

RESPONSE TO THE MIGRATION CRISIS IN VENEZUELA SITUATION REPORT

OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2023



CURRENT SITUATION IN THE REGION

- › In Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), the situation of migrant children is alarming, since they represent 25% of the people on the move in the region, although in the rest of the world they constitute 15% (UNICEF, 2023). **Seven out of every ten migrant children and adolescents in the region are under 11 years of age** and are more exposed to malnutrition, infectious diseases, violence and family separation.
- › Despite restrictive migration policies, forced returns and lack of adequate protection, child migration in the continent continues to increase. Several examples have been witnessed in the region during 2023, such as the **more than 120,000 children who crossed the Darien jungle**, half of them under the age of 5, marking a significant increase compared to previous years. The migratory crisis **at the U.S.-Mexico border, which recorded the entry of 140,000 unaccompanied undocumented children and adolescents**, according to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, has confirmed the monthly average trend of 11,500 children at immigration checkpoints. In the last quarter of 2023, the situation of migrant children in Central America has worsened, with a significant increase in the number of migrants, especially women, adolescents and girls, facing extreme risks such as gender-based violence, human trafficking and exploitation. In the Americas, it is estimated that almost 10 million women and girls are among the 73.5 million international migrants and 22.1 million forcibly displaced persons.
- › Likewise, the economic, social and political crisis in Venezuela has led **7,722,579 people to leave their country from 2018 to November 2023**, including children and adolescents. Lack of documentation, no or little access to basic services and extreme violence in the region have caused Venezuelan migrant children and their families to seek new host countries despite migration restrictions and regulations. Haitian migrant children were also a concern during 2023. Violence has caused a particularly critical situation for children and women, with approximately 1.6 million living under the control of criminal gangs and facing severe malnutrition, many of whom have been forced to migrate to the United States in response to the instability. More than 100,000 people arrived irregularly in the United States in the last year.
- › Unicef warns that by 2024, **16.4 million children in Latin America will require humanitarian assistance due to various crises, including migration, violence and natural disasters**. The agency estimates that the situation will worsen with the El Niño phenomenon, anticipating droughts in Central America and heavy rains in the south. It is calling to raise \$711.5 million to prepare for and respond to emergencies. In particular, the situation in Venezuela is dire, with 3.8 million children in need of humanitarian assistance in 2024 due to the country's economic and social crisis. **R4V also estimates that at least \$1.59 billion dollars will be needed to support three million refugees and migrants from Venezuela and their host communities in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2024**. Lack of funding compromises assistance, putting the stability and future of these people at risk, especially in returns and deportations, and highlights the need for significant and long-term financial support to ensure their effective integration and contribution to host countries.
- › For its part, World Vision recognizes the complexity of the migration situation in Latin America, especially in the year 2024, which is expected to be marked by multiple challenges. The El Niño phenomenon will have a significant impact, exacerbating climatic conditions and contributing to forced migration. In addition, increased levels of **violence in countries such as Ecuador and Haiti**, inequality and poverty in the region are expected factors that drive migration. Sectional and national elections, where xenophobic rhetoric could influence migration policies and the perception of receiving communities. In this context, World Vision remains committed to provide support and protection to migrant children, adolescents and their families. However, new sources of funding and the support of the international community are needed to continue its projects for refugees and migrants, focused on the mitigation of the adverse impacts of migration in the region.

NECESIDADES HUMANITARIAS POR SECTOR:

By December 2023 in Latin America and the Caribbean, 67.8% of migrants and refugees from Venezuela living in the region are considered a population in need. Their living standards are being threatened or violated.

According to the Interagency Coordination Platform for Refugees and Migrants of Venezuela (Hereinafter R4V), the sectors with the greatest need for attention are¹:

	EDUCATION	3,01 million people	46% of the population, of which 42% are children and adolescents.
	FOOD SECURITY	3,18 million people	49% of the population, of which 33% are children and adolescents.
	HEALTH	3,54 million people	54% of the population, of which 34% are children and adolescents.
	HUMANITARIAN TRANSPORT	2,10 million people	32% of the population, of which 35% are children and adolescents.
	INCLUSION	3,97 million people	61% of the population, of which 33% are children and adolescents.
	NUTRITION	798,1 miles people	12% of the population, of which 50% are children and adolescents.

	PROTECTION	4,2 million people	64% of the population, of which 33% are children and adolescents.
	CHILD PROTECTION	1,53 M people	23% of the population, of which 87% are children and adolescents.
	GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE	2.27 M people	35% of the population, of which 29% are children and adolescents.
	HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SMUGGLING	820,8 miles people	13% of the population, of which 30% are children and adolescents.
	SHELTER	3,16 million people	49% of the population, of which 34% are children and adolescents.
	WASH	2,83 million people	43% of the population, of which 35% are children and adolescents.

¹ Refugee and Migrant Needs Analysis (RMNA its acronym in English)

TOTAL NUMBER OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE RESPONSE



*Nota: Operaciones Especiales

To address the rise of migrant children in the region, World Vision's "Hope Without Borders" Multi-Country Response urges to consider the following:

- Confront the worrying increase in xenophobia and the spread of populist discourse in Latin America, especially directed against the Venezuelan migrant population. According to a [recent Oxfam study](#), discrimination and hate speech persist, evidenced by the perception that the arrival of Venezuelans negatively affects the local economy. It is imperative that government leaders assume the fundamental responsibility of guaranteeing the rights of migrants and refugees, especially girls, boys and women who face disproportionate discrimination and violence.
- It is crucial to address the insecurity situation in Latin America and the Caribbean, which significantly affects the refugee and migrant population in the region. The presence of armed groups, illegal economies and social upheaval has contributed to an average [homicide rate ten times higher than in other developing countries](#), according to data from the International Monetary Fund. Violence in all its forms is prevalent along the migratory route in the Americas, where the profile of people on the

move has changed in recent years, with a higher proportion of vulnerable populations, including families with pregnant women, children and adolescents, LGTBQ+ population, chronically ill people and non-Spanish speakers. In the midst of this adverse situation, migration continues to increase, with a devastating impact on the physical and emotional health of migrants, who face violence, extortion, kidnapping, torture and sexual violence during the journey. Government actions are insufficient to address this humanitarian crisis, which requires an urgent and humane response to ensure the safety and protection of migrants.

- Promoting protection networks for children and adolescents on the move in order to establish solid networks that safeguard their integrity is a vital task. These networks should offer safeguards, prevent violence and family separation, facilitate communication with families and provide access to basic services along the migration route, especially health (mental and physical), prevention of exploitation and abuse, especially for separated or

unaccompanied children and adolescents, as well as promoting social inclusion in the host community, which helps to reduce discrimination and its consequences. It is important to create safe environments where the rights and dignity of children and adolescents are respected at all times.

- Promoting safe and informed decisions should be the commitment of the entire community. It is important to empower children and adolescents, together with their families, to make informed and safe decisions before and during their migratory journey. It is necessary to implement care, protection and communication measures, ensuring the wellbeing of each migrant child and/or adolescent. Likewise, the region's protection systems need to be strengthened and respond adequately to the needs of unaccompanied children and adolescents. The situation of unaccompanied children and adolescents deserves effective and comprehensive attention.

