

CURAÇAO









SITUATION

Curação, a constituent country of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, is one of the countries most impacted by displacement relative to its population size, with 1 out of 10 persons on the island estimated to be refugees and migrants from Venezuela. With borders to Venezuela closed since 2019 and with new visa requirements implemented as of January 2021, inbound travel through regular ports of entry remains limited. Nevertheless, in 2022 as in 2021, Venezuelans are expected to continue to arrive through irregular migratory pathways, undertaking dangerous sea journeys that present serious protection risks, such as drowning in capsized boats, human trafficking and other forms of abuse and exploitation.

While many Venezuelans currently in Curação had arrived initially through regular ports of entry, many subsequently overstayed and are consequently in an irregular situation. Avenues to humanitarian protection, regularization and documentation – including to asylum or humanitarian procedures under the European Convention of Human Rights (ECHR) applicable to Curação – are generally inaccessible to Venezuelans due to lack of administrative and concrete asylum procedures, compounded by challenges in obtaining documents from their country of origin. This results in many refugees and migrants from Venezuela ending up in an irregular situation and therefore at risk of detention and deportation, as the Government of Curação continues to regularly return Venezuelans in an irregular situation to their country of origin. Lack of documentation and legal status hinder Venezuelans' access to basic public services such as healthcare, and prevent them from accessing formal employment and livelihood opportunities, while increasing the risk of statelessness. Although all children in Curaçao have the legal right to access education, other obstacles to school enrolment and attendance are prevalent, including language barriers, xenophobia, lack of information, and associated costs of registration, insurance, uniforms, transportation to schools and more.

RESPONSE PRIORITIES

- Prevent, mitigate, and respond to protection risks of the most vulnerable refugees and migrants from Venezuela, while strengthening community-based protection mechanisms. Strengthen the capacity of key actors to combat human trafficking, smuggling, and exploitation of refugees and migrants.
- Provide and improve safe and dignified access to essential rights, goods, and critical services.
- Support and facilitate increased integration opportunities for refugees and migrants, as well as livelihood opportunities and formal employment, and enhance social cohesion through peaceful coexistence campaigns.

Curação is also considered one of the countries that has been most economically impacted by COVID-19, due to its small size and economic reliance on tourism. Long-lasting negative effects on the economy and public health of Curaçao have exacerbated Venezuelans' vulnerabilities, including loss of livelihoods. They have become increasingly vulnerable and have been left with fewer resources to meet their most basic needs, including food, healthcare and shelter, which are forms of support increasingly requested from R4V partners. Although Venezuelans have received COVID-19-specific food assistance and are included in COVID-19 vaccination campaigns carried out by the Government of Curação with the support of R4V partners, long-lasting economic impacts on refugees and migrants from Venezuela are anticipated.

NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS AND FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY ORGANIZATION TYPE

	Enteron diseased	NGO	Oth cont		‡ Others include the Red Cross Movement, civil society, academia and faith based organizations.	
	International NGO	National NGO / CSO		UN Agencies	The list of organizations and RMRP partners only includes appealing organizations under	
Financial requirements	41.55%	5.28%	-	53.17%	the RMRP. Many on these organizations collaborate with implementing partners to carry out RMRP acvivities.	
Organizations	3	2	-	3		
Appealing partners						

POPULATION IN NEED AND TARGET, FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS AND NUMBER OF PARTNERS BY SECTOR

	Sector	People in need (PiN)*	■ Targeted ■ In need	People targeted*	Financial requirements (USD)	Partners
	Education	2.1 K		550	376 K	4
500	Food security	10.8 K		-	-	-
\$	Health	6.7 K		6.0 K	2.2 M	3
	Humanitarian Transportation	-	-	-	-	-
	Integration	15.7 K		596	1.9 M	7
Ö	Nutrition	-	-	-	-	-
*	Protection**	13.9 K		3.4 K	1.3 M	3
Ö	Child protection	500	-	-	-	-
Ť	Gender Based Violence (GBV)	7.4 K		348	411 K	3
¥	Human Trafficking & Smuggling	30		8	75 K	1
Î	Shelter	14.2 K		689	162 K	2
-	WASH	-	-	-	371 K	4
	Multipurpose Cash Assistance	-	-	645	385 K	2
7°K	Common services***	-	-	-	47.5 K	1

^{*} Figures for refugees and migrants in-transit to other countries are not included in the totals as they can be - by definition- recipients of services in more than one country. However, the total budget and sector specific requirements include activities targeting this population group, including as refugees and migrants in-transit will have specific needs to be adressed.

^{**} This includes Support Spaces

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