

# VENEZUELA CRISIS RESPONSE

Situation Report

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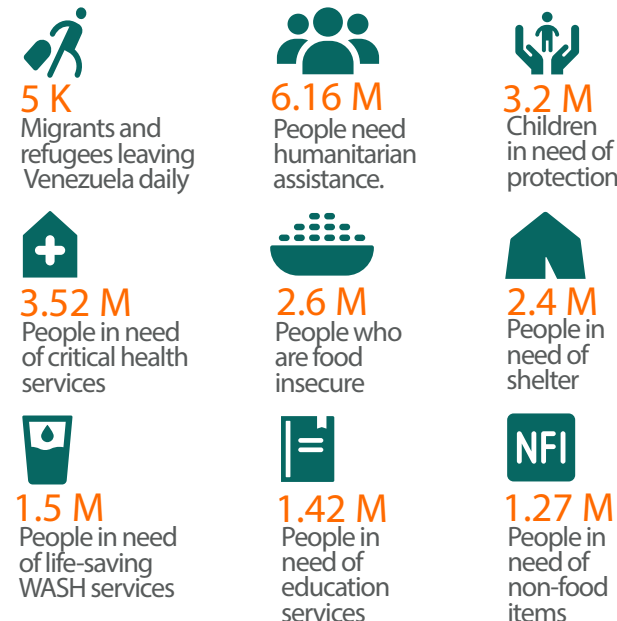
## Latin America and the Caribbean REGIONAL OVERVIEW



### KEY MESSAGES

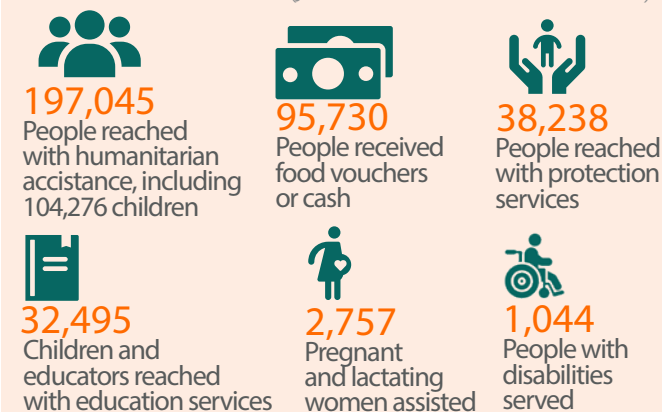
- ▶ Political, human rights and socio-economic developments in Venezuela continue to lead to the exodus of millions of refugees and migrants. The number of Venezuelans in countries across Latin America and the Caribbean rose from about 695,000 in 2015 to more than 4.9 million by March 5 2020.
- ▶ Due to the economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis on Venezuelans, World Vision is requesting US\$15 million to scale up response activities inside Venezuela and in neighboring countries where the need is the most severe. World Vision aims to assist 625,000 people, or about 120,000 families, through multi-purpose cash assistance. This allows them to buy essential supplies like food, medicine, and personal hygiene items. We are focused on the most vulnerable people in Venezuela.
- ▶ The International Solidarity Conference on the Venezuelan Refugee and Migrant Crisis held in Brussels on 28-29 October 2019 sent a strong message of support to the Venezuelan refugees and migrants as well as to their host countries and communities in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- ▶ The Venezuelan crisis requires aspirational thinking on the development of a global responsibility sharing mechanism, as no one country alone can address the challenge of children on the move. Cooperation and shared responsibilities must be part of the new framework.
- ▶ Governments and policy makers must invest in resilience and sustainable development outcomes to address the structural causes of the Venezuelan crisis. Child protection should be prioritized in all policies and political solutions to resolve the crisis.

