
-  **SHELTER**
-  **WASH**
-  **HUMANITARIAN TRANSPORT**

Colombia was not just the first step—it was also a learning lab for articulation and resilience. With strengthened national capacity and robust alliances, it is equipped to carry on the legacy of a response born from commitment to migrant children and that evolved alongside them.



ECUADOR

Emotional connection, economic inclusion, and communities that hold

Since joining the regional response *Hope without Borders*, Ecuador embraced a comprehensive approach focused on emotional support, economic inclusion, and community engagement. In a context marked by high levels of informality, complex regularization processes, and an increasing demand for social services, the response successfully adapted to provide humane, timely, and transformative care.

» One of the strongest pillars was psychosocial protection, with a focus on women, children, and those with an entrepreneurial drive. Safe spaces, emotional management workshops, and recreational activities were created to help heal migration grief, rebuild support networks, and strengthen the resilience of those who had left everything behind.

» Economic inclusion was another defining feature. The implemented model combined psychosocial support with technical guidance, seed capital, and mentorship. This empowerment pathway considered diverse migration trajectories, enabling both migrants and host community members—especially women—to start or strengthen purposeful, sustainable businesses.

» In parallel, support was provided for migration regularization processes through informational sessions, legal advice, and documentation assistance. This component was key to ensuring access to rights, education, healthcare, and formal employment, amidst a shifting and often exclusionary regulatory environment.

» A significant milestone was the certification of Humanitarian Churches. Dozens of congregations received training in psychosocial first aid, child protection, and community engagement. These spaces, transformed into spiritual and practical havens, supported hundreds of families without support networks, offering care and guidance with a faith-in-action approach.

» Community engagement was also promoted through awareness campaigns, health days, and educational continuity strategies. These actions addressed real needs but also planted capacities in the territories: strengthened local organizations, better-informed communities, and families equipped to keep moving forward.

The journey of *Hope without Borders* in Ecuador leaves more than numbers behind: it leaves rebuilt bonds, restored trust, and pathways toward possible integration. Today, many of those seeds are already bearing fruit in resilient communities determined to leave no one behind.

TOTAL SERVICES DELIVERED:

42,32 K

SECTORS OF INTERVENTION:

- EDUCATION
- FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION
- ECONOMIC INCLUSION
- PROTECTION
- MULTI-PURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE (MPCA)
- MULTISECTOR
- NFI NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI)
- WASH



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INTERVIEW WITH

Víctor Torres,
Coordinator of the Response in Peru



When Víctor Torres took on the coordination of *Hope without Borders* in Peru, the country was beginning to face an unprecedented wave of migration. Peru became the second country in the region with the largest Venezuelan population, and the response had to be immediate. *"In the beginning, it was all about distributing basic kits and providing primary care. There was no time to think—just to act,"* he recalls.

» Over time, the approach evolved. What began as emergency assistance turned into a development-oriented strategy. *"Cash transfers gave people autonomy. We weren't just addressing urgent needs—we were restoring their ability to choose. It was a turning point,"* he explains.

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» Churches played a key role. *"Within hours, they would organize and serve with what little they had. That was a life lesson for me,"* he says. This community closeness helped keep services going, even during the pandemic.

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» One of the most meaningful moments for Víctor happened during the health crisis. While running a children's workshop, a mother who was living on the street arrived with her son. *"She told me, 'I don't want anything, just for my son to have a moment of distraction.' That phrase — at least let him smile today — deeply marked me."*

» Another transformative story for Víctor was that of a migrant doctor who was selling herbal drinks on the street. Víctor invited him to a degree validation event. *"He arrived with his thermos, offering us what he had. He managed to validate his degree and now works in a hospital. Later, he volunteered in our projects. That's the essence of this work: planting opportunities."*

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» Víctor says *Hope without Borders* changed him from within. *"I stepped out of my comfort zone. I learned that development is not just about teaching skills; it's a way of life that restores dignity. Sometimes we feel frustrated, but all it takes is one story of hope to know it's worth it."*



"Development is a way of life that brings dignity"

PERU

A response that evolved toward autonomy and dignity

The implementation of *Hope without Borders* in Peru addressed a highly demanding context: **the country hosts the second-largest Venezuelan migrant population in the region**, creating a sustained humanitarian challenge from the outset. **The response began with immediate support at entry points**—especially along the northern border—through the distribution of hygiene kits, food, and protection items.