CUMULATIVE TOTAL FROM 2019 TO DECEMBER 2023

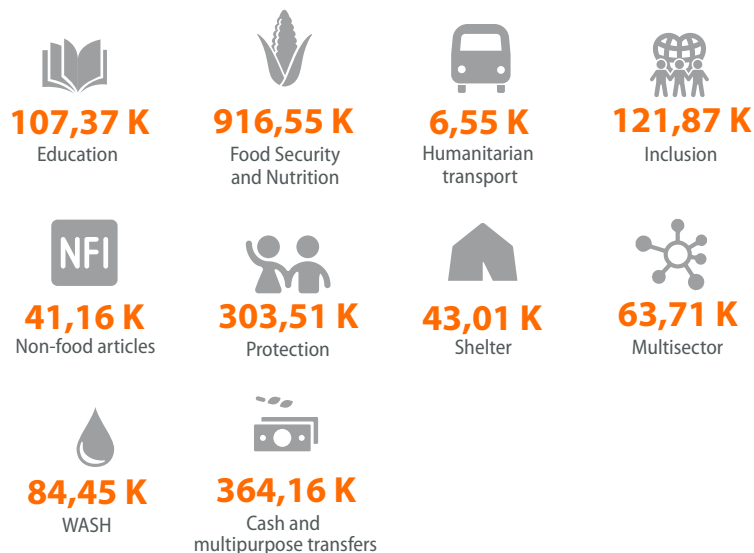


2,05 M

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- 432,62 K girls
- 439,39 K boys
- 692,53 K women
- 487,83 K men

Sector



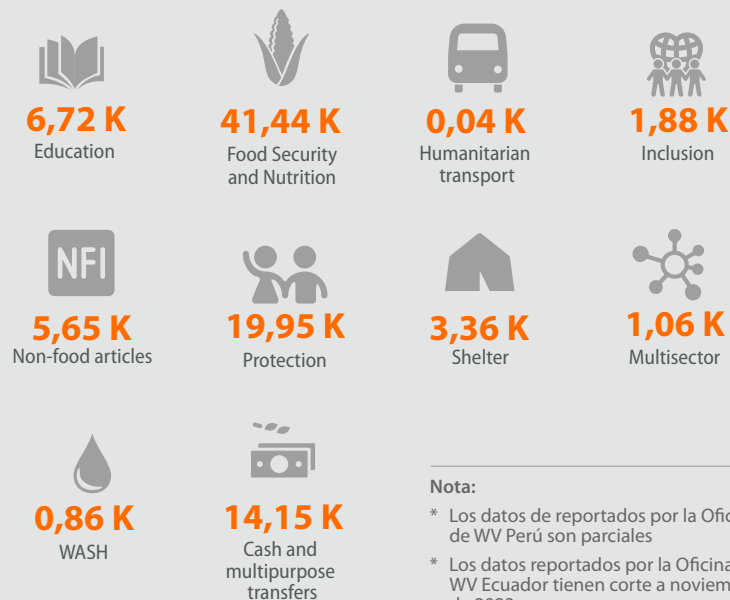
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APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE*

95,11 K

- 23,79 K girls
- 23,97 K boys
- 27,7 K women
- 19,65 K men



Nota:

- * Los datos de reportados por la Oficina de WV Perú son parciales
- * Los datos reportados por la Oficina de WV Ecuador tienen corte a noviembre de 2023

INICIATIVAS Y ACCIÓN HUMANITARIA:

During the months of **October to December 2023**, World Vision deployed significant actions in Panama and Mexico, two critical points of concentration for migrants.

Given the notable increase in migratory flows in the region, **the organization implemented decisive measures to counteract the impacts of dehydration, hunger and emotional trauma** resulting from this irregular and dangerous transit.

Essential humanitarian assistance was provided, with a particular focus on the wellbeing of children and adolescents.

	PANAMA	MEXICO
Girls	802	2.819
Boys	648	3.846
Adult Women	1.870	3.955
Adult Men	2.328	4.809
TOTAL	5.648	15.429





CURRENT SITUATION

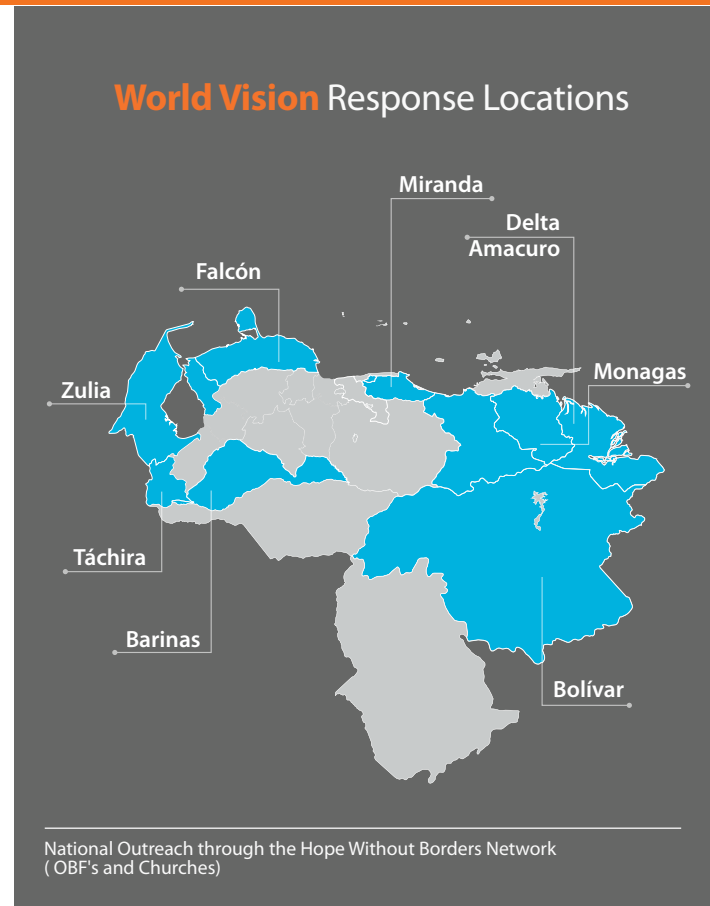
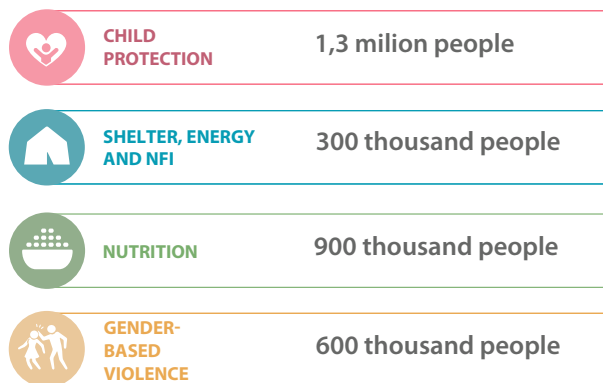
- During the last three months of the year 2023, an increase in malnutrition rates in Venezuela was observed, attributed to the socioeconomic crisis and the lack of response capacity in the health system. The malnutrition crisis in Venezuela, especially among children and adolescents, is **palpable according to the most recent HumVenezuela report**. Despite a slight increase in food availability, approximately 1 in 2 Venezuelans do not have adequate access to food. The low purchasing power of families, with a minimum wage equivalent to only \$3.62 per month, severely limits their access to basic food. 3 out of 4 families spend more than half of their income on food. Malnutrition, both acute and chronic, affects between 30% and 35% of the child population, threatening their physical growth and cognitive development.
- Education continues to be a critical issue in Venezuela, with significant challenges to guarantee permanence and quality of education for all children. This has led to an

increase in school dropout rates, especially among the child population, which poses serious challenges for their future.

- Return intention surveys conducted by **R4V partners in Colombia, Peru and Chile** show that between 20% and 45% of those surveyed plan to remain in their host countries. However, regardless of the varying numbers, all surveys agree that less than half of Venezuelans in transit intend to return to their country. In addition, a specific survey of those wishing to stay in Colombia reveals that only 1% plan to return to Venezuela in the next twelve months.
- The presidential elections scheduled for 2024 represent an additional challenge for the access and implementation of humanitarian programs in Venezuela. The electoral process has intensified political tensions in the country, raising concerns about security and the **permanence of humanitarian aid agencies in the country**.