### REGIONAL HUMANITARIAN NEEDS by sector in Venezuela and host countries



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

### RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



#### SOURCES:

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

## COUNTRY OVERVIEWS

- ▶ **Bolivia:** Since July 2019, World Vision Bolivia has lead a consortium of organizations that implement activities for Venezuelan migrants and asylum seekers. In addition, programs improve reception conditions through provision of basic health services and first aid. WV Bolivia also runs a Child-Friendly Space in La Paz, provides guidance on protection issues at the border point, and participates in various civil society platforms of organizations working on behalf of the migrant population.
- ▶ **Brazil:** About 500 people enter into Brazil daily along the border between Santa Elena (Venezuela) and Pacaraima (Brazil). Between 30 and 50 people per day are in extremely vulnerable conditions. Brazil's government continues to implement "Operação Acolhida," coordinating with the UN system, NGOs and civil society. The government's strategy is divided into 3 axis: shelter, border control, and resettlement of migrants already in Roraima state to another state where there are better opportunities.
- ▶ **Chile:** Venezuelan migrants are the largest migratory group in the country, comprising 30% of all migrants in Chile. More than 85% of Venezuelans live in Santiago, the capital city. Because of this, World Vision Chile, in partnership with UNHCR, maintains two safe zones, one in the Arica and Parinacota Region along the border with Peru, and one in Santiago), where we provide migrant families with care ranging from access to basic services to psychological first aid.
- ▶ **Colombia:** Violent incidents increased security issues for the community in February, highlighting the needs of people affected by the migration crisis. Three in four Venezuelans work without a formal labor contract in Colombia. This trend is growing, making migrants' employment situations

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

- ▶ **Ecuador:** The UN projects there will be 659,000 Venezuelans in the country by the end of 2020. Ecuador is both a country of transit and destination for refugees and migrants. According to the Report of the 7 Round-DTM, 68.9% of people surveyed had an irregular migratory status. 59.3% expressed that they felt discriminated against due to their nationality.
- ▶ **Peru:** In February WV Peru developed emergency response and prevention actions. Within prevention, we worked on the basis of the alerts of the Ministry of Health related to Dengue and COVID-19. Each WV Peru office implemented specific actions according to its context and level of exposure. Likewise, within the framework of our emergency response actions, response teams were mobilized in the regions of Ancash, Ayacucho and Tacna to support victims of the rainy season. As part of this support programming, Child-Friendly Spaces were built to provide emotional support to affected children.
- ▶ **Venezuela:** Operational and safety conditions in the field, particularly in the states of Bolivar, Tachira and Zulia, continue to be affected by power outages, telecommunication problems, intermittent access to water, fuel shortages and the activities of irregular armed groups, mainly in border and remote areas. (OCHA sit rep february 2020)

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## COUNTRY OVERVIEW

### KEY MESSAGES

- › According to the International Affairs Office of Colombia, 1,771,237 Venezuelans live in Colombia, of which 1,017,152 people have an irregular migratory status. This has increased the humanitarian needs of migrants, refugees and community hosts nationwide. World Vision Colombia has taken actions throughout activities on protection, education, multipurpose cash assistance, food security and nutrition, and WASH.
- › World Vision Colombia is a partner in multiple clusters of allies that are responding to the migration crisis, led by the Interagency Group for Mixed Migratory Flow (GIFMM). W Colombia is a co-lead in the Collaborative Cash Delivery Network where proposals and cash transfers procedures are discussed, and is a co-lead of the Communication With Communities Task Forces, where potential strategies on accountability and communication are discussed by different organizations.



### FUNDING NEEDS



### HUMANITARIAN NEEDS



**1.02 M**  
Migrants in Colombia with irregular status.



**3.2 M**  
People in need of humanitarian assistance



**1.73 M**  
People in need of protection services



**1.01 M**  
People in need of water, sanitation, and hygiene services



**330,300**  
People in transit



**1.81 M**  
People in need of food assistance and nutrition services



**696,000**  
Children in need of education



**2.26 M**  
People in need of urgent health services



**350,488**  
Returnees

#### SOURCES:

International Affairs Office, R4V Platform, UNHCR, RMRP

## LATEST SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

### CASH BASED PROGRAMMING

Through the Ven Esperanza Consortium, more than 5,000 people have been supported in multipurpose cash assistance, which tries to cover their priority needs. World Vision is one of the first partners of the consortium that has exceeded their monthly distribution targets.

### EDUCATION

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

### PROTECTION

Activities for child protection have been held in cities near the borders such as Cali, Ipiales, Cúcuta and Riohacha. These activities strive to train parents and caregivers on offering protection to children who suffer multiple risks due to the migratory crisis.