» As the emergency evolved into a protracted situation, the strategy shifted from emergency relief to development-oriented **actions that fostered migrant autonomy**. The implementation of multi-purpose cash transfers **became one of the most significant strategies, allowing individuals to decide how to meet their needs and regain agency in a highly vulnerable environment**.

» Churches and community organizations were key to expanding territorial reach, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. Churches **offered safe spaces and helped maintain protection and support services during mobility restrictions**. Additionally, **child-friendly spaces were promoted, and actions were taken to prevent violence, exclusion, and discrimination**.

» In the **education sector**, coordination with the Ministry of Education facilitated the enrollment of migrant children in schools and addressed needs related to **school violence and lack of documentation**. In response, tailored strategies were implemented, including remedial education, psychosocial support, and promotion of the right to education.

» **Social and economic inclusion** was also addressed through **livelihood programs, skills training, and support for professional degree validation**—a recurring need among skilled migrant populations. Legal and psychosocial support was provided, and coordination with government agencies helped facilitate regularization processes and access to essential services.

» A distinctive aspect of the response was its work with networks of children and adolescents, many of them migrants. These networks led initiatives to **promote integration, combat xenophobia, and defend their rights, especially in school settings**.

» In **food security**, innovative initiatives such as **live cooking workshops shared traditional recipes from various cultures**. These activities not only strengthened nutrition—especially for children under five and pregnant or lactating women—but also fostered new forms of community integration and coexistence.

Today, Peru's experience is a testament to how a response that began as emergency assistance at the border **can evolve into a model of integration and dignity**. The lessons learned, team adaptability, and community involvement laid the foundation **for a more humane, participatory, and sustainable response**.

TOTAL SERVICES DELIVERED:

275,71 K

SECTORS OF INTERVENTION:

-  EDUCATION
-  FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION
-  INCLUSION
-  PROTECTION
-  MULTI-PURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE (MPCA)
-  NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI)
-  WASH



VENEZUELA

When the response is woven from within

In Venezuela, *Hope without Borders* focused on the country's most vulnerable communities, using a holistic approach to directly address social, economic, and service access challenges. The work extended beyond large cities to reach rural areas heavily affected by hardship.

» The response began with immediate actions such as **distributing food baskets, hygiene kits, and providing psychosocial support to the most affected families.** Community kitchens and gardens were established—not only to alleviate short-term food insecurity but also to offer long-term sustainable solutions, teaching families how to improve their nutrition and manage resources independently.

» Health interventions included **medical outreach to provide primary care to vulnerable families.** These activities were supported with hygiene kits and essential medicines. The psychosocial component also included emotional support, particularly for children dealing with migration-related trauma.

» Livelihoods were also central. **Savings groups were introduced to promote economic self-reliance, alongside seed funding for small business initiatives, paired with entrepreneurship and financial management training.** This allowed many families to begin earning income sustainably and independently.

» **Coordination with local governments and international organizations ensured effective response efforts.** Community dialogue spaces played a key role in involving people in identifying needs and co-designing solutions.

» Child protection was a top priority. Community leaders, faith leaders, and volunteers were trained in child protection and psychosocial first aid. **This helped create safe spaces for children, especially in the hardest-hit areas.** Workshops on children's rights and the prevention of abuse, exploitation, and violence were also held.

» Education was another key focus. **More than 10,000 school kits were distributed to ensure children had learning materials.** Over time, remedial education and learning recovery programs were implemented for children who had interrupted their education. **These efforts aimed not just at school access but at improving the quality of education.**

» Partnerships with churches and community organizations were strengthened nationwide. These groups not only supported needs identification and aid distribution but also received training on child protection, mental health, and spiritual support. Churches became trusted spaces for thousands of people, offering safety and community.

