

## COLOMBIA



RESPUESTA A  
VENEZOLANOS  
Plataforma de Coordinación  
para Refugiados y Migrantes  
de Venezuela



VENEZUELAN IN  
COLOMBIA<sup>a</sup>

1.82M

799,373

WITH REGULAR  
MIGRATION STATUS

1,026,314

WITH IRREGULAR  
MIGRATION STATUS



BENEFICIARIES WHO  
RECEIVED ONE OR MORE  
ASSISTANCES<sup>b</sup>

355,666

91

ORGANIZATIONS

27

DEPARTAMENTOS



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW -  
FEBRUARY<sup>c</sup>

REQUESTED FUNDING: 739.2M

3.1% FUNDING  
RECEIVED: 22.7M



## Situation

- President Iván Duque appointed Fernando Ruiz Gómez as the new Minister of Health, Ángel Custodio Cabrera as the new Minister of Labor, and Lina Arbeláez as the new Director of the Colombian Institute of Family Welfare.
- The National Liberation Army announced a 72-hour nationwide "armed strike" from 14-17 February. The La Unión International Bridge in Norte de Santander was closed on the Venezuelan side between the 15-16 February, due to clashes.
- According to new official figures from Colombian Migration<sup>1</sup>, there were 1,825,687 Venezuelans in Colombia, of which 1,026,314 are in an irregular situation as of 29 February.
- President Iván Duque published an opinion piece in *The Washington Post*<sup>2</sup>, in which he asks for additional support from the international community for the response in Colombia to refugees and migrants from Venezuela.

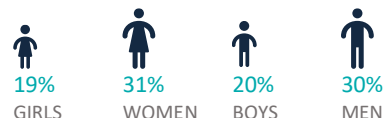
### KEY FIGURES<sup>d</sup>

**4.94M** VENEZUELAN WITH BORDER  
MOBILITY CARDS (TMF)

**40,948** VENEZUELAN WITH  
TEMPORARY TRANSIT PERMIT (PIP-TT)

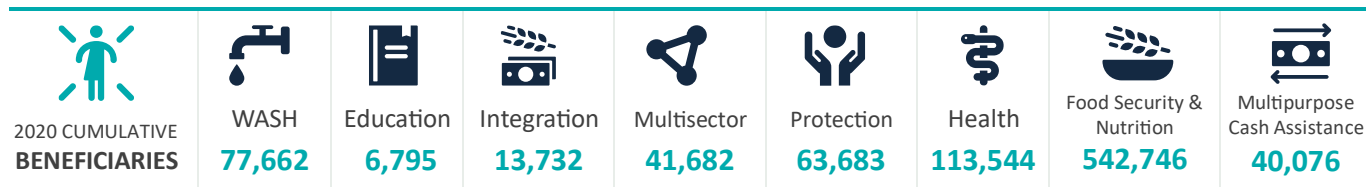
**8,888** EXITS THROUGH THE RUMICHACA  
BORDER CROSSING

### DISAGGREGATION OF BENEFICIARIES



## Response

- WASH:** >20,800 people received key sanitation and hygiene kits and items and >10,300 people accessed water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services daily at the various service delivery points.
- Education:** >5,200 children and adolescent refugees and migrants accessed to non-formal and formal education in emergency services and 1,083 at school age were enrolled in national educational institutions.
- Integration:** >6,600 people participated in community integration activities and >1,100 were supported to access employment and self-employment opportunities.
- Multisector:** >14,700 people received non-food items and >14,500 received short-term support with temporary, individual and collective accommodation services.
- Protection:** >13,100 refugees and migrants received legal assistance, representation or advice and >7,800 refugees and migrants received information, prevention and response services to gender-based violence.
- Health:** >55,500 primary care consultations in physical and mental health; >4,000 emergency care consultations for refugees and migrants and >12,300 people received mental health care or psychosocial support.
- Food Security and Nutrition:** >139,400 people reached through hot meals, >131,500 people reached through food assistance vouchers and cash delivery, and support in self-sustaining strategies for >18,000 refugees and migrants.
- Multipurpose CBI:** >36,400 people accessed multipurpose transfers via vouchers.



