

VENEZUELAN IN
COLOMBIA^a
1.71MBENEFICIARIES WHO
RECEIVED ONE OR MORE
KINDS OF ASSISTANCE IN
DECEMBER^b

407,201

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW DECEMBER^c
REQUIRED: 782.3M USD37.9% FUNDED:
296.2M USD

762,823

WITH REGULAR
MIGRATION STATUS

966,714

WITH IRREGULAR
MIGRATION STATUS

154

ORGANIZATIONS*

31

DEPARTMENTS**

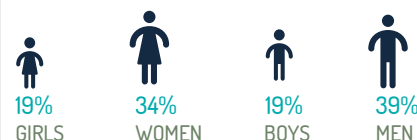
Situation

- On 21 December, **President Iván Duque announced that the mass vaccination process against COVID-19 would start in February¹**. The [National Vaccination Plan](#) contains several phases with different population groups. The President expressed that Colombian citizens and foreigners with regular status would be vaccinated.
- According to Colombia Migration, **more than 12,000 Venezuelan refugees and migrants have entered through irregular crossings between 22 October and 17 December²**.
- On 21 December, Colombia Migration announced that until 27 April 2021, **Venezuelan citizens whose Special Permit to Stay (PEP) are about to expire may begin the renewal process** if their document was issued between 27 December 2018 and 27 April 2019³.

KEY FIGURES^d

4.98M VENEZUELAN WITH BORDER
MOBILITY CARDS (TMF)124.633 VENEZUELAN IN TRANSIT DUE TO
UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES (*FORCE MAJEURE*)11.993 VENEZUELAN LEFT THE COUNTRY
THROUGH THE RUMICHACA BORDER CROSSING
IN 2020

DISAGGREGATION OF BENEFICIARIES



Response

- WASH:** >64,300 people (including >3,700 children) were provided with water and sanitation services at support spaces and other areas such as community kitchens, health centers, child friendly spaces and transit key spots and >60,600 refugees and migrants received sanitary and hygiene kits and items and >52,600 received WASH services at community and institutional level.
- Education:** >22,800 children and adolescent refugees and migrants benefitted from formal and non-formal education in emergency services and >1,600 school-aged children and adolescents were enrolled in national educational institutions.
- Integration:** >5,500 people were reached with activities promoting social cohesion and integration, >4,100 were supported in entrepreneurial or self-employment initiatives, and >450 for the recognition of diplomas and professional skills.
- Multisector:** >26,800 refugees and migrants were provided with household items and >14,900 were supported with individual and collective short and mid-term housing services, and >1,200 were reached through humanitarian transport services.
- Protection:** >30,000 refugees and migrants were provided with protection services, >21,900 were provided with legal assistance, representation or advice, and >19,700 refugees and migrants and host communities were assisted through Support Spaces.
- Health:** >53,400 primary physical and emergency health care consultations (including delivery and newborn care) took place, >36,600 individuals were vaccinated according to the national calendar, >11,800 were reached through health communication activities and >9,400 people received mental healthcare and psychosocial support.
- Food Security and Nutrition:** >241,300 people were reached with food assistance through transfers and in-kind distributions, >58,100 were provided with food rations and >12,700 refugees and migrants received hot meals in community kitchens.
- CBI:** >122,200 people accessed multipurpose cash transfers.

BENEFICIARIES
ON DIC BY SECTOR^d

WASH

184,302



Education

22,058



Integration

10,465



Multisector

37,557



Protection

71,067



Health

122,122



FSN

344,396



CBI

122,229

¹ Presidency (2020, 21 December). Massive vaccination against COVID-19 to begin in February: Duque. <https://bit.ly/3cazGQB>

² Colombia Migration (2020, 17 December). Approximately 200 Venezuelan migrants enter Colombia irregularly every day. <https://bit.ly/3qRrTes>

³ Colombia Migration (2020, 21 December). More than 132 thousand Venezuelan PEP holders will be able to renew their document starting today. <https://bit.ly/2MrhqYe>

⁴ Please note that these numbers are subject to slight changes, following the yearly revision of the consolidated information on the number of people supported by one or more interventions by GIFMM members in Colombia.

⁵ Infographic: Venezuelans in Colombia, Colombia Migration, as of 31 December 2020. ⁶ ActivityInfo Report as of December 2020. ⁷ FTS Report ⁸ Migration report of Venezuelans in Colombia, Colombia Migration, as of 28 December 2020. *Including direct and implementing partners. ** During December, 31 departments reported activities. In 28 of them beneficiaries were reached directly.



Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

184,302*
BENEFICIARIES
IN DECEMBER
151,712
BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

22
DEPARTMENTS

During December, **184,300** beneficiaries received one or more types of assistance related to water, sanitation, and hygiene from **36** RMRP direct and implementing partners in **76** municipalities of **22** departments.

Throughout 2020, in response to the COVID-19 health emergency, the sector was able to quickly adapt its response to refugees, migrants, Colombian returnees, and host communities. The joint work with the sector partners focused on identifying critical sites and installing handwashing points and increasing the distribution of hygiene and disinfection items to prevent infection. Also, the WASH sector ensured a coordinated response with health authorities in the departments of Arauca, Atlántico, La Guajira, Nariño and Norte de Santander, which strengthened the complementary processes between the response of the Government and sector partners.

In December more than **64,300** people benefitted from daily access to water and sanitation services at service delivery points such as health centers, shelters, food distribution points, schools, including more than **3,700** children and adolescents who accessed these services in learning and child development spaces. Also, kits and sanitation and hygiene items were delivered to more than **60,600** refugees and migrants while considering the diverse needs of women, girls, boys, adolescents, and pregnant mothers, among others. Over **52,600** people received water and sanitation services at the community and institutional level, and more than **6,600** people -including host communities- accessed safe water and basic sanitation facilities and training in their communities.

ORGANIZATIONS**:

Action Against Hunger | UNHCR (APOYAR - Alcaldía de Medellín - DRC - Opción Legal - Pastoral Social - SNCRC) | ADRA | Bethany | CAPELLANIA OFICA/NRC | CISP | Caritas Germany (Pastoral Social) | Caritas Switzerland (FAMIG) | LWF | GIZ | GIZ (Fundación Hablemos) | IRC | Malteser International/ABIUDEA | Mercy Corps | NRC | NRC/Action Against Hunger - DRC | IOM | IOM (PLAN) | PAHO-WHO | OXFAM | PLAN | Consortium PUI and SI | Pastoral Social | Pastoral Social/UNHCR | SNCRC | Save the Children | UNICEF (Action Against Hunger - APOYAR - Fundación Guajira Naciente - Halü - PROINCO - TdH Italy - ZOA) | World Vision | ZOA

* The figures presented in the WASH beneficiary calculation are under validation by the sector.

** Organizations included in parentheses are implementing partners. Organizations separated by slashes (/) represent jointly implemented activities.



Education

22,058
BENEFICIARIES
IN DECEMBER
18,166
BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

13
DEPARTMENTS

During the month, more than **22,000** beneficiaries received one or more types of assistance through **14** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **49** municipalities of **13** departments, in border and transit areas, and in areas where refugees and migrants have an intention to stay. In December, the education sector focused its efforts to accompany Education Secretariats and educational institutions during the closure of the 2020 school year, and to prioritize the activities for the beginning of the 2021 school year, with the objective that such activities can meet the conditions for the start of the alternation model.

To support the start of the school year, sector partners contributed to improving school infrastructure and implementing formal and non-formal education activities to ensure learning continuity for refugee and migrant children and adolescents. As a result, the school dropout rate is very low, due to the interventions supported by education sector partners during the health emergency.

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Refugee and migrant children in Cundinamarca have fun and learn by listening to children's stories that promote respect and care for their environment. / NRC

More than **22,800** children and adolescent refugees, migrants, returnees, and members of the host communities accessed non-formal and formal Education in emergency services. Besides, more than **1,600** school-age children from Venezuela received school kits and were enrolled in national educational institutions, where they were supported to continue their academic process, including the delivery of school kits.

ORGANIZATIONS*:

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Integration

10,465

BENEFICIARIES
IN DECEMBER

2,193

BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

11

DEPARTMENTS

During the month, more than **10,400** beneficiaries received one or more types of assistance through **34** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **21** municipalities of **11** departments, in border and transit areas, as well as areas where refugees and migrants have an intention to stay. The Sector developed and published the [Integration Situational Report of October 2020](#).

More than **5,500** people were reached with activities that promote social cohesion, including community integration days with the host population. Also, more than **4,100** refugees and migrants received assistance in the form of self-employment or entrepreneurship initiatives, including capacity building activities and distribution of productive assets, among other actions. Finally, **450** refugees and migrants were assisted for the recognition of diplomas and professional skills, and more than **320** were supported in accessing employment opportunities.