HUMANITARIAN NEEDS OF VENEZUELAN IN THEIR COUNTRY:

According to the latest Humanitarian Response Report of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA its acronym in English), 5.2 million people in Venezuela require humanitarian assistance. **The prioritized needs are:**



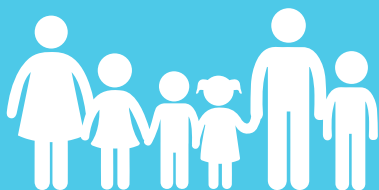
In order to attend in an articulated and integral manner to Venezuelan people in vulnerable situations, World Vision Venezuela urgently requires:

- Having new funding opportunities to collaborate with strategic partners. These resources are essential to provide attention to the country's priority sectors and ensure an effective response to the needs of the vulnerable population.
- WV Venezuela estimates that it needs to raise \$14 million to cover the costs of implementing its programs. They are striving to increase coverage and presence in all of the country's border states to reach remote and vulnerable communities, aligned with the Humanitarian Response Plan, to positively

impact the lives of vulnerable children. According to OCHA's Humanitarian Response Plan, there are still a large number of Venezuelans in need of assistance, with only 42% of them receiving aid so far.



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39,1 K

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

13,7 K girls

14,28 K boys

8,11 K women

3,01 K men



3,80 K
Education



33,73 K
Food Security
and nutrition



0,87 K
Multisector



0,70 K
Protection

INITIATIVES AND HUMANITARIAN ACTION:

- A proposal on Education in Emergencies, Protection and Risk Management was developed in consortium with the Federación Luterana Mundial and Humanity and Inclusion, aimed at addressing the serious academic deficiencies of children and adolescents in vulnerable areas, affected by the migration of teachers and the lack of adequate school infrastructure.
- Emergency Education projects were implemented in the state of Zulia, benefiting 3,707 participants. We also led the consortium for educational projects in indigenous communities in border states such as Amazonas and Delta Amacuro, within the framework of the "Iniciativa Centrada en la Niñez de la Cuenca Amazónica" (Amazon Basin Child-Focused Initiative).
- Provision of nutrition services to more than 13,000 participants. Of these, more than 90% were children and pregnant women, 1 in 4 participants required supplementation and 12% showed improvements in their nutritional conditions.
- Through participation in the OCHA Nutrition Cluster, WV Venezuela contributed with mechanisms for monitoring the nutritional conditions of vulnerable children, through the nutritional route system, Nutrivisión project reports and standardization of nutrition professionals in screening techniques.
- Professionals from WV Venezuela's nutrition area trained WV Brazil staff in food handling and child nutrition, shared methodologies for consulting children to diagnose needs in border communities and in research on Venezuelan migration in neighboring countries.
- An agreement was signed with ACNUR to impact 37,000 children and pregnant or lactating women in a nutrition project focused on preventing malnutrition in border areas, with significant protection and safeguarding components.

WV Venezuela participates in:

GTM Group (Co Leaders), ONGI Forum Advocacy Group (Leader), Security Table ONGI Forum (Leader), Access Group, Education Cluster, Health Cluster, Nutrition Cluster, Livelihoods Cluster, Protection Cluster, Wash Cluster, Logistics Cluster, Communication and Information Cluster, ONGI Forum

For the next period WV Venezuela is preparing for:

- Addressing cases of undernourishment and malnutrition among children due to the high costs and difficulty in accessing food in Venezuela.
- Ensure continuity in the education system for children and adolescents who have dropped out of school, through educational leveling programs in the states where WV Venezuela works.
- Closer integration of child protection in schools, ensuring that teachers can identify and respond to the concerns of children, adolescents and their families. All this to mitigate challenges such as student desertion, absenteeism, low academic performance and loss of teachers due to migration processes.

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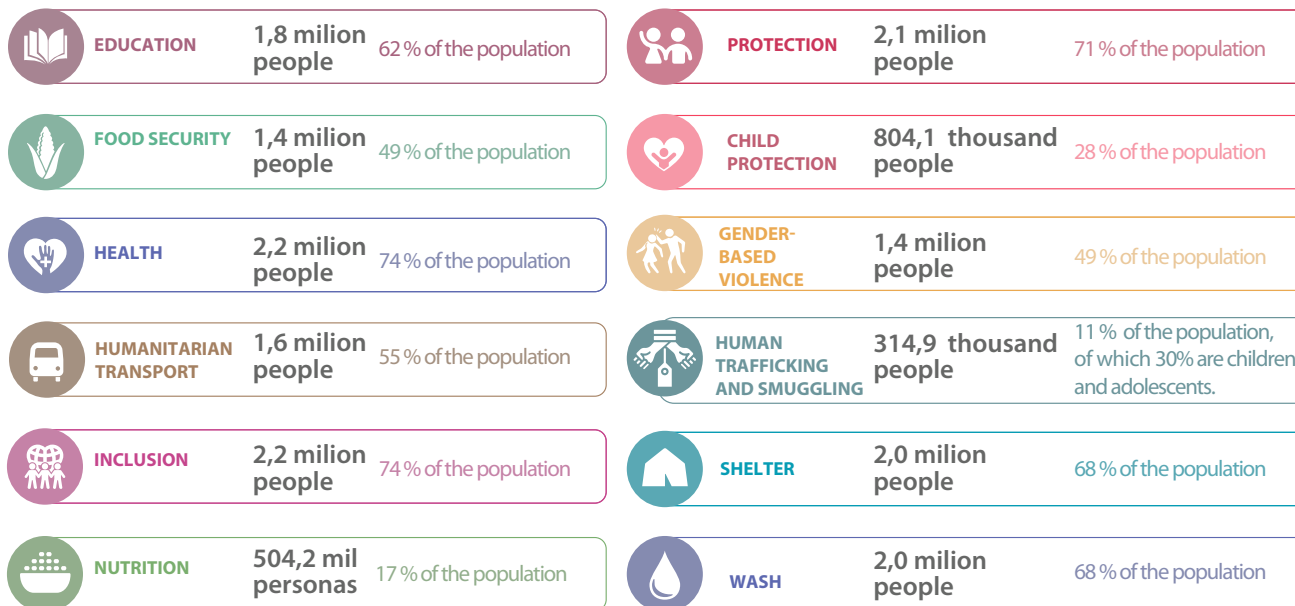
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- › In the context of migration in Colombia, a significant variation in the profile of the migrant population has been observed, showing an increase in the number of people living on the streets or using drugs. This population, already vulnerable, faces additional challenges in terms of security and integration. In the past, WV Colombia has warned about the risks faced by unaccompanied adolescents, who are exposed to abuse, exploitation and other forms of violence. These young people have opted for permanent migration and life on the street as a form of subsistence.
- › During the last quarter of 2023, there was an increase in the **use of less traveled migration routes in Colombia**, such as the connection between Bogotá or Medellín and destinations such as San Andrés, Nicaragua and El Salvador. This trend, highlighted by different media outlets, points to the diversification of migratory routes and poses new challenges for authorities and organizations working in migration management in the region.

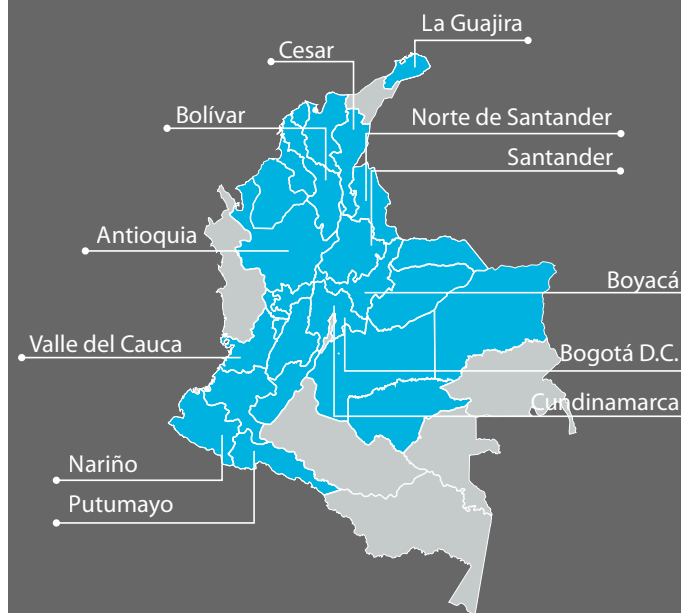
Faced with the possibility of the closure of the Darien border by the Panamanian government, **Colombian and Panamanian authorities have intensified their efforts to strengthen control in the region** and combat transnational crimes such as human trafficking and drug smuggling. This increased military presence and coordination between countries seeks to ensure border security and protect migrants transiting through this area.

