

The exodus of Venezuelan nationals is the largest in the recent history of Latin America and the Caribbean and has become the second largest international displacement crisis in the world. Of the approximately 5.4 million refugees and migrants from Venezuela globally, some 4.6 million are in Latin America and the Caribbean. By end of 2020, there were 850,818 pending asylum claims from Venezuelans worldwide and 171,793 Venezuelans recognized as refugees in the world. Some 2.6 million residence or regular stay permits have been issued to Venezuelans by Latin American countries. The rest are living in an irregular situation and exposed to greater risk of various forms of exploitation and abuse, due to limited access to rights, including national health, social welfare programmes and basic services

As a consequence of the pandemic, many refugees and others have lost their sources of income, which further hampers their ability to pay rent and buy food and other essentials, as medicine. Evictions, compounded by the closure of some shelters, led to a spike in homelessness which has further eroded public perceptions of refugees and migrants. In Latin America and the Caribbean, UNHCR works to support this population and fosters their access to rights, included to national vaccination programmes. UNHCR co-lead Inter-Agency efforts to respond to these challenges, addressed by the 2021 Refugee and Migrant Response Plan.

RESPONSE in HOSTING COUNTRIES



303,793 individuals

received legal assistance and protection services



37,618 people supported

with unrestricted cash assistance



26,423 people

assisted with emergency and primary health



22,434 refugees and migrants

sheltered and supported with other solutions



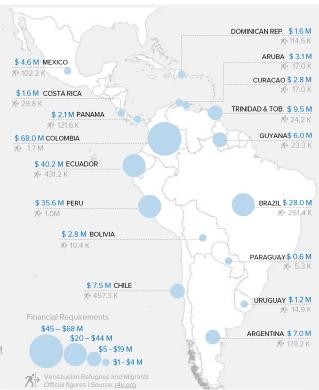
39,408 individuals

provided with improved water and sanitation services, included with hygiene supplies



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updated information from 16 countries throughout the region on prevention and remote services



Making a Difference January – April 2021

Child protection 13,231 refugee and migrant children and adolescents who received specialized services

> Food 15,037 individuals receiving food assistance

Gender-based 81 initiatives implemented to prevent and mitigated gender-based violence

violence risks among refugees and migrants

Education 2,759 children, adolescents and youth supported with supplies or services

for their permanence in educational services

10,170 people reached with support for employment or self employment Integration

Humanitarian 5,666 refugees and migrants provided with internal transportation or transportation transport to access protection services

Social cohesion 4,518 individuals participating in activities promoting social cohesion.



RESPONSE inside **VENEZUELA**

UNHCR operates in 2021 within the interagency framework of the Humanitarian Response Plan to assist the most vulnerable population groups inside the country. In addition to activities under the WASH and Education clusters, UNHCR also contributes operationally and as lead of two clusters: Protection as well as Shelter, Energy and non-food relief items (NFI).

In prioritized communities, particularly in border areas, UNHCR assistance helps address basic needs for vulnerable individuals through core relief items, including jerry cans, solar lamps, kitchen sets and hygiene kits. This assistance runs in parallel to support to reception capacities for spontaneous returns, taking place amid the pandemic, through capacity-building activities, the expansion of triage, medical and emergency shelter facilities, as well as hygiene and sanitation materials for frontline service providers.

UNHCR also works extensively with institutions and community-based actors to strengthen access to rights through information, individual counselling and referrals. Legal assistance and psychosocial support are also made available to people with specific protection risks, including but not limited to survivors of violence and individuals at risk of statelessness. Community engagement remains a core feature of UNHCR activities, mobilizing networks across prioritized communities to strengthen grassroots efforts for access to rights, peaceful coexistence, and now public health risks.



71 communities

prioritized and supported



80 Refugee Housing Units

to support the COVID-19 response



+**594.000** people*

received assistance by UNHCR & partners



223,000 people

helped with household items as kitchen sets, mosquito nets or jerry cans

Making a Difference January – April 2021

Community engagement 398 community promoters, 26 community committees, 19 youth networks and 17 women networks with enhance capacity and knowledge on access to services, particularly health

Education

1,500 children benefited by school kits

levelling classes

Health

33 health facilities constructed. rehabilitated or provided with equipment and materials

Protection

6,200 people trained on protection

issues

SGBV

807 survivors assisted

WASH

34,498 people benefitting from improved hygiene conditions

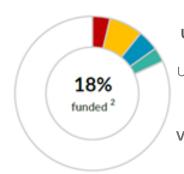
* More than 345K beneficiaries (58%) were newly assisted persons and 249K recurring beneficiaries (42%).

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