ORGANIZATIONS*:

Action Against Hunger | UNHCR (SOS Children's Villages - COSPAS - Cuso International - Corporación Ayuda Humanitaria - PADF - Pastoral del Migrante - UNICEF) | Cuso International | Cuso International (Fundación Carvajal) | FAO | PADF | GIZ (CEFE - CORFAS - COSPAS - Corporación Viviendo - FRUTTEC - Fundación Casa Morada - Fundación Hablemos - Resplandor Servicios SAS - SAFER - JRS Col) | HIAS | Malteser International (ABIUDEA) | Mercy Corps | NRC/ Action Against Hunger -DRC | IOM (Ayuda en Acción) | ILO (WFP) | UNICEF (Fundación Horizontes de Juventud)

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Multisector

10,802

BENEFICIARIES
SHELTER
IN DECEMBER

9,292

BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

25,534

BENEFICIARIES
NFI
IN DECEMBER

22,827

BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

1,221

BENEFICIARIES
HUMANITARIAN TRANSPORT
IN DECEMBER

759

BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

22

DEPARTMENTS

During December, more than **37,700** beneficiaries received one or more types of support through **32** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **61** municipalities of **22** departments, in border and transit areas, as well as areas where refugees and migrants have an intention to stay. Mixed migration flows during the month remained stable compared to previous months. During the last week of the month, there was a slight decrease in arrivals and re-entries in border areas, such as Norte de Santander, due to mobility restrictions due to strict quarantine in Venezuela and curfews in Norte de Santander. This situation increased the need for shelter for the population in transit and the population living on the streets.

On the other hand, in Santander, the Transit and Transportation Police with Colombia Migration stopped 18 buses with more than 800 Venezuelans with the intention to go to Peru and Ecuador, many of them in an irregular situation. This event and the entry through irregular crossings show a significant increase in protection risks associated with human trafficking, smuggling, and gender-based violence. This situation demonstrates the urgency to guarantee and provide humanitarian transport services, which is a protection factor for the refugee and migrant population.

In this regard, to have clear definitions and actions to consider when providing such service, the sector prepared the [Guidelines for humanitarian transport response to the refugee and migrant population](#). Finally, the Sector published the [Multisector Situational Report of September and October 2020](#).



Refugee and migrant families have received shelter, psychosocial care, legal orientation and more at the Comprehensive Care Center in Maicao, La Guajira. / UNHCR

More than **26,800** people were provided with household items, such as kitchen kits. More than **14,900** people accessed collective and individual shelter and over **1,200** were reached through humanitarian transport services.

ORGANIZATIONS*:

UNHCR | UNHCR (APOYAR - APS - Bethany - CISP - CORPRODINCO - Corporación Scalabrini - DRC - FAMIG - Opción Legal - Pastoral Social - SJR Col - SNCRC) | SOS Children's Villages | Bethany | CAPELLANIA OFICA/OIM | Caritas Germany (Pastoral Social) | Caritas Switzerland (FAMIG – Pastoral Social) | Cuso International (Fundación Carvajal) | HIAS | Malteser International (ABIUDEA) | NRC | IOM | IOM (APOYAR - Club Kiwanis - Corporación Scalabrini - Corporación Vive - Fundación Horizontes de Juventud - Pastoral Social - Pastoral para los Migrantes - SNCRC - Samaritan's Purse) | OXFAM/Fundación Mujer y Futuro | Pastoral Social | SNCRC

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Feature Story: “Rising high like the phoenix bird”

Jonathan Moreno and Alexis Molina are two young men from Venezuela who decided to migrate from their native country three years ago, due to the economic and social situation. With a suitcase full of dreams and an entrepreneurial spirit, they arrived in the city of Pasto, in Nariño, where they decided to join their money to partner with a Venezuelan couple who were in the town working with their own fast-food business..

According to Jonathan, ignorance of the context and bad decisions forced them three months later to close their restaurant and, along with it, their dreams to have their entrepreneurship. “At first, I was demotivated. We spent long and bad nights, we wanted to return to Venezuela because we were thinking that coming to Colombia had been a mistake”. But, as time passed, these young entrepreneurs understood that “sometimes things do not happen, it is just a matter of maturing... God's timing is perfect”.

And later, as if everything had been planned for them, Jonathan and Alexis started working in some restaurants in the city, which allowed them to know how the restaurant business works in Colombia. Months later, due to the health emergency by COVID-19, like many nationals and foreigners, Jonathan and Alexis lost their jobs. Still, they saw the opportunity to undertake this enormous difficulty, and their lives changed forever!

Like the phoenix bird, they rose from the ashes and started selling food at home. “Since we had worked in the kitchen, we already knew how to season the food the way people liked it. We already had learned how to prepare some dishes, which worked in our favor and motivated us to work from home cooking and making deliveries. One day there were seven deliveries, the next three, then 15, and so we started, but always with constancy and dedication to move on and not let our dream fall”, they said.