The public order situation in Ecuador, with the recent declaration of internal armed conflict by the Ecuadorian government, has led to a **significant increase in the presence of authorities and security forces on the borders with Colombia**. This measure, accompanied by the request of judicial certificates for the entry of foreigners, shows the efforts to intensify migratory controls in the region.

HUMANITARIAN NEEDS OF VENEZUELAN REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN COLOMBIA:



World Vision Response Locations



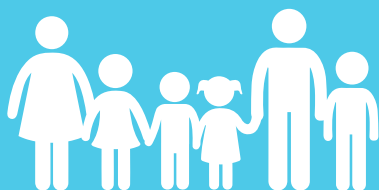
In order to attend the migrants and refugees from Venezuela in Colombia in an articulated and comprehensive manner, is required:

- Continue with actions to promote the economic integration of the migrant population in Colombia as a means of family stabilization and social cohesion. This implies the implementation of programs that facilitate access to decent work and the wellbeing of migrant families, thus contributing to their autonomy and sustainable development.
- Strengthen education initiatives aimed at the migrant population, with the objective of promoting their integration and permanence in educational institutions. This includes the development of programs that address barriers to access to education and provide comprehensive support to migrant children and adolescents, guaranteeing their right to quality education.

- Promote mental health interventions aimed at people with human mobility, to address anxiety levels and promote self-care of migrants and families. This implies the implementation of psychosocial care programs that provide emotional support, counseling and tools to manage stress and crisis situations associated with migration. Including the migrant population in street situations, especially adolescents and young people.



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25,58 K

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE*

- 3,34 K girls
- 3,51 K boys
- 9,02 K women
- 9,71 K men
- 0,007 K other



0,78 K
Education



7,08 K
Food Security and nutrition



0,04 K
Humanitarian transport



0,13 K
Inclusion



3,90 K
Multipurpose and cash transfers



0,14 K
Multisector



9,72 K
Protection



3,4 K
Shelter



0,43 K
WASH

INITIATIVES AND HUMANITARIAN ACTION:

- During December 2023 and January 2024, WV Colombia signed memorandums of understanding with the Instituto Colombiano de Bienestar Familiar (Colombian Institute of Family Wellbeing) and Migration Colombia, consolidating its strategy to support unaccompanied migrant children and family reunification. This articulation with state entities is fundamental to influence policies that protect the rights of migrant children in Colombia.
- We highlight the inclusion of the situation of migrant children in the alternative report to the Committee of Children's Rights, prepared together with the Alianza por la Niñez and COALICO, presented publicly in November 2023. This action evidences WV Colombia's commitment to make visible and address the challenges faced by migrant children and adolescents in the country.
- The Beyond Borders project served 2,553 children and adolescents, including 309 cases of unaccompanied and separated children, between September and December 2023. These figures show the continued need to coordinate efforts between Colombia's protection system and other humanitarian actors to ensure the wellbeing and protection of migrant children.
- Through the Education Cannot Wait Consortium, the third year of implementation was completed, providing access to education to more than 12 thousand children and adolescents, most of whom were outside the conventional school age range. It is noteworthy that 13% of this population benefited corresponds to ethnic groups, which highlights WV Colombia's commitment to inclusion and equity.
- The "Beyond Borders" project expanded its scope by incorporating the livelihoods component in its third phase. This approach, focused on case management, promotes comprehensive care with special emphasis on protection actions, thus strengthening the support provided to the migrant population in their integration process.
- World Vision continued implementing the "Building a Future" project in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration (IOM). This project focuses on promoting the socioeconomic integration of the migrant population by providing "cash for rent" services to people with business units, thus encouraging economic stabilization and contributing to their long-term wellbeing.

WV Colombia participates in:

ONGs Forum, GIFMM, GTM, GTRM, ECL, Alianza por la Niñez Colombiana, Roundtables: Economic Integration, Protection, Child Protection, R4v, Equipo Humanitario País, GTMs

For the next period WV Colombia is preparing for:

- Organize and lead World Vision's global education event, which will bring together experts from the organization. This event will be an opportunity to define a long-term intervention plan to improve the response to the educational needs of the migrant population in Colombia and elsewhere.
- Address the challenges posed by global phenomena associated with climate change, which have contributed to increased international mobility of people in search of better opportunities and economic stabilization. WV Colombia is preparing to adapt its interventions and strengthen its response to the specific needs of this population on the move, prioritizing actions that promote the safety, wellbeing and socioeconomic integration of migrants.

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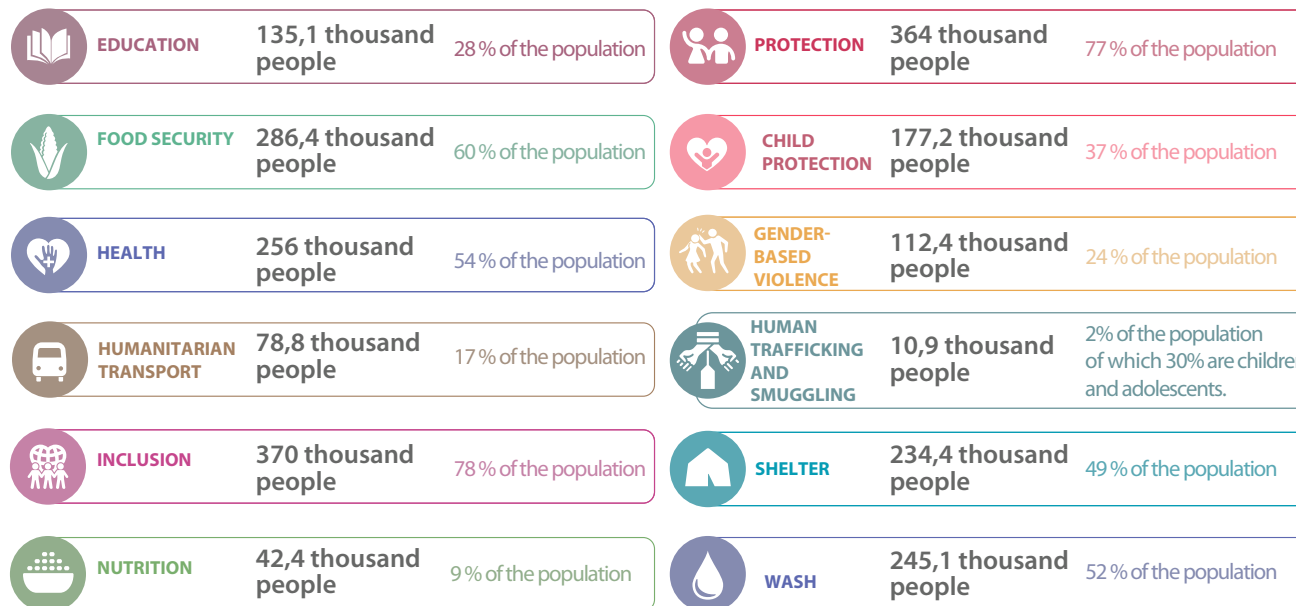
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- The recent provision of **Ecuador's Ministry of the Interior requiring foreigners to present a criminal record certificate seeks to strengthen national security during the State of Emergency**. This measure aims to prevent the entry of individuals who represent a threat to public security, it is crucial to remember that many migrants are vulnerable people seeking international protection. Requiring this certificate may hinder access for those fleeing situations of conflict and violence in their countries of origin. It is essential that any government action is carried out in a manner that respects human rights and guarantees due process for refugee claimants.
- Migration in Ecuador is going through a critical moment, reflecting both the internal situation of the country and global challenges. **In 2023, it was recorded that 70,000 Ecuadorians left their country and did not return**. Ecuadorians are forced to leave their homeland due to poverty, inequality and increasing violence related to organized crime. In addition, family reunification and the search for better opportunities also motivate Ecuadorians to leave their country. During 2023, Ecuadorian nationals were the second most common nationality to cross through the Darien jungle, evidencing the massive outflow of people from the country.