TOTAL SERVICES DELIVERED:

446,62 K

SECTORS OF INTERVENTION:

- EDUCATION
- FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION
- INCLUSION AND LIVELIHOODS
- PROTECTION
- HEALTH
- WASH

Hope without Borders in Venezuela leaves a legacy of strengthened local capacities. Through partnerships with churches, communities, and local allies, resilient spaces have been built where people not only receive aid but also gain the tools to move forward independently. Social cohesion and inclusion endure in local communities, standing as a testament to what is possible when we work together with a community-driven focus.



The Heart Behind the Response. Stories from those who walked every step of the way



► **INTERVIEW WITH** **Paulo Nacif,** Regional Director of Humanitarian Emergency Affairs, World Vision Latin America and the Caribbean



For Paulo Nacif, responding to human mobility in Latin America has been one of the greatest humanitarian challenges the region has faced in recent decades — but also one of the most transformative and rich in learning. *“This forced and multifactorial migration shook the region. Not only because of its scale, but because it involved people in extreme vulnerability — with children and adolescents at the forefront,”* he reflects.

» From his regional position, Paulo supported the decision to articulate a unified response under a single name: Hope Without Borders. *“It was a unique and bold initiative, but a necessary one. It was the best way to respond coherently to a reality that exceeded national borders.”*

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» One of the aspects Paulo emphasizes most is the response's adaptability. *“We experienced different peaks within the migration phenomenon. Each phase required different actions, both inside and outside of Venezuela. The key was adjusting operations without losing focus: ensuring that every child, every family, received support that restored hope and dignity.”*

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» In his view, inclusion became one of the most meaningful pillars. *“We approached inclusion from many angles: from community integration to training and capacity-building as investments in the future. No one can dream if they're hungry or thirsty. That's why we focused on a holistic response that enabled real opportunities.”*

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» The complexity of a prolonged crisis with multiple fronts required more than just protocols. *“Ambiguity, volatility, and uncertainty tested us daily. But if there's one thing we learned, it's that active listening saves lives. Eyes wide open and ears fully attentive — especially to children — became our most powerful tool.”*

» For Paulo, approaching mobility as a journey — not a fixed point — was a strategic success. *“Migrants are in transit, in host communities. Their challenges are shared, even if their situations are different. Continuity of care made the difference. We aimed for integration — not only across countries, but across sectors, with a deeply humanized response.”*

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» The role of faith-based organizations, he says, was decisive. *“Thanks to churches, we were able to reach further — and closer. Their presence allowed us to deliver context-sensitive, personal, and compassionate care. I recognize and deeply value that.”*

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» As the six-year response comes to a close, Paulo sums up Hope Without Borders in one word: effectiveness. *“We delivered humanitarian action that went beyond the basics — it allowed many to begin building a future. Orange means hope. That's who we are: an organization that believes protecting children is not an added value — it's what moves us.”*



*“Eyes wide open
and ears fully attentive:
when effectiveness is
measured in dignity”*

PARTNERS AND ALLIES

A network that made **transformation possible**

Hope without Borders was not a stand-alone effort. It was a collective and sustained mobilization made possible only through coordination with a wide network of partners at multiple levels. Each actor played a different yet complementary role—from those who provided financial and technical resources to those who ensured implementation on the ground. These alliances not only strengthened our capacities but also expanded the reach, sustainability, and depth of our impact.



» INTERNATIONAL DONORS, AGENCIES, AND INTER-AGENCY PLATFORMS

- Support from partner governments, UN agencies, multilateral bodies, NGOs, and regional mechanisms enabled the Multi-Country Response to operate with stability in highly complex and constantly changing contexts. Their commitment facilitated scalable responses, consolidated learning, and pushed us to continuously raise our technical and financial standards.
- Thanks to their involvement, innovative models were implemented, such as Multi-Purpose Cash Transfers, integrated child protection systems, education solutions adapted to border contexts, and safe spaces with intersectoral approaches. These partners also opened doors for us to align with regional strategies, participate in key forums, and elevate the voice of migrant children as a priority on multilateral agendas.
- Their flexibility in the face of volatile contexts—such as the pandemic, political shifts, or natural disasters across the continent—allowed us to sustain an active, responsive, and anticipatory operation.