As part of the community process “Emprender la Vida”, promoted in Pasto by the Jesuit Refugee Service, there were provided productive assets to support the projects of the entrepreneurs who stood out the most with their business ideas. “The CANVAS project gave us a comprehensive vision of our entrepreneurship, and now we are thinking of opening more sale points, always with the vision of growing and becoming something big and expanding to other cities”, said Jonathan.

The project supported several refugee and migrant entrepreneurs with furniture to enhance their business ideas. In this way, these two young people looked for a physical space to correspond to the help received and thus opened their restaurant called El Shannay. “We are excited and quite happy to see our dream come true. We still have a long way to go, we are going little by little, but we are going at a winning pace, as you say. We are very grateful to JRS for all the support we have received and for helping us make our dream come true”, they said.

For Jonathan, this experience is one more reason not to give up: “Everyone should keep moving forward, dream, look to the future and don't be afraid. Also, some motivating words: keep going, fight for what you dream and for what you have, and with dedication and willpower, you will see your dreams come true”.



Jonathan and Alexis, together with their colleagues, are working hard to improve the service of their restaurant. / JRS Colombia

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Protection

71,067
BENEFICIARIES
IN DECEMBER
35,481
BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

29
DEPARTMENTS

In December, more than **71,000** beneficiaries were provided with one or more types of protection assistance through **63** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **128** municipalities of **29** departments, in border and transit areas, as well as areas where refugees and migrants have an intention to stay.

Among the Protection sector's achievements during 2020, the consolidation and close coordination with the nine protection groups in the field, located in Norte de Santander, Arauca, La Guajira, Atlántico, Antioquia, Bogotá, Valle del Cauca, Nariño, and Putumayo is highlighted. Also, the eviction toolkit developed along with the Multisector sector, which includes incident monitoring from 10 June 10 to 19 October ([see the eviction dashboard here](#)), and technical support was also provided during the GIFMM contingency plan's progress and the rounds of the GIFMM joint needs assessments.

Finally, the sector provided inputs to create a joint plan between the Protection and Multipurpose CBI sectors, to provide guidelines for the opening of the Support Spaces in the context of COVID-19, and humanitarian guidelines transportation with a protection approach.

On the Child Protection Working Group, progress was made in 2020 to improve adolescents and young people's response strategy. In this way, the working group on Migration and the System of Criminal Responsibility for Adolescents was created, in coordination with the Colombian Institute of Family Welfare (ICBF). Besides, progress was made during the exercise of validation of recommendations for the Regional Cooperation Protocol of the Quito V Process, carried out with refugee and migrant children and adolescents assisted through the modalities of attention, care and shelter.

On the other hand, the gender-based violence (GBV) sub-sector held a [2020 closing balance workshop](#) to identify the achievements and progress developed during the year, and on the priorities and challenges in response to refugees and migrants in 2021.

The GBV sub-sector documented some of its good practices in 2020, collected in the summary of [case management experiences of refugee and migrant GBV survivors at the Tienditas Health Care Center \(CAST\)](#) in Cúcuta, Norte de Santander, and in the summary of [remote care experience for case management of survivors of GBV in emergency during the COVID-19 pandemic](#).

The Human Trafficking and Smuggling Task Force continued in December with the update of the situational framework, based on data from the Observatory on the Crime of Trafficking in Persons of the Ministry of the Interior, identifying that during 2020 a total of 104 victims of this crime were reported in Colombia. It was also reviewed the technical documents of the task force and a 2020 closing balance to contribute to constructing the 2021 work plan, identifying needs, strategic actions to be prioritized, challenges, and challenges.

In December, more than **30,000** refugees and migrants accessed protection services such as support and guidance on how to access rights and assistance, and over **12,900** girls and boys accessed specialized child protection services, to prevent and respond to violations of rights during their migration process, including access to care and shelter spaces for unaccompanied children and/or adolescents often living on the street, in close coordination with the Colombian Institute of Family Welfare. Also, more than **21,900** refugees and migrants received legal assistance, representation or advice, including **50** boys, girls and adolescents. Besides, over **19,700** refugees, migrants and people from host communities were assisted in Support Spaces.



In La Parada, Norte De Santander, refugee and migrant children played and had fun after receiving baseball kits. / UNICEF

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Besides, over **9,300** refugees and migrants received information services related to the prevention of and response to GBV, and more than **670** people were trained in the prevention of and response such type of violence, particularly in the context of mixed migratory flows. Also, **290** refugees and migrants accessed protection assistance in contexts of double affectation.

Respecting to the response on Human Trafficking and Smuggling, **14** people at risk of trafficking were reached through prevention activities in transit or destination areas, and more than **7** Venezuelan refugees and migrants were reached through services for victims of trafficking.