### FOOD SECURITY & LIVELIHOODS

A pilot on nutritional education is currently being implemented in the Norte de Santander area with WFP funds. This pilot will benefit 15,000 families with children under 5 years as well as pregnant and lactating women. The aim is to provide them with better education on nutrition, tools and follow up. This intervention will complement the food vouchers delivery actions already being carried out by World Vision and other partners in the area.

## RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS

TO DATE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



**106,813**  
People reached with humanitarian assistance



**56,956**  
People received food and nutrition assistance



**18,236**  
Children and their families received education assistance



**1,779**  
Families received livelihoods assistance



**20,867**  
People received protection assistance



**7,196**  
People received unconditional cash transfers



**1,597**  
People received water, sanitation, and hygiene services

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- › In August 2019, the visa requirement for Venezuelans to access Ecuadorian territory entered into force, as part of stricter immigration policies being implemented in several countries. The implementation of this measure caused a significant decrease of regular entries of Venezuelan refugees and migrants through the northern and southern borders. Of course, this restriction has not stopped people from migrating out of necessity, but instead has increased the number of people using informal crossings or “shortcuts”, thus placing people in greater risk.
- › The massive exodus motivated the Ecuadorian authorities to establish a census that will end on March 31, 2020 in order to determine how many foreigners there are in the country, encourage orderly migration and delineate public policies to support both foreigners and nationals. The census does not determine the legal situation or the type of visa that each person has registered.



### FUNDING NEEDS



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

### HUMANITARIAN NEEDS



**342,000**  
People in need of protection services



**468,000**  
People in need of humanitarian assistance



**122,000**  
People in need of shelter



**96,000**  
People in need of water, sanitation, and hygiene services



**27,000**  
Undernourished people



**355,000**  
People who are food insecure



**93,000**  
Children in need of education



**232,000**  
People in need of urgent health services



**55,000**  
People in need of non-food items

## LATEST SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS



### PROTECTION

The project financed by UNHCR "Respiramos Inclusión" is being implemented in three provinces (Manabí, Pichincha and Tungurahua). It seeks to promote inclusive educational spaces and to reduce discrimination and xenophobia in educational institutions.



### FOOD SECURITY

WV Ecuador is implementing a World Food Program food assistance project in the Province of Manabí, with the goal of improving the food security of 7,500 people.



### FOOD SECURITY

A World Food Program food assistance project is underway in the Province of Los Ríos, with the aim of improving the food security of 3150 people

## RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS

TO DATE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



**11,480**  
People reached with humanitarian assistance, about half of them children



**11,000**  
People provided with food and nutrition assistance



**300**  
Children provided with education assistance



**3,767**  
Women and girls assisted



**400**  
People provided with water, sanitation and hygiene services

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### KEY MESSAGES

- More than 861,000 of the 4.9 million Venezuelans who have left their country live in Peru. The Peruvian migration framework allows registration as one of three conditions: migrant, refugee, or asylum seeker. In Peru, 594,171 Venezuelans have applied for a Temporary Residence Permit (PTP) and 394,195 Venezuelans have applied for refugee status. The migration regulation of June 2019 has led to a drastic decrease in migration flow to Peru. The implementation of similar measures in Ecuador and Chile has led to a decrease in inflow, but there have been reports of irregular border crossings from neighboring countries.
- Since September 2018, World Vision Peru has progressively implemented projects in Tumbes, La Libertad, Lima and Tacna. These interventions include child protection, food security, non-food items, unconditional cash transfer, improvement of shelters, education, and livelihoods programs. These actions fall within the framework of World Vision Peru's Response Plan to the Venezuelan migration/refugee emergency 2020. This year, work on livelihoods, education and health are the priority; in addition to continuing with the existing programs in other sectors.
- In February 2020, World Vision revised the advocacy and protection tools for evaluating child migrants.