<sup>1</sup> Migración Colombia (2020, 3 April). Total figure of Venezuelans in Colombia: <https://www.migracioncolombia.gov.co/noticias/265-abril-2020/mas-de-1-millon-825-mil-venezolanos-estarian-radicalados-en-colombia>

<sup>2</sup> The Washington Post (2020, 27 February). Iván Duque: Colombia is committed to helping Venezuelan refugees. But we can't do it alone. Retrieved from: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2020/02/27/ivan-duque-colombia-venezuela-refugees/>

<sup>3</sup> Colombia Migration Infographic as of 29 February 2020<sup>b</sup> ActivityInfo report as of February 2020, <sup>c</sup>FTS Report, <sup>d</sup>Migration report of Venezuelans in Colombia, Colombia Migration as of 24 February 2020

<sup>b</sup>Including direct and implementing partners.



## Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)

**41,732**

 BENEFICIARIES  
IN FEBRUARY

**13**

DEPARTAMENTOS



Families in Riohacha, La Guajira, are using the 'tippy tap' built between homes and ZOA, as a new mechanism for hand washing in areas where water is scarce. / ZOA

During the month of February, more than **41,700** beneficiaries received one or more services in water and sanitation through **23** partners and implementers of the RMRP, in **23** municipalities in **13** departments; assistance was provided mainly in border departments, but also in transit departments. The main actions of the sector include the delivery of sanitation and hygiene kits, as well as key products to more than **20,800** refugees and migrants, considering the differential needs of women, girls, boys, pregnant women, among other profiles. As well, daily access to water and sanitation services was provided to more than **10,300** people at service delivery points (health centers, shelters, canteens, schools, etc.), including **5,500** girls and boys who accessed these services in child development spaces. In addition, more than **4,900 people**, including host population, accessed facilities and trainings on safe water and basic sanitation in their communities, and over **1,900** people had access to water and sanitation services at the community and institutional level.

### ORGANIZATIONS\*:

ACDI/VOCA | Action Against Hunger | CISP | Capellanía OFICA | Caritas Switzerland (FAMIG) | Colombian National Red Cross Society | Diakonie (CID) | IOM | SI/PUI | Save the Children | UNHCR (Opción Legal) | UNICEF (Dusakawi IPSI - E.S.E. Nuestra señora del perpetuo socorro - Halú - I.P.S. Municipal de Ipiales - MIREN IPS) | World Vision | ZOA (Halú)

*\*Those in parentheses correspond to implementing partners.*



## Education

**5,655**

 BENEFICIARIES  
IN FEBRUARY

**8**

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During the month of February, more than **5,600** beneficiaries received assistance through **14** RMRP partners and implementers, in **14** municipalities in **7** departments and, mainly in the border departments and in the Caribbean region.

More than **5,200** children, refugees, migrants, returnees and members of the host communities accessed non-formal and formal education in emergency services, such as educational reinforcement and support activities, among other flexible education initiatives. Additionally, **1,083** children from Venezuela at school age were enrolled in national educational institutions, where they are accompanied in their educational process, and were provided with school kits.

### ORGANIZATIONS\*:

Capellanía OFICA (NRC - UNICEF) | Caritas Switzerland (FAMIG) | CISP | GIZ (Corporación Scalabrini) | NRC (Save the Children) | PLAN | Save the Children | SOS Children's Villages | UNICEF (World Vision) | World Vision

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## Integration

**8,346**

 BENEFICIARIES  
IN FEBRUARY

**10**

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During the month of February, more than **8,300** beneficiaries received assistance through **27** RMRP partners and implementers, in **16** municipalities from **10** departments, both in border departments and refugees and migrants' permanence areas. More than **6,600** people were reached through activities to promote social cohesion, such as community integration days at their host areas. In addition, more than **1,100** refugees and migrants were accompanied to access employment opportunities, and more than **500** participated in self-employment or entrepreneurship initiatives, including capacity building and delivery of productive inputs, among other actions. In support to the Labor Ministry, dissemination campaigns were developed to inform refugees and migrants about the Permanence Special Permit for the Promotion of Formalization (PEPFF by its acronym in Spanish), which is the mechanism to facilitate labor insertion for refugees and migrants in irregular migration status. Finally, **79** people participated in finance inclusion activities.