ORGANIZATIONS*:

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Health

122,122
BENEFICIARIES
IN DECEMBER
47,079
BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

26
DEPARTMENTS

In December, more than **122,100** beneficiaries received one or more types of health assistance through **80** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **104** municipalities of **26** departments throughout the national territory. The health response for the refugee and migrant population implied different challenges associated with the country's emergencies throughout 2020, concerning the health emergency caused by COVID-19 and natural disasters. These challenges also caused significant fatigue in personnel, surveillance systems, information, and response and coordination processes.



Through education, information, and communication activities, it has been sought to empower refugee and migrant women in sexual and reproductive rights. / IOM and Profamilia

Besides, during the pandemic, the supply of programs and services was limited, which hindered access to health and increased the refugee and migrant population's pre-existing vulnerability, especially for women, children, men, and the LGBTI+ population. Therefore, the health sector identified the persistent barriers and gaps in regularization and insurance, especially in treating chronic and high-cost diseases.

In this panorama, the effort made by the partners in the health sector focused on recognizing the needs of refugees and migrants; providing a joint response according to the different profiles (population transiting by foot or "caminantes", population with the intention to stay, host communities and Colombian returnees); improving access and capacity to provide essential health care services from direct care to the population, and strengthening local capacities, in coordination with the State through the local health working groups, is noteworthy. Finally, the Sector published the [Health Dashboard on the response from January to June](#), and the [Situational Report from July to September](#).

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During the month more than **51,100** primary physical and mental health care consultations, and more than **2,300** emergency care consultations were carried out for refugees and migrants, including deliveries and neonatal care. Besides, over **36,600** people were vaccinated according to the with the national immunization schedule, over **11,800** people participated in health information, education, and communication activities, and more than **9,400** people received mental health care or psychosocial support. Regarding sexual and reproductive health, more than **7,500** people received prenatal gynecological, comprehensive, and medical care. Finally, more than **3,100** children under 5 years of age with acute malnutrition received attention.

ORGANIZATIONS*:

Action Against Hunger | UNHCR (CISP - CORPRODINCO - DRC - Humanity & Inclusion - Malteser International - Opción Legal - Pastoral Social - Profamilia) | ADRA | Americares | CAPELLANIA OFICA/PAHO-WHO | CISP | Caritas Switzerland (FAMIG - Pastoral Social) | PADF | Fundación Baylor (Fundación Cultural Simón Bolívar) | GIZ (Hospital Erazmo Meoz) | Heartland Alliance | HIAS | Humanity & Inclusion | IRC | Malteser International | Médecins du Monde | Medical Teams International (Profamilia) | Mercy Corps (Fundación Juanfe - I.P.S. Ambulatoria - PREVENTIVA SALUD IPS S.A.S) | IOM | IOM (Clínica General del Caribe - Corporación Milagros - E.S.E Bellosalud - E.S.E Hospital Emiro Quintero Cañizares - E.S.E Hospital Manuel Elkin Patarroyo Guainía - E.S.E Hospital San José de Maicao - E.S.E Hospital San Juan De Dios Pamplona - E.S.E Hospital San Vicente de Paúl de Caldas - E.S.E Hospital Santiago de Tunja - E.S.E Hospital Local Ismael Roldán Valencia - E.S.E Hospital Regional de Duitama - E.S.E Isabú - E.S.E. Alejandro Prospero Reverend - E.S.E. del municipio de Soacha - E.S.E. Hospital Departamental San Juan de Dios - E.S.E. Hospital Nuestra Señora De Los Remedios - E.S.E. Jorge Cristo Sahium - E.S.E. Hospital Mario Gaitán Yanguas de Soacha - E.S.E. Hospital San Rafael de San Juan del Cesar - E.S.E. Hospital Universitario de Santander - E.S.E. Hospital San Antonio de Chía - E.S.E. Imsalud - Hospital Carlos Carmona Montoya - Hospital Civil Ipiales - Hospital Eduardo Arredondo Daza - Hospital Materno Infantil de Soledad - Halü - Hospital Departamental Juan Domínguez Romero De Soledad - Hospital Erazmo Meoz - Hospital General de Medellín - Hospital Manuela Beltrán del Socorro - Hospital San Andred Empresa Social del Estado - Hospital San Juan de Dios de Floridablanca - I.P.S. Municipal de Ipiales - Mired IPS - Preventiva Salud IPS S.A.S - Parroquia San Francisco de Asís - Pasto Salud E.S.E. - Profamilia - Sies Salud - Subred Integrada de Servicios de Salud Centro Oriente) | PAHO-WHO | Consortium PUI and SI | Profamilia | SNCRC | Save the Children | Tearfund (Alcaldía de Barranquilla) | UNFPA (E.S.E. Moreno y Clavijo - IOM - Profamilia) | UNICEF (Action Against Hunger - Dusakawi IPSI - E.S.E. Jaime Alvarado y Castilla - E.S.E. Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro - I.P.S. Municipal de Ipiales - MIREN IPS)