## HUMANITARIAN NEEDS



**268,000**  
People in need of protection services



**617,000**  
People in need of humanitarian assistance



**208,000**  
People in need of shelter



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



**431,000**  
People in need of non-food items



**208,000**  
People who are food insecure



**342,000**  
Children in need of education



**401,000**  
People in need of urgent health services

## FUNDING NEEDS

8.7 M      4.3M

Target **13 M**



Funding received



Funding gap

## LATEST SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

### PROTECTION

In Lima, the Technical and Professional Certification project financed by the USAID Country Mission which seeks to certify 230 Venezuelan professionals, has commenced. By February, 45 Venezuelan doctors had been registered for the national medical examination for their professional license.

### STRATEGY

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

### PROTECTION

At a regional level in Tumbes, Trujillo, Lima and Tacna, World Vision participates in various spaces promoted by the government and cooperation mechanisms. In Tumbes, World Vision Peru participates in the protection and basic needs sectors.

### FOOD SECURITY

27 soup kitchens have provided hot meals for six months to a total of 8,567 people, including children, adolescents and adults. We also provided cash transfers to 26,682 people between July 2019 and end of February 2020.

## RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS

TO DATE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



**37,797**  
People reached with humanitarian assistance



**4,624**  
People provided with food and nutrition



**25,140**  
People provided with multi-purpose cash assistance



**15,554**  
Children assisted



**2,209**  
People provided with inclusion services



**18,362**  
Women and girls assisted



**3,640**  
People received protection assistance



**126,013**  
Hot meals provided between July 2019 and February 2020

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### KEY MESSAGES

- ▶ The Transitional Government instituted a change in favor of the regularization of the entry of Venezuelan people in December 2019, through which it accepted the request for refuge of 200 people. In addition, through an Administrative Resolution of the General Direction of Migration, the government granted the ability to present simple copies of documents for the entry of children and adolescents under 18 years, and travel documents without validity for adults.



### LATEST SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS



- ▶ World Vision has been providing care services in Child-Friendly spaces to support the protection of children.
- ▶ Together with UNHCR, World Vision is part of a network of civil society organizations that assist Venezuelans entering the country.
- ▶ World Vision is serving children and adolescents with psychosocial support and protection services in La Paz.

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### RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



**229**  
Venezuelans received help with asylum or refugee claims



**139**  
People received protection assistance



**\$182,187**  
Secured to start a new multi-sector project



**79**  
Children assisted Child-Friendly Space

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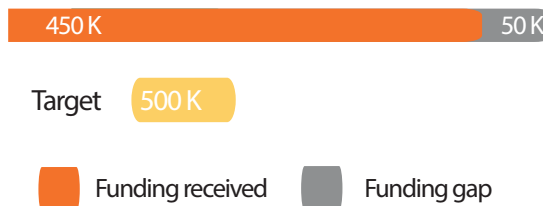
### KEY MESSAGES

- While the impact of the arrival and transit of increased numbers of refugees and migrants from Venezuela has been considerable, the Government of Chile has worked towards identifying solutions and responding to the needs of vulnerable refugees, migrants and host communities impacted directly and indirectly by the crisis in Venezuela.
- WV has reached an operational agreement with UNHCR so that we can have some degree of autonomy in terms of increased visibility with the government. The project's main sector is education (formal and non-formal), and focuses on the integration of migrant girls in the country. Another relevant issue is the prevention of sexual abuse situations and human trafficking involving children, adolescents and women. By not having access to work they may be potential victims. There has been an increase on working deals related to informal trade or sexual exploitation.



World Vision Response Locations

### FUNDING NEEDS



### HUMANITARIAN NEEDS



**283,000**  
People in need of protection services



**295,000**  
People in need of humanitarian assistance



**14%**  
Of Venezuelans in Chile are children



**149,000**  
Children in need of education



**NFI**  
**211,000**  
People in need of non-food items



**179,000**  
People in need of urgent health services



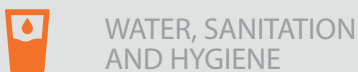
**24,000**  
People are refugees

## LATEST SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS



### PROTECTION

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



### WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

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



### PROTECTION

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



### FOOD SECURITY

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

## RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS

TO DATE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



**6,183**  
People reached with humanitarian assistance



**544**  
People provided with shelter, livelihoods and resilience support



**790**  
People provided with non-food items



**418**  
people received WASH assistance



**1,864**  
People provided with protection services



**2,292**  
Women and girls assisted



**2,476**  
People received unconditional cash transfers



**2,868**  
People provided with food and nutrition

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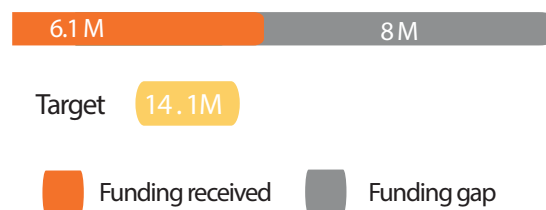
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### KEY MESSAGES