» THE CHURCH: OUR NATURAL ALLY

- Throughout these six years, the Church has been much more than an implementing partner. It has been a refuge, a voice, a testimony, and a steady presence in the most difficult places. Its participation was vital to identify needs, provide emotional and spiritual support to families in transit, and most importantly, to keep hope alive.
- Faith-Based Organizations became a point of reference for migrants. They not only opened their doors—they strengthened capacities, assumed humanitarian leadership roles, and collaborated with protection, education, and health systems. In Venezuela, for instance, an interdenominational platform was established, now known as the *Hope without Borders* network, which collaborates across all sectors. Whether on the border, in vulnerable neighborhoods, or in rural areas, the Church was always there.
- Dignity, care for others, and the value of life were the pillars of their participation. That is why, in places where no one else arrived, the Church was the first to respond—and the one called to stay.

PARTNERS AND ALLIES

» COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND LOCAL PARTNERS

- Local organizations were key to achieving a rooted response. Their involvement enabled the adaptation of technical models to specific contexts, facilitated identification, referral, and accompaniment processes, and supported the co-creation of sustainable, territory-based solutions.
- Many of these partners had been working with World Vision on other issues, and by joining the humanitarian response, they expanded their scope of action. Their engagement also contributed to strengthening social cohesion in areas where the presence of migrants had generated tension. Their leadership helped build bridges, identify good practices, and promote peaceful coexistence.

» THE WORLD VISION PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT OFFICES

- From the outset, the World Vision Partnership—at regional, global, and support office levels—provided technical, political, and financial backing to build a strong response. Far from playing a peripheral role, this network was strategic: it enabled the systematization of best practices, facilitated the transfer of funds across countries, drove shared learning, and strengthened global advocacy.
- The Support Offices not only helped mobilize resources; they were directly involved in the quality of design, monitoring, and visibility. They promoted new methodologies, engaged with key donors, and positioned the stories of our communities in high-level international decision-making spaces.
- Thanks to this Partnership structure, *Hope without Borders* remained operational for six consecutive years, adapted to diverse contexts, and consolidated models that now serve as references for other regional programs.



The Heart Behind the Response. Stories from those who walked every step of the way



► INTERVIEW WITH

Lusmara López,
Coordinator of Hope Without Borders in Pacaraima, Brazil



"Those of us leading this project are migrants too. We know what it's like to cross a border filled with fear, uncertainty, and empty hands — but a heart full of hope. That's why what we do isn't just technical. We do it from the soul."

» That's how Lusmara Requena describes her experience as the coordinator of Hope Without Borders in Pacaraima — the northernmost point of Brazil. From there, she accompanies Venezuelan children and families crossing the border in search of new opportunities. Her personal story is deeply connected to the mission she now leads. For 17 years, she was a teacher in her home country. Migrating changed her path. *"Coming here and having the chance to work with World Vision in an emergency setting completely transformed me. I had to rebuild myself — as an educator, a woman, and a mother."*

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» The change was not just professional. Lusmara discovered a new way to teach. *"Here, I learned to see the child through their story. To approach them with an open heart, with patience and humility. To offer not just knowledge, but a safe space where they feel seen and loved."*

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» In her role, she has helped create protective and educational spaces in informal settlements, where migrant children can play, learn, and heal. She has also promoted community gardens with families — a strategy that responds not only to food insecurity, but to the need to rebuild a sense of belonging and community. *"Gardens are places of life. People work together, planting hope. Watching children care for a plant and wait for it to grow — that's been one of the most beautiful things we've experienced."*

» Lusmara emphasizes there is still much to be done. *"We need more stories, more books, more toys. More spaces where girls and boys can simply be children — where they can learn, laugh, connect with others, and feel valued."*

