

VENEZUELAN IN
COLOMBIA^a
1.76MBENEFICIARIES WHO
RECEIVED ONE OR MORE
TYPES OF ASSISTANCE IN
JULY^b
370,769FINANCIAL OVERVIEW - JULY^c
FUNDING REQUESTED: 782.3M14.4% FUNDING
RECEIVED: 113M
USD

763,411

WITH REGULAR
MIGRATION STATUS

1,001,472

WITH IRREGULAR
MIGRATION STATUS

122

ORGANIZATIONS*

29

DEPARTMENTS**

Situation

- During the month President Iván Duque **extended the national Mandatory Preventive Isolation two times**. On 9 July the isolation was extended until 1 August through decree 990¹ and later, on 28 July, through decree 1076², until 30 August. Air, land, and river borders with Brazil, Ecuador, Panama, Peru, and Venezuela remained closed, in addition to ongoing restrictions on international and national air transport and transport between municipalities.
- On 7 July, Colombia Migration announced the **possibility of renewal of the Special Stay Permit (PEP-RAMV)**, from 6 July to 14 August, benefiting more than 281,000 Venezuelans that hold this permit and whose expiration date is close. The renewal process is done through the unit's website and is free of charge³.
- On 25 July, Colombia Migration made available online **procedures for the emission of copies (e.g. in case of lost documents) of foreigners' identity cards, so as other documents related to the particular situation of Venezuelans**, such as the letter of safeguard for asylum seekers and the Special Stay Permit for the Promotion of Formalization (PEPFF by its acronym in Spanish)⁴.

KEY FIGURES^d

4.98M VENEZUELAN WITH BORDER
MOBILITY CARDS (TMF)94,156 VENEZUELAN IN TRANSIT DUE TO
UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES OR *FORCE
MAJEURE*11,950 VENEZUELAN LEFT THE COUNTRY
THROUGH THE RUMICHACA BORDER CROSSING
IN 2020

DISAGGREGATION OF BENEFICIARIES



Response

- WASH:** >56,300 refugees and migrants received sanitation and hygiene kits and items and >28,000 persons, including host communities, accessed safe water and sanitation services.
- Education:** >6,600 children and adolescent refugees and migrants benefitted from formal and non-formal education in emergencies services and >3,300 school-aged children and adolescents were enrolled in national educational institutions.
- Integration:** >2,500 people reached with activities promoting social cohesion and integration, >1,700 refugees and migrants were supported in entrepreneurial or self-employment initiatives and >700 accessed to employment opportunities.
- Multisector:** >13,300 refugees and migrants accessed household items, >5,000 were supported with individual and collective short-term accommodation services, and 40 accessed telecommunications services. Humanitarian transport remained suspended.
- Protection:** >18,000 boys, girls and adolescents were provided with child protection services, >16,100 refugees and migrants were provided with protection services (excluding legal services) and >14,800 were provided with legal assistance, representation or advice.
- Health:** >41,600 primary physical, mental and emergency health care consultations took place, >10,500 people received attention in mental health and psychosocial support and >10,200 refugees and migrants were beneficiaries of prenatal, medical, integral and gynecological attentions.
- Food Security and Nutrition:** >254,100 people were reached with food assistance through transfers and in-kind distributions, food rations were delivered to >56,400 refugees and migrants and >12,200 people received meals in community canteens.
- Multipurpose CBI:** 68,100 people accessed multipurpose cash transfers.

2020 CUMULATIVE BENEFICIARIES	WASH	Education	Integration	Multisector	Protection	Health	Food Security and Nutrition	Multipurpose CBI
	410,940	41,056	26,511	142,612	190,822	326,973	1,072,647	199,786