*Presentation of economic units from Integrando Horizontes, organized by PRM and PADF in La Guajira. / PADF*

### ORGANIZATIONS\*:

ACDI/VOCA (Corporación Minuto de Dios - Cámara de Comercio de Cúcuta) | Bethany | Capellanía OFICA | Compassion | Cuso Internacional | FAO | GIZ (COAGRONORTE - CORFAS - COSPAS - FINEF - SUNSHINE BOUQUET) | ILO | NRC | PADF | UNHCR (COSPAS - Corporación Ayuda Humanitaria - IOM - Pastoral Social - Scouts Colombia - Todos Somos) | UNICEF (Ayuda en Acción - JRS LAC)

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## Multisector

**10,714**

 BENEFICIARIES  
SHELTER  
FEBRUARY

**13,974**

 BENEFICIARIES  
NON-FOOD ITEMS  
FEBRUARY

**1,699**

 BENEFICIARIES  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
FEBRUARY

**3,721**

 BENEFICIARIES  
TRANSPORT  
FEBRUARY

**11**

DEPARTAMENTOS

During the month of February, more than **30,100** beneficiaries received one or more assistance through **23** partners and implementers of the RMRP, in **27** municipalities of **11** departments, in border and transit areas, and in the settlements of the population from Venezuela. More than **14,700** refugees and migrants accessed non-food items (NFIs) via vouchers and in-kind (e.g. kitchen and houseware kits); around **14,500** persons received collective and individual short-term shelter, as well as more than **6,700** people received communication services, and around **3,700** people accessed humanitarian transport assistance.

### ORGANIZATIONS\*:

Actions Against Hunger | ADRA | Capellanía OFICA | CISP (INTEROS) | Caritas Switzerland (FAMIG - Pastoral Social) | Colombian National Red Cross Society | IOM | NRC | OXFAM (Fuerza de mujeres Wayúu - Fundación Mujer y Futuro) | SI/PUI | Samaritan's Purse | SOS Children's Villages | TECHO | UNHCR (Corporación Scalabrini - DRC - Pastoral Social) | UNICEF (World Vision) | World Vision

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## Protection

**32,781**

BENEFICIARIES  
IN FEBRUARY

**19**

DEPARTAMENTOS

During the month of February, more than **32,700** beneficiaries received assistance through **40** partners and implementers of the RMRP, in **49** municipalities of **19** departments, both in border and transit departments and settlements of refugees and migrants from Venezuela. More than **13,100** people received legal assistance, representation or advice, of which **27** were children and adolescents, and more than **4,300** refugees and migrants received protection services, particularly accompaniment and guidance on access to rights and assistance routes, as well as case management. Also, **77** refugees and migrants received protection services associated with double affectation, and more than **4,600** children received specialized child protection services in order to prevent and respond to violations of rights within their migration process. Similarly, more than **4,100** people, including refugees, migrants and host communities received services through support spaces.

Continuing the protection response, more than **7,800** refugees and migrants received information, prevention and response services to gender-based violence, through community strengthening initiatives and guidance on protection routes. Likewise, **4,300** people were trained in prevention and response to gender-based violence in contexts of mixed migratory flows. Finally, **103** persons at risk of human trafficking participated in prevention activities, related to the generation and dissemination of risk indicators, warning signals and presentation of routes of assistance and report for such crime. Also, **65** people supported capacity building activities for response, focusing on the design and dissemination of assistance routes and action plans, and in case management, and **7** victims of human trafficking were supported with assistance services.