This migratory flow not only affects those who leave the country, but also those who decide to remain in Ecuador. However, the implementation of more restrictive migration policies in recent years has generated additional tensions and challenges, demonstrating the need for a comprehensive and humane approach to migration in Ecuador.

- People in a situation of refuge and human mobility represent a valuable source of economic and social potential in Ecuador, contributing to sustainable development in both their communities of origin and host communities. WV Ecuador has played a crucial role in supporting hundreds of migrants in the process of regularizing their businesses, which has had a significant impact on the revitalization of the local economy. From October to December 2023, 230 people, including members of the host community, were trained in key areas such as livelihood development, business regularization and digital marketing strategies for online commerce. This holistic approach has not only strengthened the entrepreneurial skills of migrants, but also fostered integration and mutual understanding between different communities. WV's initiative not only provides practical tools for business success, but also promotes inclusion and resilience in a context of human mobility and socio-economic change.

HUMANITARIAN NEEDS OF VENEZUELAN REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN ECUADOR:



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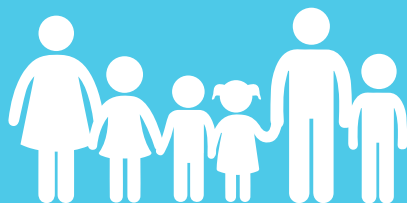


In order to attend the Venezuelan migrants and refugees in Ecuador in an articulated and comprehensive manner, it is required:

- Funding for informative workshops and awareness-raising activities in collaboration with our local partners. These initiatives will focus on educating project participants on the rights of migrants, promoting the principle of non-discrimination and providing relevant information on the migratory context, both for the population in a situation of human mobility and for the host community.
- Establish partnerships with government entities, municipalities, and local organizations to guarantee access to mental health services for the migrant population. This includes psychological care and emotional support and promoting self-care and resilience strategies in collaboration with institutions and foundations in the territories.
- Train the WV Ecuador team in minimum standards of care for the population in a situation of human mobility. This also implies the expansion of the team dedicated to human mobility to provide care in different migratory contexts and coordinate border actions with neighboring countries.
- Disseminate and make visible the activities carried out by WV at the territorial level. This will help strengthen our presence and collaboration in addressing the needs of the migrant and refugee population in Ecuador.



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0,75 K

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

0,03 K girls

0,03 K boys

0,53 K women

0,16 K men



0,51 K
Inclusion



0,24 K
Protection

Nota:

* WV Ecuador presents figures up to November 2023

INITIATIVES AND HUMANITARIAN ACTION:

- WV Ecuador provided support so that dozens of migrant families could access the Virte Visa, the regularization process for migrants who entered through irregular passages. In this process, legal and economic assistance was provided in two provinces with a high influx of refugees. In addition, in cities such as Huaquillas, assistance was provided in food security and psychosocial support, guaranteeing access to basic services for those most in need.
- Through the Esperanza sin Fronteras-VRF project, participants in entrepreneurship workshops were given access to micro-credits to strengthen their businesses, promoting the generation of credit history and the development of sustainable businesses. More than 230 people were trained in gender-focused livelihoods and digital innovation, fostering entrepreneurship adapted to the technological era and promoting the economic inclusion of women, men and LGTBQ+ people.
- Projects such as Youth Ready and Respiramos Inclusión have contributed to the education and training of the migrant and refugee population in key areas such as self-knowledge, employability, entrepreneurship and citizenship. Individual follow-ups were carried out to address pedagogical challenges in the educational system and strengthen the inclusion of children and adolescents in the school environment.
- Faith leaders participating in the Hope without Borders-VRF project were trained in topics such as gender-based violence, human rights and psychological first aid. This enabled them to understand contexts of vulnerability and promote actions to address situations of violence and protection in the territories. In addition, links were established with government entities to ensure the activation of protocols and reporting routes in cases of violence and vulnerability.

WV Ecuador participates in:

Communication Working Group of the GTRM Ecuador, GTRM Nacional, GTRM Huaquillas, GTRM Manta with the co-leadership of the legal sub-sector.

For the next period WV Ecuador is preparing for:

- Offer informative workshops to the population in a situation of human mobility and to the host community. These workshops will address key issues such as access to rights, the principle of non-discrimination and awareness of the migration context. We will work hand by hand with strategic partners to ensure wide dissemination and significant impact.
- Collaborate with Provincial Governments, Municipal Mayors, GTRM, Cantonal Councils for the Protection of Rights, Ministry of Economic and Social Inclusion, Ministry of Public Health and local foundations to provide comprehensive mental health support, ensuring that migrants have access to the services and resources necessary for their emotional and psychological wellbeing in their adaptation and relocation process.

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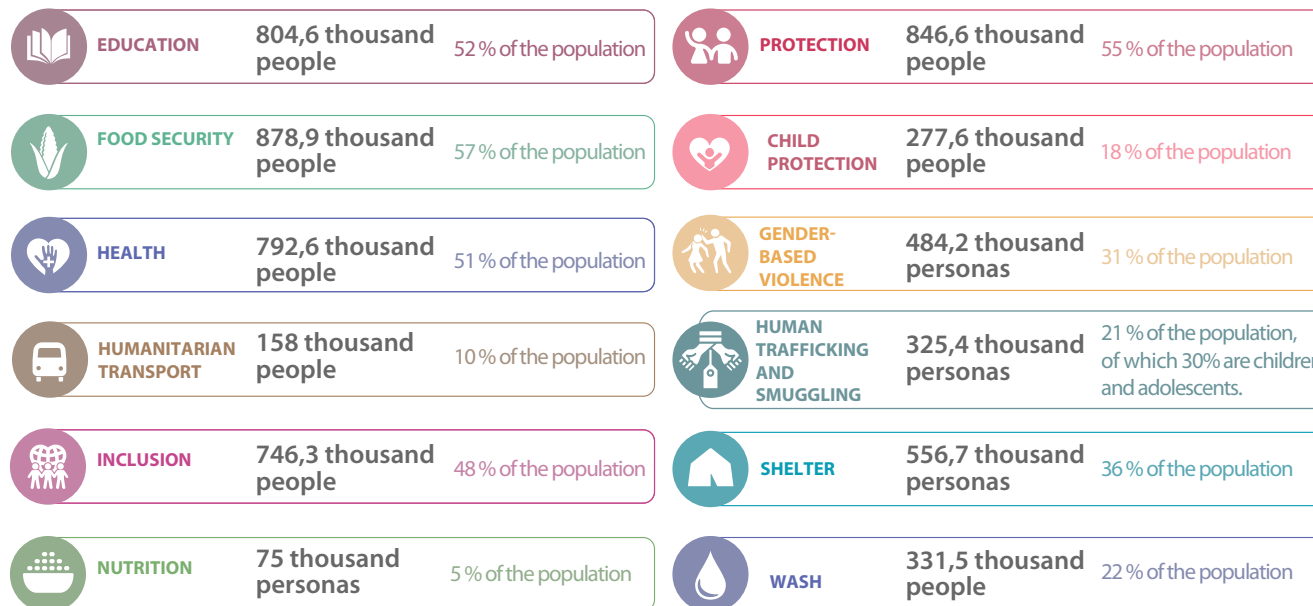
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- **The expiration of the deadline to obtain the Temporary Permit to Stay generated uncertainty and fear among more than 152 thousand migrants in an irregular situation in Peru.** The possibility of being expelled from the country affected this vulnerable population psychologically. WV Peru provided guidance and calm to the participants, although there was a slight decrease in the participation in the delivery of kits. However, we continued to attend to the most urgent needs, such as multipurpose cash deliveries. Since January, there has been a gradual return to normal activities on the part of the migrant population, which has shown interest in participating in the support programs.
- The increase in crime and insecurity by foreigners in Lima led to **confrontations and attacks against Venezuelan migrants by Peruvian citizens** in districts such as La Victoria, El Agustino and Cercado de Lima.