¹ Presidency (2020, 10 July). Through Decree 990, the Government establishes measures for municipalities according to their level of COVID-19 affection. <https://bit.ly/318JWtg>² Presidency (2020, 29 July). National Government issued Decree 1076 which extends Mandatory Preventive Isolation until 31 August. <https://bit.ly/2FDpN4z>³ Colombia Migration (2020, 7 July). Process of renewal of more than 281 thousand Special Permits of Permanence for Venezuelans begins. <https://bit.ly/3kXppJg>⁴ Colombia Migration (2020, 25 July). Migration Colombia automates procedures in the midst of the so-called "new normality". <https://bit.ly/34jaiEp>^dInfographic: Venezuelans in Colombia, Colombia Migration, as of 3 August 2020, ^bActivityInfo report as of July 2020, ^cFTS report, ^dMigration report of Venezuelans in Colombia, Colombia Migration, as of 31 May 2020. *Including direct and implementing partners. **During July, 31 departments reported activities. In 29 of them beneficiaries were reached directly.



Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)

121,380
BENEFICIARIES
IN JULY
103,252
BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

22
DEPARTAMENTOS

During July, more than **121,300** beneficiaries received one or more types of assistance related to water, sanitation and hygiene from **39** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **58** municipalities of **22** departments. The sector's actions were carried out in coordination with the local authorities. In the municipalities of Barranquilla and Soledad, in Atlántico, the sector focused its response in providing hygiene kits in communities living in informal settlements, in articulation with the Health Secretariats. In addition, WASH items designed for COVID-19 prevention, with an ethnic approach, were delivered to bi-national indigenous communities in informal settlements at La Guajira department.

The main activities of the sector during the month included the distribution of kits and sanitation and hygiene items to more than **56,300** refugees and migrants, while considering the diverse needs of women, girls, boys, adolescents, and pregnant mothers, among others. In addition, more than **28,600** people -including host communities- accessed safe water and basic sanitation facilities and training in their communities.

Over **26,700** 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 **2,700** children and adolescents who accessed these services in learning and child development spaces. Finally, more than **9,500** people received water and sanitation services at the community and institutional level.



In Uribia, La Guajira, more than 80 refugee, migrant, returnee, and Yotojoroin community families received family hygiene kits and guidance on home-based handwashing solutions. / UNICEF and ZOA

ORGANIZATIONS*:

ACDI-VOCA | Action Against Hunger | UNHCR | UNHCR (Alianza por la Solidaridad - SOS Children's Villages - Bethany - COLVENZ - Corporación Red Somos - DRC - Opción Legal - Pastoral Social) | ADRA | AID FOR AIDS | SOS Children's Villages | Caritas Germany (Pastoral Social) | Caritas Switzerland (FAMIG - Pastoral Social) | CISP | Compassion | Consortium PUI and SI | DRC | Diakonie (CID - Fundación Tierra de Paz) | PADF | Mercy Corps/World Vision | NRC | NRC/Action Against Hunger | IOM | PAHO-WHO | PLAN | Pastoral Social | Samaritan's Purse | Save the Children | Tearfund | UNICEF (APOYAR - Fundación Guajira Naciente - Halü - PROINCO - TdH Italy - ZOA) | World Vision

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Education

9,069
BENEFICIARIES
IN JULY
6,464
BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

11
DEPARTMENTS

In July, over **9,000** beneficiaries received one or more services through **12** 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 continued supporting distance learning activities, delivering both virtual and printed materials ensuring the required biosecurity measures, as well as through community radio messages. Also, protocols for safe return to school are being designed in coordination with Education Secretariats, considering biosecurity measures, mental health protocols, and pedagogic strategies for class/home alternation.

During the reporting period, more than **6,600** children and adolescent refugees, migrants, returnees and members of the host communities accessed non-formal and formal education in emergencies services. In addition, **3,379** 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*:

UNHCR | UNHCR (SOS Children's Villages - Bethany - Opción Legal) | NRC | NRC/Save the Children | IOM | PLAN | Save the Children | UNICEF (CID - Opción Legal - PROINCO - World Vision) | World Vision

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Integration

5,087
BENEFICIARIES
IN JULY
2,710
BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

9
DEPARTMENTS

In July, more than **5,000** beneficiaries received one or more types of assistance through **21** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **15** municipalities of **9** departments, in border and transit areas, as well as areas where refugees and migrants have an intention to stay. Despite the high impacts of COVID-19 measures in the economic and productive context country-wide, the sector aimed to improve income generation and economic conditions for refugees and migrants, particularly in self-employment activities. Strengthening referral pathways for the regularization of the population, as well as certification of competencies and validation of degrees, in coordination with the Border Management office, remained as a priority for the sector.