### ORGANIZATIONS\*:

ACDI/VOCA | Action Against Hunger | Bethany | Capellanía OFICA (UNHCR - IRC - NRC - UNICEF) | CISP (INTERSOS) | Caritas Switzerland (FAMIG - Pastoral Social) | Colombian National Red Cross Society | Compassion | DRC | Diakonie (CID - Fundación Tierra de Paz) | GIZ (Corporación Scalabrini) | Heartland Alliance | IRC | Médicins du Monde | NRC (Save the Children) | OXFAM (Fuerza de mujeres Wayúu - Fundación Mujer y Futuro) | PADF | PLAN | Samaritan's Purse | Save the Children | SOS Children's Villages | UNHCR (SOS Children's Villages - CORPRODINCO - COSPAS - Corporación Ayuda Humanitaria - Corporación Scalabrini - DRC - Defensoría - NRC - Opción Legal - Pastoral Social - Colombian National Red Cross Society) | UNICEF (SOS Children's Villages - Ayuda en Acción - Colombian National Red Cross Society - JRS LAC) | World Vision

\* Those in parentheses correspond to implementing partners.



## Health

**82,730**

BENEFICIARIES  
IN FEBRUARY

**23**

DEPARTAMENTOS

During the month of February, more than **82,700** beneficiaries received assistance through **32** partners and implementers of the RMRP, **43** municipalities in **23** departments, both in border and transit departments and in settlement areas of refugees and migrants from Venezuela. More than **55,500** physical and mental primary care consultations and more than **4,000** emergency care consultations were carried out for refugees and migrants, including deliveries and neonatal care. In addition, more than **12,300** people received mental health care or psychosocial support, and over **6,000** people attended health-related information, education and communication activities. Regarding sexual and reproductive health, more than **4,600** attentions on integral medical, prenatal and gynecologic care were performed.

### ORGANIZATIONS\*:

Action Against Hunger | ADRA | Americares | Capellanía OFICA (Profamilia) | CISP | Colombian National Red Cross Society | Cuso Internacional (CERFAMI) | GIZ (Hospital Erasmo Meoz) | Heartland Alliance | HIAS | Humanity & Inclusion | IOM | IRC | Malteser | Médicins du Monde | PADF | Profamilia | Save the Children | UNHCR (CORPRODINCO - DRC - Humanity & Inclusion - Malteser - IOM - Opción Legal - Pastoral Social) | UNICEF (Dusakawi IPSI - E.S.E. Jaime Alvarado y Castilla - E.S.E. Jorge Cristo Sahium - E.S.E. Nuestra señora del perpetuo socorro - I.P.S. Municipal de ipiales - MIREN IPS)

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## Feature story: “A Wayúu story that transcends borders”

María Cira is a 30-year-old Wayúu woman, who was born and raised in Venezuela, and belongs to the Ipuana caste. She arrived and settled with her husband Carlos and her two-year-old child in La Guajira department, looking for a better future for her family: “We left Venezuela because the situation there is getting more and more complex every time, the salary is not enough, the food is scarce, and we had to leave everything to not starve”.

First, Carlos migrated by himself to Colombia. Then, after several months, María Cira and her son arrived in La Guajira where Carlos was living and working, in a construction site among rubble, dust and garbage. “Our health began to deteriorate very fast, due to the contamination and precarious conditions in which we lived in; we got very sick”, in fact, for that reason her kid suffered from severe bronchopneumonia.

Since a year ago, thanks to a friend’s recommendation, currently María Cira is a patient at Américas' free clinic, that also brings assistance to a large group people from the Wayúu community. Américas became her primary health clinic, which treats multiple diseases that vulnerable populations regularly face. “Américas has been the best thing that has happened to us in health issues, and they even helped us with the official documentation of our son’s health, for his school admission process”, she says.

María Cira’s dream is to become a teacher, to serve and educate the upcoming generations. “During five semesters I studied Chemistry at the University of Zulia, but I had to quit my studies due to lack of resources. I long to finish my major, I won’t give up, I’m sure we’ll get through this”, she concludes. Regarding her community, María Cira believes Wayúu indigenous are birds of passage that travel between Colombia and Venezuela, ignoring these countries’ borders: “We as Wayúu people are much appreciated here. In Colombia, doors have been opened for my entire community”.



María Cira and her family hope that the situation in their country Venezuela improves. / Américas.