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» When asked what has impacted her most over these years, she's clear: *"Migrant children are the ones who dream the most. They're more sensitive. They see what others don't. They've transformed me — professionally and as a mother. Because every time I look at them, I think of all the children still crossing borders, not knowing what awaits."*

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» She also calls on decision-makers to draw closer to the field. *"Often, we feel alone. We do everything with love — but we need to be seen. Not for our sake, but for what this project has meant here. Pacaraima is a tough place, but also deeply spiritual. Here, you can feel that doing a little more is possible."*

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» If she could speak directly to a donor, Lusmara wouldn't hesitate: *"Migrant girls and boys deserve to be heard. They deserve the chance to adapt, rebuild, and start over. All children are equal. All deserve a life of dignity."*

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» For her, Hope Without Borders can be summed up in one word: love. And if she could paint it, she would use the color yellow. *"Because it's the color of light. And here, in the midst of everything, we keep lighting the way."*



"Here, I rebuilt myself — as a teacher and as a woman"

INNOVATIONS THAT MADE A DIFFERENCE

Five experiences that left a mark



The Multi-Country Response *Hope without Borders* was not just a large-scale humanitarian operation—it was also a space to test new ways of accompanying, restoring dignity, and making visible the stories of migrant children and their families. Below are five standout innovations that shaped the path forward. And there are many more.

1

LEARNING AMID TRANSIT AND UNCERTAINTY

Guaranteeing the right to education in contexts of mobility is no easy task. Yet bold solutions were designed: from self-learning materials to academic leveling spaces, remedial classes, and language courses in host communities.

Methodologies such as Catch Up **enabled children to get back on track academically.** Thanks to partnerships with initiatives like Education Cannot Wait, flexible models, cross-border education services, and teacher support programs for inclusive classrooms were successfully implemented.

2

CASH TRANSFERS ON THE MOVE: MORE THAN ASSISTANCE, A STRATEGY

Within 90 days, a Multi-Purpose Cash Transfer **program for migrants in transit was rolled out in three countries**, guided by the principle: protect people along their journey and at destination. This included **the activation of a chatbot with essential information**, collaboration with financial providers, protection training, and social support.

This initiative **was a regional pioneer, integrating sectors like protection and livelihoods** with technical rigor and robust safety mechanisms.

3

SEEDS TO LAUNCH SAFELY

The livelihoods approach evolved into seed capital support. Migrant families launched small businesses with technical, financial, and emotional assistance. In some countries, **psychosocial support for entrepreneurs** was also included, boosting their self-esteem and resilience.

The idea was simple yet powerful: **provide tools for people to build their own future**—at their own pace, with what they had. In Ecuador, for example, a “Shark Tank”-style pitch program brought many innovative ideas to life.

4

CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS: NOT JUST RECIPIENTS, BUT PROTAGONISTS

One of the most significant achievements was placing migrant children and adolescents at the center. They weren’t just protected—they were heard, invited to participate, and recognized as agents of change.

Youth networks were created, advocacy spaces were opened, and accountability processes were reimagined. In Brazil, for example, children used an emotion scale to evaluate the quality of care provided by staff. Their voice transformed our approach.

5

INTEGRATION FAIRS: MORE THAN AID, TRUE CONNECTION

Integration fairs started as a way to connect people with services. But they became much more: spaces where migrants and host communities could share culture, food, businesses, information, and opportunities.

These fairs helped reduce tensions, foster meaningful connections, and showcase local and migrant capacities.

CHALLENGES WE FACED, LESSONS WE LEARNED



STRUCTURAL CHALLENGES

High mobility and extreme conditions along migration routes.



- Service points were activated in high-transit zones with logistical adaptations.
- A specific pilot (Hope Routes) included a chatbot as a support tool. The experience was documented for future replication.

Lack of documentation among migrants, limiting access to services.



- Alternative verification mechanisms were designed, such as fingerprint identification.
- Flexible coordination with providers ensured compliance with internal policies and timely execution.
- Participants received direct guidance on their rights and available services.

Social tension in host communities due to perceived competition for resources.