More than **2,500** people were reached with activities that promote social cohesion, including community integration days with the host population. Over **1,700** 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. Additionally, more than **700** people were supported in accessing employment opportunities.

ORGANIZATIONS*:

UNHCR | UNHCR/IOM | UNHCR (COSPAS - Corporación Ayuda Humanitaria - PADF - Instituto Popular de Capacitación de Antioquia - Opción Legal) | Corporación Minuto de Dios | Cuso International | FAO | PADF | GIZ | GIZ (COSPAS - JRS Col) | Malteser International (ABIUDEA) | IOM | ILO | UN Women | Pastoral Social | UNPD | UNICEF (Fundación Escuela Nueva)

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Multisector

3,668

 BENEFICIARIES
SHELTER
IN JULY

1,634

 BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

13,227

 BENEFICIARIES
NON-FOOD ITEMS
IN JULY

10,656

 BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

10

 BENEFICIARIES
TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN
JULY

0

 BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

18

DEPARTMENTS

In July, more than **16,900** beneficiaries received one or more types of support through **22** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **36** municipalities of **18** departments, in border and transit areas, as well as areas where refugees and migrants have an intention to stay. As the preventative isolation measures have been extended, concern over refugees and migrants living on streets remains higher for the sector, as response capacity remains limited. As such, the sector has prioritized the continuity of temporary shelters and NFI services, adapting them to the guidelines on COVID-19 prevention and biosecurity measures. Also, the sector continued supporting the Toolbox on Evictions, in coordination with the Protection sector. Humanitarian transport remained suspended.

More than **13,900** people were provided with household items, such as kitchen kits. **5,000** people accessed collective and individual accommodation and **40** refugees and migrants accessed telecommunications services.

ORGANIZATIONS*:

UNHCR | UNHCR/UNFPA | UNHCR (CORPRODINCO - Corporación Red Somos - DRC - Opción Legal - Pastoral Social) | SOS Children's Villages | CISP | Caritas Germany (Pastoral Social) | HIAS | Malteser International (ABIUDEA) | NRC | IOM | IOM (APOYAR - Club Kiwanis - Corporación Scalabrini - Corporación Vive - Pastoral Social) | OXFAM | Pastoral Social | Samaritan's Purse | UNICEF/SOS Children's Villages

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Feature story: "Miguel Altamar: Overcoming the challenges"

Six years ago, Miguel Altamar, a young Venezuelan, had to leave his country and set himself the goal of building a better future in Colombia. When he first arrived in Bogotá there were days when doubts came by, about whether or not to return to his home country. He wandered around the streets of the city, not certain about how to find his way home.

Miguel did not have either money for a bus ticket, nor a phone to contact the friend he would be staying with. Later, when he lived in Cartagena he worked as a 'taxi' driver with a motorcycle, but he had to quit because his skin was getting affected due to the sun exposure.

As finding a job became harder and harder, her mother and sister returned to Venezuela. Instead, he decided to move back to the capital, "because they told me it would be better here. That day, as I walked and walked, I wondered what I was doing here in Colombia", he says. Once back in Bogotá he worked for a few days in construction, but he did not receive any retribution, as his employer never gave him the payment for his labor during such days.

After several weeks of sending his resume to many vacancies, Miguel contacted 'Empleos para construir futuro', a project led by Cuso International and supported by the Government of Canadá. His profile attracted the attention of the *Almacontact* call center, one of the private partners of the initiative, which hired him in January this year. At the beginning of the sanitary contingency by COVID-19 he had no other option but to work from home. To support and adapt his workspace at home for the remote modality, Cuso International rented him a computer and provided him with a permanent Internet connection.