## Food Security & Nutrition

**331,245\***

BENEFICIARIES  
IN FEBRUARY

**12**

DEPARTAMENTOS



Project for the rapid recovery of food production in the village of Montelara, in

La Guajira. / FAO

During the month of February, more than **331,200** beneficiaries received food and nutrition assistance through **48** partners and implementers of the RMRP, reaching people in a total of **47** municipalities of **13** departments, both in border and transit departments and in settlement areas of population from Venezuela.

Activities include the provision of hot meals served in community canteens for over **139,400** people, in the same way, more than **131,500** people were reached through food assistance including vouchers. Also, food rations were delivered to more than **25,700** people, and food kits were delivered to over **7,100** people transiting on foot ("caminantes"). In the same way, more than **4,600** boys, girls and adolescents were reached through school feeding activities.

Additionally, activities related to the promotion of self-sufficiency were carried out to **18,000** people, including over **13,400** people who received agricultural tools, seeds and cultivation materials, including fertilizers and veterinary supplies, as well as more than **4,600** beneficiaries of self-consumption productive initiatives, in order to help people grow their own food on small agricultural plots, thus reducing their dependence on assistance.

Finally, more than **1,200** women and over **2,100** boys and girls, identified as especially vulnerable, were assisted with specific nutritional interventions; also, over **3,700** care-takers receiver counselling on child nutrition.

*\* This figure includes food support indicators which, due to their nature, may correspond to multiple assistances for the same beneficiary. The sector of Food Security and Nutrition with support from the GIFMM is constantly monitoring the calculations to avoid duplication of beneficiaries. Thus, figures may change in future reports.*

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## Multipurpose CBI

**36,499**

BENEFICIARIES  
IN FEBRUARY

**9**

DEPARTAMENTOS

During the month of February, more than **36,400** beneficiaries received assistance through **13** RMRP partners and implementers, in **29** municipalities of **11** departments. These refugee and migrants were supported through various modalities of multipurpose cash-based interventions, and the deliveries are mostly accompanied by sessions to raise awareness of the use of the cards or delivery mechanisms, aimed at sectoral assistance on nutritional issues, financial inclusion and protection.

#### ORGANIZATIONS\*:

Action Against Hunger | Colombian National Red Cross Society | DRC | IRC | Mercy Corps (World Vision) | NRC | OXFAM (Fundación Mujer y Futuro) | Save the Children | UNHCR (CORPRODINCO - DRC - Pastoral Social) | World Vision

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## Local coordination

Local GIFMMs, as the territorial expression of the national platform, are spaces for strategic coordination of the operational response at the local level, working in close collaboration with the local authorities' coordination mechanisms.

- **Local GIFMMs** finalized the elaboration of their local workplans, according to the identification of challenges, needs and priorities for actions to implement the articulated work and response to the refugee and migrant population during 2020 in the territories covered. In a complementary manner, the construction of sectoral workplans was carried out, with the support of sector facilitators at the national level, in order to have specific response activities to the needs of the departments.
- The national GIFMM and local GIFMMs participated in the migration tables held in **Antioquia, Arauca, Cesar, Magdalena, La Guajira, Santander** and **Valle del Cauca**, where the coordination structure of the GIFMM was explained to the new local authorities, as well as the progress made during 2019 and prospects for 2020 were discussed.
- Local GIFMMs in **Arauca, Atlántico, Cesar, Nariño** and **Norte de Santander** worked in coordination with the authorities and provided support in the preparation of development plans for some municipalities in these departments, in order to include the main challenges to be addressed at the departmental level, and to include the refugee and migrant population within these planning instruments.
- During the month there was progress in the implementation of Support Spaces. In **La Guajira**, the construction of the Support Space in Paraguachón was completed, and operations began on 18 February at the Support Space of the Francisco de Paula Santander International Bridge in **Norte de Santander**, which offers general medical services, laboratory tests, provision of medicines, vaccination, access to showers and toilets, hydration and a child-friendly space.
- Local GIFMMs in **Atlántico** and **La Guajira** worked in an integrated and coordinated way for the construction of the “Caribbean Strategy”, which consists of mapping all the services available to the refugee and migrant population in the departments of Atlántico, Bolívar, Cesar, La Guajira and Magdalena, including the development of local IM products.



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