- Local populations were actively included in the programs (up to 50% in some cases).
- A community-based approach was strengthened, including tools such as integration fairs.
- Tailored communication materials were developed for diverse audiences as part of a strategic communication plan.

Limited previous experience with large-scale, multi-country humanitarian assistance.



- A flexible, regionalized operational model was developed, with shared guidelines, adaptable technical structures, and a repository of lessons learned accessible to all teams.

Lack of sustained funding during certain periods.



- Relationships with key donors were strengthened, funding sources diversified, and a clear impact and sustainability narrative was built—backed by evidence and data.

CHALLENGES WE FACED, LESSONS WE LEARNED

STRUCTURAL CHALLENGES

LESSONS AND STRATEGIES

Shortage of certified staff in key modalities like cash assistance.



- Internal capacities were developed, including certified personnel and a regional organizational architecture.

Weak initial integration of humanitarian, development, and advocacy sectors.



- Progressive cross-sector integration was promoted in all countries. Some pilots implemented integrated components (e.g., CVA + protection + education) within a single operational cycle.

Limited community participation in the initial stage.



- Evolved toward more active engagement through youth networks and children's participation.
- Program participants were included in accountability processes.
- Peer mentorship among migrants was established.
- Former project participants became volunteers.

Gaps in knowledge management and institutional memory.



- An internal digital repository was created with key documents, tools, protocols, and lessons learned—facilitating knowledge transfer and replication of best practices.

High staff turnover.



- Processes were institutionalized, onboarding was strengthened, and local leadership promoted to ensure continuity beyond staff changes.



This Is Not the End, It's Just the Beginning

- *Hope without Borders* taught us that humanitarian models must evolve alongside each new reality. We learned that innovation is not always about inventing something new—it is often about improving what already exists, always keeping people at the center.
- What comes next is to keep moving forward. With focus and the conviction that dignity is not a destination, but the way we choose to walk.

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► **INTERVIEW WITH** **Stephanie Coscing,** National Coordinator of the Hope Without Borders Response in Chile



When the response began in Arica in 2019, no one imagined the scale of what was to come. *"It was challenging from the very start,"* recalls Stephanie Coscing, who has led Hope Without Borders in Chile since its early stages. The pandemic, forced evictions, and xenophobia shaped the path — but so did hope and the conviction that we needed to be where no one else was.

» One of the most significant milestones was the creation of the Temporary Learning Spaces (ETAs), which provided education and emotional support in extreme conditions. *"In the middle of the desert, children became children again. They learned to read. They began to dream again."*

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» Chile not only sustained the response — it became a regional benchmark. The team worked with host communities, churches, and local actors to create shared spaces, where even longtime residents found a renewed sense of belonging. *"Parishes that once only opened on Sundays became vibrant centers of integration."*