Miguel has developed skills on providing guidance and information to clients, through his work in a call-center. / Cuso International

“Without Cuso’s support, I would not have been able to continue working. It was quite interesting that, at the beginning of this period, I was getting more sales by my calls from the home. Now, I think people have started to feel the effects of the quarantine on the economy. But I am still in the struggle and I connect early every day to work, so that my results and sales do not decrease so much”, says Miguel.

The tools for working at home were possible thanks to the creation of a resource fund by the project, which seeks to contribute and promote the permanence of the beneficiaries of this program in the partner’s companies during this health emergency. Specifically, the fund has allocated resources to cover a percentage of salaries, biosecurity elements, transportation and food assistance, as well as elements for remote connection for several beneficiaries.

“It is gratifying to have Cuso International as an ally, an entity that is committed to the well-being of our workers. We greatly appreciate their support in these difficult times”, says Andrés Rodríguez, Almacontact’s human resources coordinator. Miguel feels satisfied to continue being part of the Almacontact’s team, because “it is a company where people are not classified by their nationality”. Besides having a formal job that generates a stable salary, he is able to send part of his income to his sister and mother, who are still looking for a job in Venezuela.

4,194
BENEFICIARIES
IN JULY
3,280
BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

27
DEPARTMENTS



Protection

In July, more than **46,100** beneficiaries were provided with one or more types of protection assistance through **52** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **98** municipalities of **27** departments, in border and transit areas, as well as areas where refugees and migrants have an intention to stay.

The Protection sector, in coordination with the Multisector subgroup (Shelter), continued working on the toolkit for monitoring and response to evictions and, in coordination with the Communication with Communities Task Force and the GIFMM Communication team, published three communication pieces about the ‘due process’ and response mechanisms for refugee and migrant population on evictions: [a flyer on key aspects of forced evictions](#), [an infographic with recommendations on the procedure for protecting the home](#), and a [brochure on the rights of refugees and migrants in regard to evictions](#). By the closure of this report, 376 eviction incidents were documented, including 1,207 refugees and migrants evicted and 629 more at risk of eviction. These figures and more key information in detail can be found in the [online dashboard about evictions](#), available on the GIFMM Protection sector webpage at R4V.info.

Thanks to the initiative of the Brazil Protection Sector, an experience and information exchange session on work with indigenous communities took place. Participants included peers from Colombia and Guyana, and included topics of common concern, such as (bi)nationality, Venezuelans affected by armed conflict, and gender-based violence (GBV) and child protection response. Besides, there are concerns over the increased situations of violence, such as discriminations, threats and sexual violence against LGBTI+ refugees and migrants. According to the civil society organization *Caribe Afirmativo*, 10 cases of homicides were so far reported as of 24 July.

In addition, following up the Quito Protocol, a document has been drafted regarding the provision of assistance of 12 unaccompanied boys, girls and adolescents who were provided with attention and care in protection safe spaces, as well for as temporary shelter. As a result, an analysis with recommendations will be elaborated, which will be part of the Regional Protocol. Finally, two more documents are in process: one related to good practices and recommendations on child protection response modalities, and another about the progress on the preparation of the next Displacement Tracking Matrix, focused on the response for boys, girls and adolescents living and having high permanence on the streets.

In July over **18,000** girls and boys received 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. Similarly, **14,800** refugees and migrants received legal assistance, representation or advice, including **4** children. Over **16,100** people accessed protection

services such as support and guidance on how to access rights and assistance, and more than **100** people, including refugees, migrants and host communities received services in various Support Spaces.

In addition, more than **2,200** refugees and migrants received information services related to the prevention of and response to GBV in the context of mixed migratory flows, and more than **1,100** people were trained in the prevention of and response such type of violence. Finally, **32** persons at risk of trafficking participated in prevention activities related to the creation and dissemination of risk indicators, identification of warning signs, as well as assistance and mechanisms to complain, and **19** persons received assistance services to address trafficking situations.

ORGANIZATIONS*:

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Health



Screening processes for the refugee and migrant population at the point of entry in Villa del Rosario. / PAHO-WHO

expansion of health institutions, in coordination with the authorities. Finally, referral of especial healthcare cases, transport and supplementary support remained during the month.