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Food Security and Nutrition (FSN)

344,396*

BENEFICIARIES
IN DECEMBER

93,888

BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

16

DEPARTMENTS

In December, more than **344,300** beneficiaries received one or more types of food and nutrition assistance through **54** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **69** municipalities of **16** departments, in border and transit areas, as well as areas where refugees and migrants have an intention to stay. The FNS sector supported the child protection working group in Norte de Santander to analyze the refugee and migrant children and people transiting by foot situation on the Cúcuta - Pamplona route, along with partners that carry out actions in the department. Also, the sector gathered information to learn about the activities in nutrition that partners have developed.

In this way, more than **241,300** people were reached with food assistance, both via transfers, reaching more than **235,800** people (>**214,600** via electronic or paper-based vouchers, >**20,700** in cash, and >**400** through other mechanisms), as well as in kind, reaching more than **5,500** refugees and migrants. Besides, food rations were delivered to more than **58,100** refugees and migrants, and hot meals were served in community kitchens were provided to more than **12,700** people. Also, more than **9,600** people transiting by foot ("caminantes") received food kits and **2,400** people were provided with food baskets as an alternative to school feeding. All activities were carried in line with biosecurity protocols.

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Also, more than **8,900** refugees and migrants were supported in activities related to the promotion of food self-sufficiency, with a risk management focus, including the delivery of agricultural tools and technical assistance to people to strengthen their productive capacities, and over **4,300** beneficiaries of self-consumption production initiatives were supported through technical and socio-entrepreneurial capacity building.

More than **4,200** caregivers received counseling on child nutrition in order to prevent nutritional deficiencies and promote key messages on breastfeeding and the nutritional recommendations, and finally more than **2,400** children and adolescents, as well as more than **900** particularly vulnerable pregnant and lactating women were reached through specific nutrition interventions.

**This figure includes activities that, by nature, reflect multiple types of assistance to the same beneficiary. The food security and nutrition sector, with the support of the GIFMM, is continuously monitoring these calculations to avoid duplication. Therefore, the figures are subject to change.*

ORGANIZATIONS**:

Action Against Hunger | UNHCR (SOS Children's Villages - Bethany - Pastoral Social - SNCRC) | SOS Children's Villages | Bethany | CAPELLANIA OFICA/ Action Against Hunger - IRC - World Vision | CISP | Caritas Germany (Pastoral Social) | Caritas Switzerland (FAMIG) | FAO | FAO (LWF) | Fundación Baylor (ICBF) | GIZ (Fundación Hablemos) | Malteser International (ABIUDEA) | NRC | OXFAM (Fundación Mujer y Futuro) | PLAN | Pastoral Social | Save the Children | SNCRC | UNICEF (Action Against Hunger - APOYAR - Dusakawi IPSI - E.S.E. Jaime Alvarado y Castilla - E.S.E. Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro - Fundación Guajira Naciente - I.P.S. Municipal de Ipiales - PROINCO - TdH Italy - MIREN IPS) | WFP (APOYAR - APS - Alcaldía de Jamundí - COMFIAR - CONSORNOC - CORPOSCAL - COSPAS - Club Kiwanis - Comfiar - Comisión Arquidiocesana Vida Justicia y Paz - Corporación Scalabrini - Fundación Guajira Naciente - Fundalianza - Makuira - Misioneros de San Carlos - PROINCO - Pastoral Social - SNCRC - Samaritan's Purse - World Vision)

***Organizations included in parentheses are implementing partners. Organizations separated by slashes (/) represent jointly implemented activities.*



Multipurpose CBI

During the month of December, more than **122,200** beneficiaries received one or more types of support through **24** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **67** municipalities of **16** departments. These refugees and migrants mostly benefited from multipurpose cash transfers, through prepaid cards, direct cash, and electronic transfers. There was a 6% increase over November in the number of beneficiaries between coupons and direct cash. While cash transfers were mostly delivered in multipurpose modality, they were also implemented for sectoral objectives (Protection, Multisector - shelter, and Food Security and Nutrition). All coupons were issued for the Food Security and Nutrition sectoral response.