- This climate of hostility deeply affected the self-esteem of the migrant population, generating fear and distrust in their search for decent employment. WV Peru has provided psychological and emotional support through mental health workshops. The testimonies of the participants highlight the importance of providing a safe and supportive space for the migrant population in times of crisis.



HUMANITARIAN NEEDS OF VENEZUELAN REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN PERÚ:



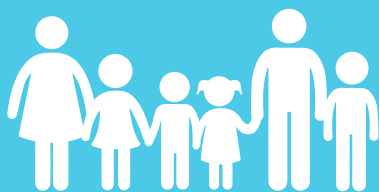
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In order to attend to Venezuelan migrants and refugees in Peru in an articulated and comprehensive manner, it is required:

- Provide advice for access to adequate health services to ensure their wellbeing and comprehensive development. One of the main barriers faced by migrant children and adolescents, especially those of Venezuelan nationality, is the difficulty in accessing the Peruvian health system. The lack of a foreigner's ID card or the expired validity of the same prevents access to the Integrated Health System (SIS), which negatively affects their development and growth.
- Develop a new proposal to help the migrant population to be presented to BRPRM. We expect this new proposal to continue to address key components such as legal protection, livelihoods (employability, entrepreneurship) and mental health and psychosocial support. We are in the process of coordinating with them to determine the specific components to be included in this new initiative.
- Continue working on the articulation between projects to offer a wider range of services to the refugee and migrant population. In addition, we are establishing partnerships with other development cooperation agencies to organize service fairs, which have proven to be an effective strategy. For example, while WV Peru covers aspects such as nutritional assistance, orientation and migration regularization, as well as the creation of child-friendly spaces, the Red Cross is called in for health issues, thus allowing a comprehensive and coordinated attention to the needs of this vulnerable population.

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12,27 K

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

3,20 K girls

2,98 K boys

4,33 K women

1,76 K men



1,32 K

Education



6,43 K

Multipurpose and cash transfers



4,52 K

Protection

INITIATIVES AND HUMANITARIAN ACTION:

- Through the "Abriendo Caminos" project, mental health workshops were held in November, providing eight sessions focused on healthy coexistence, expression of affection, emotional regulation, self-esteem and prevention of gender violence. 165 children and adolescents participated in protection activities, and 81 parents and caregivers received mental health assistance.
- In the new fiscal year, key alliances were established with Venezuelan associations, local governments, the Ministry of Labor and other cooperation agencies to convene livelihood training processes for the migrant population.
- The "Alimentación no tiene límites" (Food has no limits) project benefited 1,657 families with educational sessions to improve their eating habits. Nutritional sessions were provided in three stages, covering everything from food purchasing to preparation techniques. In addition, 401 participants received nutritional follow-up and 53 families with people with disabilities received cash transfers.
- In the "Abriendo Caminos" project, 537 Venezuelan migrants were accompanied in the process of orientation and regularization of their migratory status. As a result, 30 migrants were able to regularize their migratory situation in the country, obtaining a foreigner's card that allows them to access essential services and apply for employment.
- The "Uniendo Caminos" project, financed by UNICEF, provided assistance and protection to 3,295 children, adolescents and their families in border areas such as Tacna and Tumbes. In addition, 297 migrants benefited with hygiene, educational, protection and emergency kits, and 1,318 children received school and emotional support.
- In the "La alimentación no tiene límites" project, breastfeeding centers were opened in work areas, providing educational sessions on breastfeeding and techniques for expressing and conserving milk. A breastfeeding center was inaugurated in Lima and more are planned to open in Tumbes and La Libertad in January 2024.

WV Peru participates in:

GTRM Protection Sub-Group, Information Management Group, GTRM Nutrition Desk, GTRM Child Protection Sub-Group, GTRM Communications Sub-Group

For the following period WV Peru is preparing to:

- Address the nutritional and health needs of the migrant population, according to the recent nutritional risk report. Through a detailed analysis, it was identified that more than half of the participating children do not present nutritional risk, but a significant proportion is at moderate-severe or mild risk, which requires specific interventions to ensure their wellbeing. In addition, the prevalence of anemia is observed in a considerable proportion of the children, indicating the importance of health and nutrition programs.
- Regarding gender-based violence, WV Peru recognizes the urgency of addressing this persistent problem among Venezuelan migrant women and girls. Despite previous efforts, a multi-sectoral study reveals that a significant proportion of refugee and migrant women are still victims of violence, and most of them do not seek help. Therefore, initiatives to provide support and protection to these women will be prioritized, strengthening collaboration with state and civil society institutions.
- Continue to provide attention to migrants who initiated the migration regularization process before the October 28 deadline, while awaiting a response from the Government for those who did not manage to register on time.
- Maintain transparent and clear communication with the migrant population on regulatory changes and administrative procedures related to migratory regularization and expulsions, ensuring that they are informed of their rights and available options.
- Strengthen the articulation with governmental institutions and civil society organizations to guarantee a comprehensive and coordinated response to the needs of the migrant population in Peru, especially with regard to the protection of their rights and access to basic services such as health, education and employment.

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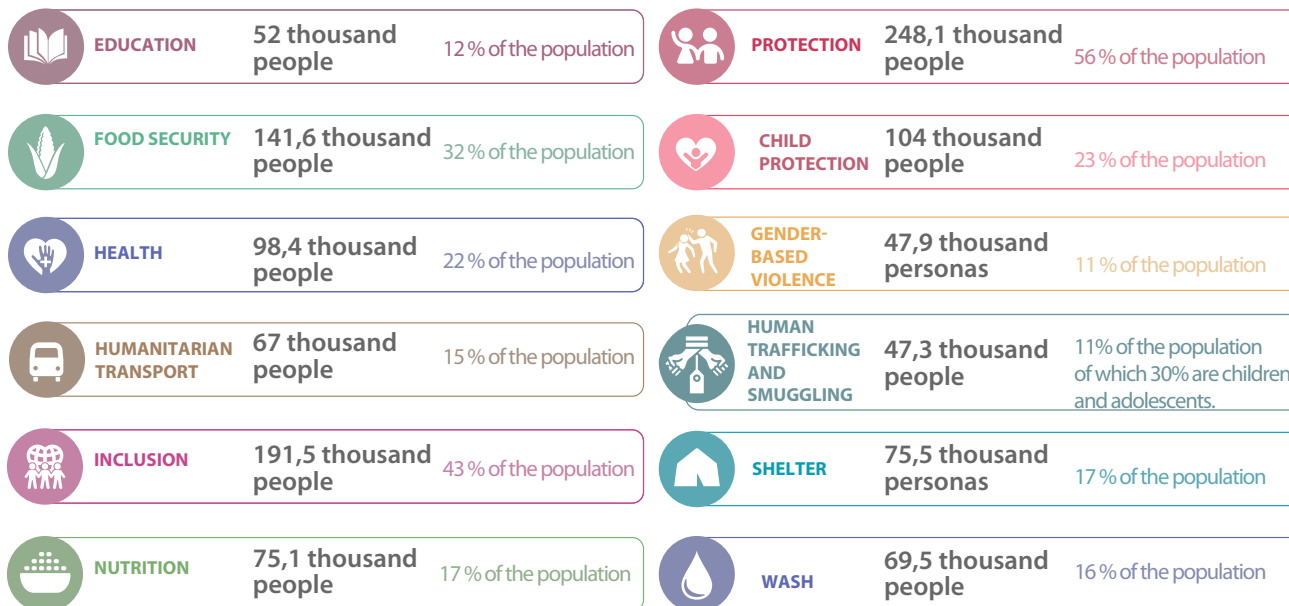
CURRENT SITUATION

- ▶ In the second week of November in the commune of Coronel, Bío Bío region, **a fire broke out in a camp in which 14 Venezuelan migrants, including 8 children, lost their lives.** The incident, attributed to the overheating of a stove, shocked the local community and raised concerns about safety conditions in informal migrant settlements. One of the deceased girls participated in WV Colombia's projects with migrant population. WV Chile reinforces its commitment to the protection of migrant children. The organization persists in its work to promote the rights and wellbeing of children and adolescents, working closely with other government agencies and organizations to strengthen support networks for migrant families. In addition, it remains attentive to the evolution of the situation and adapts its interventions to meet the emerging needs of the affected population. A week after the tragic accident in Coronel, **another unfortunate event was reported in the commune of Valparaiso, where two migrant children lost their lives in a fire.**

The event occurred while 3 children were in the house unaccompanied by an adult, and only one managed to escape.