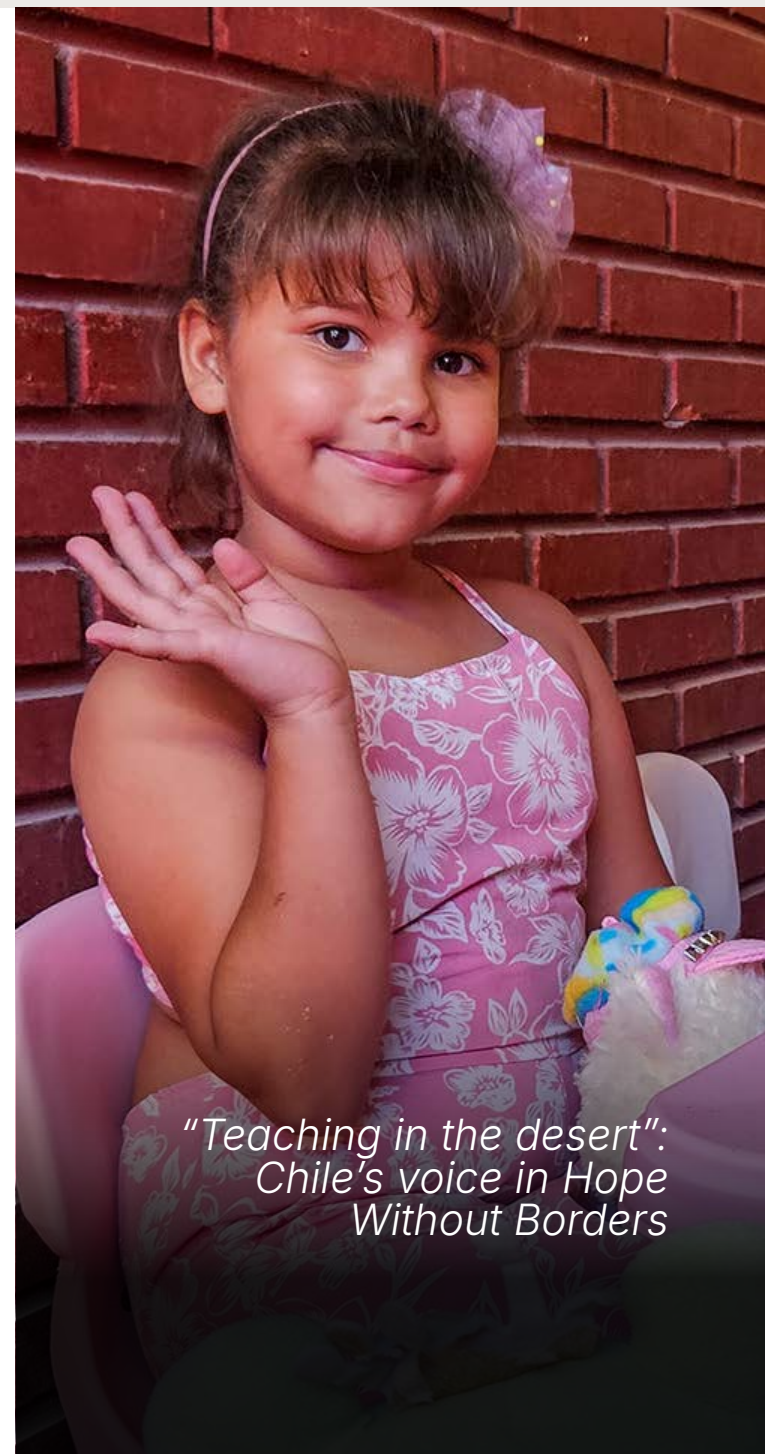
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» Today, at the Colchane border, World Vision maintains a child-friendly space for migrant children — the only humanitarian site operating there. *"At over 4,000 meters above sea level, we continue to uphold dignity."*

» Stephanie carries many stories with her — like that of Leonardo, a teenager who went from being bullied to leading a regional seminar and performing in the Arica symphony orchestra. Or Venus, a mother who, after failing to secure asylum, had to return to her country. *"We couldn't always do everything. But we always gave our all."*

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» As the interview closes, her words echo with deep gratitude: *"To every child, I would say: never stop dreaming. To every colleague on this journey: being here is a brave choice. And to those who believed in this project: thank you. Because without you, none of this would have been possible."*



*"Teaching in the desert":
Chile's voice in Hope
Without Borders*

The Legacy of the Response

- » *Hope without Borders* is not ending because the need has disappeared. On the contrary, migrant children and adolescents still face significant barriers in accessing protection, education, livelihoods, and healthcare. The closure of this phase reflects the real limits of financial sustainability in long-term humanitarian responses—not a decrease in commitment or urgency.
- » But saying that a chapter is closing does not mean that what we've built is gone.
- » There are capacities now embedded in churches, youth networks, organized communities, technical teams, and local partners. There are adolescents who raised their voices and today are leaders in their communities. There are pastors trained in emotional first aid, teachers equipped to respond in emergencies, and volunteers who are now community leaders.
- » There are still active spaces led by local hands—community gardens that feed, youth networks that mobilize, savings groups that connect, and open houses where faith became refuge and network.
- » That is our legacy: having walked alongside others, and having left behind tools, knowledge, and relationships that transcend any project or funding cycle.
- » This closure is not a full stop. It is a transition. What we learned—and most importantly, those who lived it—are now seeds that will continue to bear fruit where they are needed most.