More than **40,800** primary physical and mental health care consultations, and more than **770** emergency care consultations were carried out for refugees and migrants, including deliveries and neonatal care. Similarly, more than **10,500** people received mental health care or psychosocial support, and more than **5,800** people participated in health information, education and communication activities. Regarding sexual and reproductive health, more than **10,200** people received prenatal gynecological, comprehensive and medical care. Finally, **55** people were vaccinated according to the with the immunization scheme from the national schedule.

ORGANIZATIONS*:

68,331
BENEFICIARIES
IN JULY
38,913
BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

29
DEPARTMENTS

In July, more than **68,300** beneficiaries received one or more types of health assistance through **62** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **263** municipalities of **29** departments throughout the national territory.

During the month, while support in healthcare in prioritized territories continued, other activities, such as epidemiological surveillance, isolation for COVID-19 positive cases, delivery of personnel protection items and sanitary attention in health concern areas, as well as in shelters and concentrations points due to continuing arrival of population with the intention to return to their country, had to be reinforced.

Partners' attention in healthcare, mental care and treatments continued, both via virtual and face-to-face modalities, as well as the delivery of health implements and personal protection equipment and elements for hospital

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Food Security & Nutrition

In July, over **353,200** beneficiaries received one or more types of food and nutrition assistance through **52** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **66** municipalities of **18** departments, in border and transit areas, as well as areas where refugees and migrants have an intention to stay.

During the month, sector's partners provided assistance through multiple modalities, as well as support through cash transfers continued, as a safer method of assistance that contributes to the prevention of infection and boosts local economies. There was also a significant increase of increase in-kind food deliveries in remote areas of the country where markets are not completely functional.

In order to improve the central elements that conform the strategy of rapid and diversified food recovery for food security and nutrition –which are access, availability and biological use of food– the sector continued to provide support for rapid and diversified food production with a risk management approach, thus strengthening the technical, social and economic capacities of the refugee and migrant population.

Similarly, support was provided in disseminating key messages to promote agricultural production of nutritious foods in households and good practices in nutrition, within the framework of the sanitary emergency by COVID-19.

Sector partners also made progress in the nutrition response, including actions to prevent undernourishment, including dissemination of messages related to better nutrition and breastfeeding, and in line with national and international recommendations.

In this way, more than **254,100** people were reached with food assistance, both via transfers, reaching more than **229,230** people (>**155,400** via electronic vouchers, >**30,300** in cash and >**43,000** with other mechanisms), as well as in kind, reaching more than **24,900** refugees and migrants. Food rations were also delivered to more than **56,400** people, hot meals served in community kitchens were provided to more than **12,200** people, and over than **9,200** people transiting by foot ("caminantes") received food kits, thereby assisting the most vulnerable population in need, in line with biosecurity protocols.

In addition, activities related to the promotion of food self-sufficiency were carried out, including more than **9,100** people who received agricultural tools and materials, as well as over **4,300** people who received inputs to increase self-sufficiency.

353,294*
BENEFICIARIES
IN JULY
117,185
BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

18
DEPARTMENTS



Jaisa and her children receive hot meals thanks to the World Food Program at a shelter for refugees and migrants in Riohacha, La Guajira. / WFP

Similarly, in order to prevent nutritional deficiencies and promote key messages on breastfeeding and the nutritional recommendations, more than **4,800** caregivers received counselling on child nutrition, more than **2,900** children and adolescents, as well as more than **530** particularly vulnerable pregnant and lactating women, received 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.*

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Multipurpose CBI

68,100

BENEFICIARIES
IN JULY

34,629

BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

17

DEPARTMENTS



Delivery of multipurpose cash and guidance on monetary transfers to refugees and migrants, especially to heads of households, in the municipality of Pamplona in Norte de Santander. / Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe and Fundación Halü

During the month of July, more than **68,100** beneficiaries received one or more types of support through **18** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **68** municipalities of **17** departments.