- ▶ In November 2023, **President Gabriel Boric announced the expulsion of irregular migrants who have not participated in biometric registration.** These measures are in response to rising crime rates and the perception of public insecurity among the population. WV Chile works in collaboration with other entities to advocate for inclusive migration policies that respect human rights, while providing direct support to migrant families to address the challenges associated with migration regularization and integration into Chilean society. However, during this period there was a low participation in the calls due to fear of the announced measures.

HUMANITARIAN NEEDS OF VENEZUELAN REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN CHILE:



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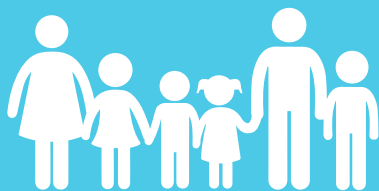


In order to attend to Venezuelan migrants and refugees in Chile in an articulated and comprehensive manner, is required :

- Addressing access to and permanence in the formal education system for the migrant population. This implies providing educational alternatives and offering psycho-emotional support to favor their integration, adaptation, mental health and comprehensive wellbeing, as well as promoting their learning processes. WV Chile is committed to implementing measures to ensure that migrant children and adolescents have equal opportunities in the educational sphere and can develop their full potential.

- Recognize and make visible the diversity of nationalities within the migrant population we serve. Although the majority are of Venezuelan nationality, there is also a significant representation of other nationalities, such as the Russian Federation, Denmark and Cameroon. This urges us to be prepared to adapt to new trends and challenges that may arise, both in the short and long term. Maintaining flexibility and response capacity will be essential to adjust our interventions and continue to meet the changing needs of the migrant population in Chile.

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9,03 K


APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- 2,45 K girls
- 2,21 K boys
- 2,81 K women
- 1,56 K men

 **0,82 K**
Education

 **0,63 K**
Food Security and nutrition

 **0,43 K**
WASH

 **3,82 K**
Multipurpose and cash transfers

 **0,05 K**
Multisector

 **3,28 K**
Protection

INITIATIVES AND HUMANITARIAN ACTION:

- WV Chile supported 190 women heads of household through entrepreneurship and local integration courses. In addition to acquiring new skills, 75 received tool grants of \$550 to strengthen businesses in various areas, from the sale of toiletries and baked goods to clothing manufacturing and esthetic services. This support contributes significantly to the diversification and strengthening of the entrepreneurial community.
- In the area of protection, 3,295 people were impacted, of whom 1,522 were children and adolescents. Case management services, derivation to other services, gender violence prevention work (GBV) and psychosocial support were provided, thus strengthening the protection and wellbeing of the migrant population in Chile.
- The CUP program was implemented in educational establishments with a high presence of migrant population in the Tarapacá Region. This program benefited 263 boys and girls between 6 and 12 years of age, mainly in schools in Iquique and Alto Hospicio. As a result, 88 boys and girls achieved the expected competencies and graduated satisfactorily, while 175 showed a significant increase in their knowledge of language and mathematics, thus improving their academic performance and facilitating their school integration.

WV Chile participa en:

Arica and Parinacota Migration Roundtables, Tarapacá Roundtable, Emergency Response Coordination (SENAPRED), Migrant Health and Pro-Migrant Network, ACNUR Humanitarian Response Network, R4V Platform, Migration Management Committee, Trafficking and Smuggling Biborder Roundtable, Children's Network.

For the following period WV Chile is preparing to:

- Strengthen and facilitate the local integration of the migrant and refugee population in various initiatives and intersectoral spaces within their communities. To this end, we are evaluating potential profiles for integration, which will allow us to strengthen collaborative alliances and cooperation with partner agencies, donors and strategic actors, both from the public and private sectors.
- In addition, we work closely with municipalities and other relevant actors to ensure a comprehensive and effective response to the needs of the migrant population, thus promoting their wellbeing and participation in Chilean society.

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CURRENT SITUATION

- ▶ **The approval of the Comprehensive Law for the Right of Children and Adolescents to Live with their Families** by the Bolivian Chamber of Senators marks an important step forward in the recognition and protection of children's rights. However, the alleged presence of migrants associated with criminal activities, particularly those linked to the Tren de Aragua criminal group, has generated sensitivities and rejection of migrant families by the local population and has provoked reactions from Bolivian migration authorities, who have intensified controls on the Desaguadero - Pisiga transit route.
- ▶ Despite the challenges, WV Bolivia continues its commitment to the wellbeing of the migrant population in the country. Through its project, it has adapted to the new circumstances, providing assistance to those in need, especially in the town of Desaguadero. As transit routes have changed due to migration regulations in neighboring countries, WV Bolivia has adjusted its operations to continue supporting migrants in their transit through the national territory.
- ▶ A change in the profiles of migrants has been observed, with an increase in the number of people traveling alone or in groups of friends, underlining the importance of adapting interventions to meet the specific needs of each group. Through the Migrant and Refugee Care Project, WV Bolivia continues its work to support migrant families, offering humanitarian assistance, protection and accompaniment in their transit through the country.



HUMANITARIAN NEEDS OF VENEZUELAN REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN BOLIVIA:



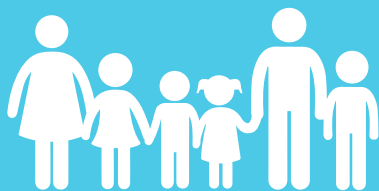
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To attend the migrants and refugees from Venezuela in Bolivia in an articulated and comprehensive manner, it is required:

- Implement different methodologies for the care of migrant children in transit. This includes the establishment of friendly spaces that provide psychosocial, educational and health support to migrant children and adolescents crossing the country. WV Bolivia seeks resources and support to implement these methodologies and ensure that the rights and needs of migrant children are comprehensively addressed during their transit.
- Strengthen the cross-border articulation of comprehensive protection systems for children and migrant populations. This implies establishing cooperation and coordination mechanisms between different actors, both nationally and internationally, to guarantee an effective and coordinated response to the protection needs of this vulnerable population. Funding and support are required to carry out these actions and thus contribute to the comprehensive protection of migrant children in the region.

OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2023



0,88 K

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- 0,16 K girls
- 0,18 K boys
- 0,18 K women
- 0,36 K men



0,88 K

Protection

INITIATIVES AND HUMANITARIAN ACTION:

- Was highlighted the specialized attention provided to 73 children and adolescents in friendly spaces, where care, protection and psychosocial support were provided. In addition, self-care and the strengthening of assertive communication skills were promoted for minors and their fathers, mothers or guardians, to foster an environment of affective parenting.
- Seven border monitoring activities were carried out in the cities of Oruro and Pisiga, where 1,135 people of various nationalities were observed passing through these areas. This monitoring made it possible to identify the particular needs of migrants in these places, which contributed to a better understanding of their situation and to the subsequent planning of specific interventions to meet those needs.

WV Bolivia participa en:

R4V local platform, Red Clamor, ACNUR Partners Platform, Ministry of Education risk management roundtable.

For the following period WV Bolivia is preparing to:

- Addressing the challenge of migratory regularization, especially for Venezuelan nationals who enter Bolivian territory irregularly. Aware of the difficulties they face due to the lack of valid documents and restrictions on access to the asylum system, the project will offer comprehensive guidance services and free legal advice to facilitate regular access to the territory. In addition, accompaniment will be provided in cases of rights violations, including representation and legal accompaniment before state authorities.
- Given the changes in the mobility trends of migrants and refugees, as well as the new political context in the region, WV Bolivia is adapting to meet these challenges. With the increasing intervention and control by Chilean and Peruvian authorities, there has been an increase in the mobility of migrants between countries, which has generated the need to identify new routes and resort to informal intermediaries to transit through border points. In this changing scenario, WV Bolivia seeks to be prepared to provide support and assistance to the migrant population, ensuring their protection and wellbeing in this dynamic context.