ORGANIZATIONS*:

Action Against Hunger | UNHCR | UNHCR (CISP - CORPRODINCO - Cuso International - Corporación Ayuda Humanitaria - DRC - FAMIG - Pastoral Social - SNCRC - Save the Children) | Cuso International | Cuso International (Fundación Carvajal) | Caritas Switzerland (FAMIG - Pastoral Social) | DRC | DRC/ Action Against Hunger - NRC | Humanity & Inclusion | IRC | Mercy Corps | NRC/ Action Against Hunger - DRC | ILO | OXFAM (Fundación Mujer y Futuro) | PLAN | Save the Children | UNICEF (World Vision) | World Vision | ZOA

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122,229

BENEFICIARIES
IN DECEMBER
38,761
BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

16

DEPARTMENTS



Orientation workshops for refugees and migrants on cash transfers. / Mercy Corps

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Coordination

On 15 December, the GIFMM launched the RMRP 2021 at the national level through a virtual event that counted on the participation of the Chancellor, Ms. Claudia Blum, the Presidency's Border Manager, Mr. Lucas Gómez, the Special Envoy for Venezuelan refugees and migrants, Mr. Eduardo Stein, the regional R4V coordinators, Mr. Diego Beltrand (IOM) and Mr. José Samaniego (UNHCR), and the Director of Bureau of Population, Refugee and Migration – US Department of State in Colombia, Ms. Anjalina Sen, and also with the Heads of UNHCR, IOM and GIFMM at the national level.

Additionally, the local GIFMMs, as territorial expression of the national platform and strategic coordination spaces for the operational response at the local level, worked in close collaboration with the coordination mechanisms of the local authorities in the following activities:

- In **Antioquia**, the local GIFMM made progress in preparing its contingency plan through a joint workshop with the authorities. Also, Lucas Gómez, the Presidency's Border Manager, visited Antioquia to present the progress made by partners in Antioquia and the experiences carried out in coordination between GIFMM partners and local authorities.
- In **Arauca**, during the visit of the Presidency's Border Manager, the situation and needs of the refugee and migrant population in the department were socialized, and the local GIFMM and its partners evaluated the capacity to reopen Support Spaces to serve the population.
- In **Bogotá and region**, local GIFMM partners were carrying out an exploratory mission to evaluate the possibility of opening a Support Space in Chocontá (Cundinamarca) to serve the population in transit along the Tunja - Bogota route.
- In **Cesar**, following the Border Manager's visit, partners and the local GIFMM coordination were discussing the expansion of the intersectoral response throughout the department.
- The local GIFMM in the **Caribbean Coast**, given the impact of the winter wave, kept constant coordination with the mayors' offices of Candelaria, Malambo, Santo Tomas and Manatí in **Atlántico**, as well as with the authorities of Cartagena in **Bolívar**, to review the support for the response to the affected refugee and migrant population in these municipalities.
- In **La Guajira** local GIFMM partners were in constant coordination to respond to the needs of refugees, migrants, and host communities affected by the winter wave, mainly in Uribia and Maicao.
- In **Nariño**, the local GIFMM, together with the Mayor's Office of Taminango, worked together to improve the refugee and migrant population's response in the El Remolino Support Space, by strengthening capacities in orientation and legal assistance.
- In **Norte de Santander** a characterization exercise of the refugee and migrant movements was held in Ocaña, in coordination with the Governor's Office of Norte de Santander and the Municipal Mayor's Office. The El Escobal Support Space, located at the Francisco de Paula Santander International Bridge, was opened to provide medical and nutritional services to the refugee and migrant population.
- In **Valle del Cauca**, due to the intervention for the Venezuelan population living on the street carried out by the Social Welfare Secretariat of Cali, the local GIFMM partners assisted refugees and migrants with temporary shelter, delivery of non-food items, multipurpose cash transfers, and awareness-raising sessions on gender-based violence and child protection.

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Information Management

During December, a total of **52 information products were issued at national and local levels**, to document the needs and response to COVID-19 and the adaptation of the operation to the health emergency. This includes:

- The [final report](#) of the **joint needs assessment carried out on the La Loma sector of Barranquilla (Atlántico)**. This first joint GIFMM information survey was developed in September 2020. Along with seven GIFMM partners, there were conducted 171 face-to-face surveys, of which 145 were eligible, to learn about the needs of refugees and migrants from Venezuela. Some of the main findings include that food is the first priority for the 36% of the people surveyed, 90% of the population did not have a Special Permit to Stay (PEP), 47.5% of the children were not enrolled in an educational institution, and 47% of the people reported they could not access health services
- **7** COVID-19 response reports elaborated by the following local GIFMMs: Arauca ([31 August](#)), Cesar ([31 October](#)), La Guajira ([30 November](#)), Norte de Santander ([31 October](#)), Santander ([31 October](#)), y Valle del Cauca ([31 October, March to September](#)).
- **3** flyers presenting the hotlines and other services available at: [Arauca](#), [Norte de Santander](#), [Santander](#).
- **41** information products covering the monthly local response:
 - **Antioquia (17):** [Situational Report Antioquia – September](#) | [Venezuelans in Antioquia – August](#) | [Venezuelans in Oriente Antioqueño \(Antioquia\) – August](#) | [Venezuelans in Urabá Antioqueño \(Antioquia\) – August](#) | [Venezuelans in Eje Cafetero \(Antioquia\) – August](#) | [Operational Presence Map for Antioquia – October](#) | [Operational Presence Map for Urabá \(Antioquia\) – October](#) | [Operational Presence Map for Oriente Antioqueño \(Antioquia\) – October](#) | [Infographic of Gender-Based Violence in Medellín \(Antioquia\) – January to September](#) | [Venezuelans in Antioquia – September](#) | [Venezuelans in Oriente Antioqueño \(Antioquia\) – September](#) | [Venezuelans in Urabá Antioqueño \(Antioquia\) – September](#) | [Venezuelans in Eje Cafetero \(Antioquia\) – September](#) | [Infographic of the Response Evolution in Antioquia – January to October](#) | [Infographic of the Response Evolution in Valle de Aburrá – January to October](#) | [Infographic of the Response Evolution in Medellín – January to October](#) | [Infographic of the Response Evolution in Valle de Aburrá \(Antioquia\) – January to October](#)
 - **Arauca (4):** [Venezuelans in Arauca – September](#) | [Operational Presence Map for Arauca – October](#) | [Situational Report Arauca – September](#) | [Situational Report Arauca – October](#)
 - **Bogotá and region (5):** [Venezuelans in Bogotá and region – September](#) | [Operational Presence Map for Cundinamarca – October](#) | [Operational Presence Map for Bogotá – October](#) | [Operational Presence Map for Soacha \(Cundinamarca\) – October](#) | [Operational Presence Map for Boyacá – October](#)
 - **Cesar (2):** [Venezuelans in Cesar – Noviembre](#) | [Operational Presence Map for Cesar – October](#)
 - **Caribbean Coast (2):** [Operational Presence Map for the Caribbean Coast – October](#) | [Venezuelans in the Caribbean Coast – September](#)
 - **La Guajira (3):** [Infographic of Multipurpose Cash Transfers in La Guajira – January to September](#) | [Venezuelans in La Guajira – November](#) | [Operational Presence Map for La Guajira – October](#)
 - **Nariño (4):** [Situational Report Nariño – September](#) | [Venezuelans in Nariño – August](#) | [Venezuelans in Nariño – December](#) | [Infographic of Multisector in Nariño – October](#)
 - **Valle del Cauca (4):** [Operational Presence Map for Valle del Cauca – January to September](#) | [Operational Presence Map for Valle del Cauca – October](#) | [Venezuelans in Valle del Cauca – September](#) | [Venezuelans in Valle del Cauca – October](#)

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Communications

On December 15, GIFMM issued a new press release announcing the launch of the Colombia Chapter of the Regional Response Plan for Refugees and Migrants 2021 (RMRP), in which 63 organizations of the national platform request \$641 million to respond to the growing needs of the Venezuelan refugee and migrant population, Colombian returnees and host communities. Also, GIFMM members joined in the commemoration of World AIDS Day, International Migrants Day, and Christmas festivities with messages inviting hospitality and integration through the hashtag #CelebremosSinFronteras. On the occasion of World AIDS Day, the GIFMM communications team supported the UNAIDS regional office in developing the 'Workshop on the management of refugees and migrants living with HIV'.

In 2020, the GIFMM Communications Group was consolidated and worked coordinated to combat xenophobia through initiatives such as the regional R4V campaign, #AcortemosDistancias, and national strategies as #LaRepaNosUne and #ConLaCamisetaDelOtro. The inter-agency work of all GIFMM partners was more visible through the hashtag #GIFMMContigo. Other coordinated activities during the year included the publication of three press releases, the development of guidelines for responding to users on social networks, as well as the anti-fraud campaign #NoCaigasEnLaTrampa #LaAyudaHumanitariaEsGratuita. The Group also supported disseminating the Special Permit to Stay (PEP) and the #HazteVisible campaign (through which the Ministry of Foreign Affairs encouraged registration in the National Registry of Returnees). It also created informative and commemorative pieces on special dates to strengthen communication with Venezuelan refugees and migrants, Colombian returnees, and host communities.



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73 members (observers only)

* 64 RMRP partners



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