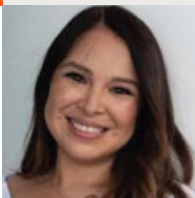
THANK YOU FOR WALKING WITH US

This response would not have been possible without the dedication, vision, and commitment of many people and organizations.

- » **Thank you** to the national teams who sustained this response day after day, even in the most difficult contexts. Your professionalism and humanity have been the backbone of *Hope without Borders*.
- » Thank you to the donors who believed in migrant children. Your support turned resources into opportunities, data into decisions, and figures into life stories.
- » Thank you to the Faith-Based Organizations who opened their doors, hearts, and communities. You were a refuge, a bridge, and a prophetic voice in the midst of displacement.
- » Thank you to the community volunteers who generously offered their time, care, and presence wherever it was most needed.
- » Thank you to the World Vision Partnership at the global level. Your support, trust, and presence made a strategic and human difference.
- » And most of all, thank you to the children, adolescents, and migrant and host families who placed their trust in us. Your resilience and dignity taught us the true meaning of *Hope without Borders*.



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► **INTERVIEW WITH** **Fabiola Rueda,** Regional Coordinator of the Hope Without Borders Response



When we talk about a regional response, we usually picture planning sessions, maps, figures, and meetings. But behind every strategy, there were also personal stories. Like that of Fabiola Rueda, who not only coordinated the Multi-Country Hope Without Borders Response, but did so from a deeply personal place—her own family's story.

» *"I am the daughter of a returned family," she begins. "I grew up between cultures, with a homeland I never knew but that shaped my identity. I remember my mother struggling to regularize her status. That experience shaped the way I see the world."*

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» That's why, when the opportunity to lead this response came, she knew it wasn't just a professional challenge—it was a personal calling. *"Nearly four decades later, I felt I was honoring my history by walking alongside those who, like my family, had to start over."*

» That connection to migrant families was also what challenged her the most. She recalls a visit to the Darién Gap, one of the most dangerous migration routes in Latin America: *"I saw a little boy, maybe four years old, soaked by the rain, almost naked, covered in insect bites, crying in front of a police officer. But he wasn't crying for himself... he was crying for his injured mother. He was only asking for help for her. That moment broke me completely."*

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» Despite such painful scenes, some moments restored her hope. Like meeting women who had once lived on the street and now have decent jobs, healthy relationships with their children, and a new understanding of their own worth. *"That transformation is what keeps me going."*

» Fabiola is clear that the success of the response was never individual: *"Churches and local partners were our extended arm. Field teams, our hands. The participants, our heart. Without them, none of it would have been possible."*

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» And if she could speak to every child who was part of this response, she would say: *"We know that a seed of hope is growing inside each of you. May you live with dignity, embrace your story, and never forget that you have the right to belong. You are not just the future—you are already changing the world."*

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» She concludes: *"Today, even though the response has taken on a new form, the needs persist and are deepening. But we still believe in a world where everyone can live with peace and dignity. Even in this moment of limited resources, we will continue doing what we know best: walking alongside migrant children. And we trust that—together with our allies, donors, and governments—we will keep making the impossible possible."*



*"A Story That Was
Also My Own"*

TOTALS BY SECTOR AND GENDER

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

2,65 THOUSANDS



561,83 K
GIRLS



567,13 K
BOYS



859,23 K
ADULT WOMEN



661,09 K
ADULT MEN



0,51 K
OTHER GENRED

153,53 K



EDUCATION

1,14 M



FOOD SECURITY
AND NUTRITION

11,06 K



HUMANITARIAN
TRANSPORT

143,61 K



INCLUSION

383,61 K



MULTI-PURPOSE
CASH ASSISTANCE
(MPCA)

69,97 K



MULTISECTOR

42,95 K



NON-FOOD ITEMS
(NFI)

401,29 K



PROTECTION

168,82 K



SHELTER

138,84 K



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Sofía (2023), migrant girl.