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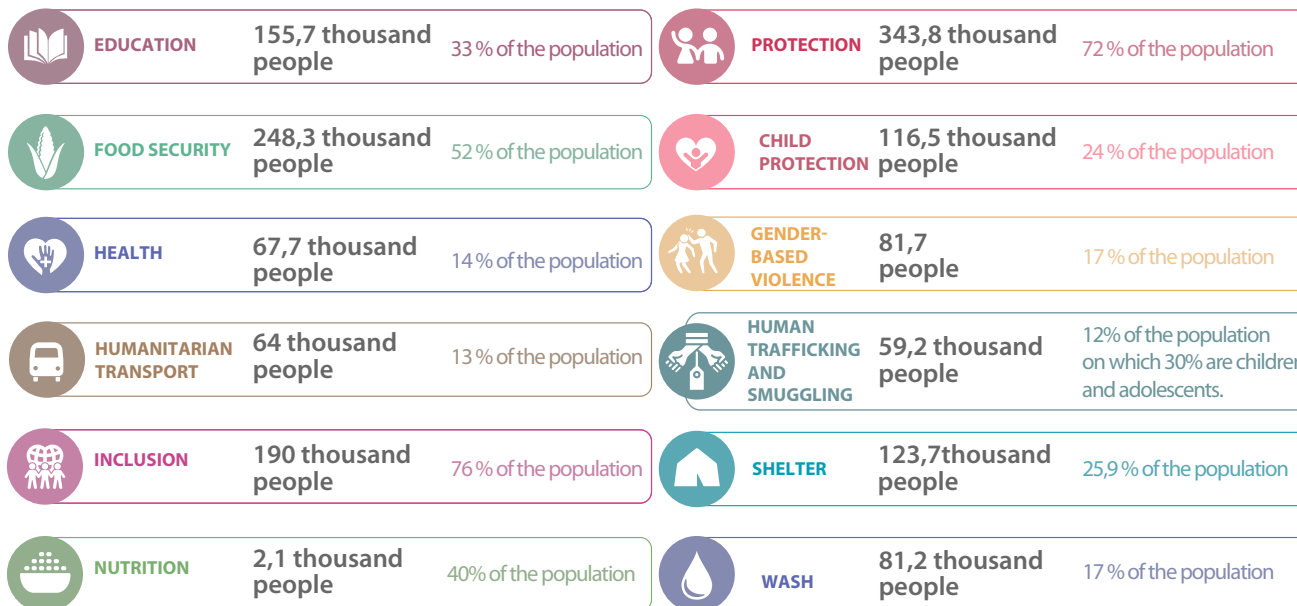
CURRENT SITUATION

- ▶ Brazil continues to be an important destination for Venezuelan migrants and refugees, with a notable change in **its position from fifth to third country with the most Venezuelans in just one year**. Despite a reduction in entries during December due to the end-of-year festivities, between 400 and 600 people continue to cross the Brazilian-Venezuelan border on a weekly basis. This highlights Brazil's relevance as one of the main receiving countries of this population in the region.
- ▶ The enactment of Legislative Decree 1582 in Peru, which introduces an administrative procedure for the expulsion of undocumented foreigners, has generated an increase in the migratory flow at the Brazil-Peru border. The study conducted by ACNUR on the impact of the arrival of Venezuelans in Acre indicates that approximately 40 people per day have crossed the border in 2023.

This scenario has motivated organizations like WV Brazil to be attentive and respond to the emerging needs of the migrant population in the border region.

- ▶ There is a trend towards the economic and social integration of the migrant population in Brazil. The holding of the **National Migration Conference (COMIGRAR) in June 2024, organized by the Brazilian Federal Government**, is a clear example of this approach. WV Brazil is also contributing to this process with the organization of a Free Conference in the North of the country in March, focused on promoting the integration of the migrant, refugee and stateless population into Brazilian society. This joint effort seeks to strengthen collaboration between government entities, civil society organizations and migrant groups to ensure respect for the rights and inclusion of this population in Brazilian community life.

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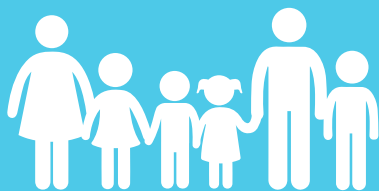
To attend the migrants and refugees from Venezuela in Brazil in an articulated and comprehensive manner, it is required:

- Ensure resources and establish strategic alliances to address specific protection needs on the Brazil-Peru border, especially in the context of the Venezuelan migratory flow. WV Brazil seeks to coordinate with actors in the Regional Child Protection System to develop comprehensive sectoral plans to ensure safe and sustainable migration.
- Increase support for food security programs on the Brazil-Venezuela border, in collaboration with partners such as BHA and Casa Nutri. Resources are sought to establish a center specialized in food assistance for children and adolescents, considering that 40% are malnourished according to WV data.

- Link projects and capacities with existing public social and assistance structures in the country, due to the long-term trend towards economic and social integration of the migrant population in Brazil. However, more staff is required to carry out advocacy activities and ensure the successful implementation of new projects, especially in this change of perspectives and in the management of funds needed for their execution.



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1,85 K

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- 0,11 K girls
- 0,13 K boys
- 0,85 K women
- 0,76 K men



0,61 K
Protection



1,24 K
Inclusion

INITIATIVES AND HUMANITARIAN ACTION:

- An effective expansion of the Integração project was achieved in the city of Lucas do Rio Verde, Mato Grosso State, with a focus on professional training and the Portuguese language. This project seeks to benefit 25% of the Venezuelan migrant population residing in the city, contributing to their social and economic integration. There are 8,844 registered Venezuelan residents in the State of Mato Grosso, and this initiative represents an important step towards inclusion and support for the migrant community.
- Child Friendly Spaces were created by the project Ven, Tú Puedes in Boa Vista, financed by PRM. These spaces provide support to single parents and family members as they participate in livelihood and integration activities. In addition, a space has been opened in partnership with UNICEF, benefiting 40 children per shift. The plan is to reach 1,000 children by September 2024. In January, another space will be opened in Pacaraima, a border city between Brazil and Venezuela, to continue supporting migrant children.
- WV Brazil continues to raise awareness and promote the hiring of refugees and migrants by the private sector. In this period, 19 companies were sensitized and one of them was awarded with the Migrant-Friendly Seal. As a result, 36 program participants were formally hired in various sectors, thus contributing to the labor integration of vulnerable groups in Brazilian society.

WV Bolivia participa en:

Co-Coordination of the Integration, Humanitarian Transport and Internalization Sector of R4V, Member of the R4V Protection Sector, Member of the Child Protection Sub-Sector of R4V, Member of the R4V VBG Protection Sub-Sector, Member of the Roraima Working GT of Operación Acogida, Member of the Manaus Intersectoral GT of Operación Acogida, Part of the Comité Estadual Intersectorial de Atenção aos Migrantes, Apatridas e Refugiados de Roraima, Propaz Forum in Chapecó/Santa Catarina, Member of the Cash Transfer GT of Operation Reception, Member of the Security GT of Operación Acogida, Member Observer of the Quito process.

For the next period WV Brazil is preparing for:

- Adapting to the change of leadership at the reference center for attention to migrants and refugees (PITRIG) in Manaus. Previously part of Operación Acogida, with the support of the Fuerza Tarea Logística Humanitaria and PITRIG provided essential services such as documentation, protection and integration. Since December, responsibility for the space has been assumed by the Secretariat of Justice and Citizenship of the State of Amazonas (SEJUSC), making the reference center part of the local response. WV reaffirms its commitment to continue in the PITRIG and support the construction of public policies together with the Committee for Migrants, Refugees and Stateless Persons of Amazonas (COMPREMI), of which it is an active member. This approach ensures a coordinated and effective response to meet the needs of migrants and refugees in the Manaus region.

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