- Partnerships are key to meeting the needs of migrants. World Vision is partnering with the national government and other agencies to increase protection assistance for the most vulnerable. World Vision's response aims to empower and build the capacity of Venezuelans through entrepreneurship and income generation activities.
- Indigenous populations are not included in the interiorization processes due to the non-legal recognition of these groups in the FUNAI (National Foundation of Indigenous Groups) on the Brazilian's territory. This situation excludes the population from services and leads to cases where families have spent 2 years living in shelters. World Vision calls for a solution for this situation that affects indigenous children in particular and harms their development and growth.
- World Vision calls for urgent action by federal and state governments to generate short-, middle-, and long-term plans to reduce social fragility in terms of human rights observed in Roraima State. World Vision works to provide social assistance, identify human rights violations, address lack of access to needed services and other types of violence, and respond by referring and accompanying these cases among children and adolescents.



### FUNDING NEEDS



#### SOURCES:

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

## HUMANITARIAN NEEDS



**289,000**  
People in need of protection services



**108,000**  
People in need of water, sanitation, and hygiene services



**108,000**  
People in need of shelter



**289,000**  
People in need of humanitarian assistance



**36,000**  
Undernourished people



**54,000**  
People are food insecure



**65,000**  
Children in need of education



**253,000**  
People in need of urgent health services



**216,000**  
People in need of non-food items

## LATEST SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

### COORDINATION

World Vision Brazil is participating actively in field operation coordination as a Operação Acolhida member, as well as participating in the Coordination Platform for Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela, specifically in the following sectors: Integration and Relocation (acting as co-lead), Education (acting as co-lead), Protection and WASH & Nutrition .

### LIVELIHOODS

Thanks to support from the Bureau of Populations, Migrants and Refugees, more than 3,600 migrants will be supported to improve their skills and access formal job opportunities.

### PROTECTION

In partnering with UNICEF, World Vision has been reconigzed as one of the most important organizations that work in the field of informal occupations, registration places, and other specific spaces in Boa Vista and Pacaraima. In these spaces, World Vision provides support through non-formal education activities focused on helping Venezuelans integrate into the education system. WV Brazil also provides violence prevention education through the implementation of 10 Child Friendly Spaces and outreach to more than 11 informal occupation centers.

## RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



**34,608**  
People reached with humanitarian assistance



**6,692**  
People assisted with livelihoods and resilience assistance



**16,264**  
Children provided with education assistance



**NFI**  
**6,120**  
People provided with non-food items



**2,119**  
People provided with water, sanitation and hygiene services



**804**  
Children received protection assistance

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### KEY MESSAGES

- › Considering the collapse of public services in the country and high rates of violence, for WV, the Faith-Based Organizations and Churches in Venezuela represent key partners for World Vision due to the community legitimacy that they have and their commitment to serve the most vulnerable population across the country through social programs.
- › In March, World Vision is conducting a multi-sector rapid assessment in the Venezuelan States of Distrito Capital, Lara, Táchira, Miranda and Zulia.
- › World Vision has been approved two grant proposals that will be presented in the Venezuelan Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) 2020, in the sectors of Food Security and Education.



### HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

**7 M**  
 People need humanitarian assistance

**4.3 M**  
 People in need of water, sanitation, and hygiene services

**3.7 M**  
 People need urgent food assistance

**2.8 M**  
 People need urgent health services

**2.2 M**  
 People need access to education

**2.7 M**  
 People need protection services

### RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS

(October - December 2019)

**28,600**  
 Meals provided to children

**266**  
 Adults and church leaders trained to better serve their communities

**1,445**  
 People received protection assistance

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

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