These refugees and migrants mostly benefited from multipurpose cash transfers, through prepaid cards, direct cash, and electronic transfers. Following the change in context due to COVID-19, targeting processes were reviewed, with an increase in focus exposed to protection risks and/or evictions.

Also, given the increase in assistance through cash transfers, in July a mapping of financial services providers as well as information post-distribution (such as modality preferences on people assisted) was also collected and mapped for analysis purposes as part of the RMRP 2021 planning process.

ORGANIZATIONS*:

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Coordination

During July the National GIFMM made progress on the socialization of the planning for the Refugee and Migrant Response Plan (RMRP) for 2021, through the presentation of guidance documents that explain the process, and timelines that highlight the most relevant dates for the national platform and its partners.

Local GIFMMs, the field level representation of the national platform, as the spaces for coordination of the operational response at the local level, worked in close collaboration with coordination mechanisms of local authorities on the following activities:

- In **Antioquia**, under the close coordination of the Mayor's Office of Medellín, the sub-commission for Refugee and Migrant Children was reactivated, leaded by the Mayor's Office Children's Unit. Also, an exit strategy for the population located in the Carlos Mauro Hoyos shelter and developed in articulation with the Cash Transfers Group, and the Multisectorial Working Group was launched, with the design of contingency plans as its first task, with the support of the Administrative Department for Risk and Disaster Management.
- In **Arauca**, educational support was provided to children and adolescents through telephone accompaniment, delivery of educational material for their learning, including messages about how to take care due to COVID-19; likewise, the local GIFMM provided technical assistance to the Departmental Education Secretariat to plan and coordinate the response in education in emergencies. Services related to prevention, psychosocial care and attention to gender-based violence by telephone continued during the month. Finally, members of the GIFMM carried out a day of attention with services in health, water, sanitation and hygiene and nutrition for the Venezuelan population of the *Eñepa* ethnicity.
- In **Bogotá and region**, the local GIFMM rapid response team carried out brigades in the capital and along route used by people transiting by foot ("*caminantes*"), which includes the municipalities of Chía, Tocancipá and La Mesa, as assistance in temporary shelter and cash transfers continued. In coordination with authorities, the GIFMM members maintained close coordination with the Mayor's Office of Bogotá in order to define the plan of action to attend to and integrate refugees and migrants in the city, and the Protection subgroup continued monitoring people at risk of eviction, in coordination with the Local Ombudsperson's Office and the Ombudsperson's Office.
- In **Cesar**, equipment to adapt a risk analysis room was provided the Departmental Health Secretariat, as well as biosafety supplies for two hospitals (Eduardo Arredondo and Rosario Pumarejo de Lopez) in Valledupar, through the joint work of the members of the local GIFMM. Other services such as delivery of multipurpose cash transfers, sexual and reproductive health and family planning care, and delivery of hygiene kits and sleeping pills was continued, and care services for pregnant and lactating women and children and adolescents in a state of malnutrition were reactivated under scheduling.
- The local GIFMM in the **Caribbean Coast** developed actions provide technical support to strengthen the Health Secretariats, institutions for health services and hospitals, especially in the area of epidemiology and with the delivery of supplies required in Barranquilla (**Atlántico**), Cartagena (**Bolívar**) and Santa Marta (**Magdalena**). In the three departments, the response to refugees and migrants continued through assistance in food security, multipurpose cash transfers, health, temporary shelter, delivery of hygiene kits, and guidance through helplines. Finally, in terms of coordination, Cash Transfers Group was formalized for the local GIFMM, and close coordination was held with the GIFMM in Cesar and La Guajira, to define a common strategy for information and coordination.
- In **La Guajira**, the response in water, sanitation and hygiene, health and food security was maintained with the delivery of food kits and food supplies, and through the availability of services of such sectors in constant articulation with the Governor's Office, local Mayor's Offices, the Presidential Border Management and the National Unit for Disaster Risk Management. Simultaneously, members of the local GIFMM provided support in the design of emergency and temporary shelters in hotel networks, as well as actions to strengthen skills on productive units, through workshops and the manufacture of biosafety elements with refugees and migrants accommodated in the active shelters in Riohacha and Maicao.

- In **Nariño**, vulnerable refugees and migrants as well as those living on the streets were provided with temporary shelter thanks to the continuity of the agreements with the hotels authorized in the municipalities of Ipiales and Pasto. Support to local authorities in Pasto continued, through technical assistance and the provision of equipment to set up a point of service for the population, and with a joint work members of the local GIFMM also continued the intersectoral response and shelter for the population settled in the Transport Terminal in Ipiales.
- Since the inauguration in June of the Centre for Sanitary Attention (CAST by its acronym in Spanish) in **Norte de Santander**, which is located at the Las Tienditas International Bridge in Villa del Rosario, assistance has been provided in water, sanitation and hygiene, temporary shelter, and health and food services. In addition, a protective space for children and adolescents was opened, through the support of local GIFMM partners and in coordination with local authorities, in order to provide comprehensive care refugees and migrants with the intention to return to Venezuela.
- The local GIFMM in **Santander** provided health services and delivered hygiene and food kits, through mobile units, to the population in transit at several points in Bucaramanga. Besides, the local partners carried out health care, nutrition and prevention days on gender-based violence in boarding houses where refugees and migrants are living. Also, the GIFMM worked in coordination with local authorities to establish a response strategy, in order to provide an adequate response in shelter and cash transfers for the population with intention to stay during the mandatory preventive isolation.
- In **Valle del Cauca**, the local GIFMM participated in a virtual meeting with local authorities to provide ideas and perspectives, based on its work on the field, to be considered on the 2020-2023 Development Plan for Cali. The local members worked in close coordination to reopen the temporary shelter in Palmira, including assistance on technical support and provision of non-food items. Similarly, the continued support from the GIFMM's partners included health services in coordination with local health authorities, guidance and information through the helplines for guidance on how to access rights and assistance, and delivery of cash transfers, hygiene kits and school kits.



Information Management

In July, a total of **22** information products were published at the national and local level, all focused on reporting the response to COVID-19 and the coordinated adaptation of the operation to the COVID-19 crisis, including:

- The final report ([SPA](#) | [ENG](#)) and executive summary ([SPA](#) | [ENG](#)) of the second round of **the Joint Needs Assessment on the situation of refugees and migrants in the context of COVID-19**, conducted during the month of June 2020 by 29 members of the GIFMM. Over than 2,500 telephone surveys to households in 26 departments we carried out, to find out the main needs that these households have faced in the context of prevention and response. The main needs expressed by households are food (92%), shelter support, e.g., help with rent (66%) and access to employment or livelihoods (53%).
- **2** COVID-19 Flash Updates produced by the National GIFMM team ([14 July](#), [28 July](#)).
- **4** reports on the COVID-19 response produced by local GIFMMs in: **La Guajira** ([15 July](#), [Riohacha – 6 July](#)), **Norte de Santander** ([30 May](#)), y **Valle del Cauca** ([30 May](#)).
- **12** information products covering the monthly local response:
 - **Antioquia** ([Situational Report - May](#), [Operational map - May](#), [Operational Map in Medellín - May](#), [Venezuelans in Antioquia - May](#)).
 - **Arauca** ([Operational map - June](#)).
 - **Cesar** ([Operational presence - May](#), [Operational map - May](#)).
 - **Costa Caribe** ([Operational map - January to May](#)).
 - **La Guajira** ([Operational map - May](#)).
 - **Nariño** ([Operational map - April](#), [Operational map - May](#)).
 - **Valle del Cauca** ([Situational Report - January to March](#)).



Communications

In July, GIFMM partners joined the commemoration of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons on 30 July, in order to give more visibility to the situation and prevention of human trafficking, as well as the perspectives and risks of refugee and migrant populations in migration contexts. To this end, events such as webinars and virtual forums were held, some of which were coordinated by and included the participation of Colombia Migration, the Ombudsman's Office, the Ministry of Labor, and also local authorities.



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