Inter-Agency Coordination Platform for Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela

**RMRP 2022** 

## **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**



#### SITUATION

The Dominican Republic (DR) is host to the largest population of Venezuelan refugees and migrants in the Caribbean sub-region, of whom an estimated 87% were in an irregular situation at the end of 2020, per Government estimates. To address this, in January 2021 the Government adopted a Normalization Plan (Resolution 00119-2021) for Venezuelans in the country, to allow alternative legal stay for those who entered the country regularly between January 2014 and March 2020 and who could meet specified criteria. By the end of 2021, an estimated 43,000 Venezuelans had accessed the first phase of registration and 8,000 had received visas toward finalization of a 1-year non-resident permit. In 2022, R4V partners will continue to support regularization pathways adopted for this population to ensure access to rights and public services in the country.

Public services which are available regardless of nationality or legal status include basic education, emergency, and primary medical treatment (including COVID-19 testing and vaccination) and protection services against GBV, child abuse, trafficking, and protection of labour rights. Relationships with the host community are described as good by over 80 per cent of Venezuelans surveyed. Cultural, linguistic, and historical similarities prevent xenophobia to a considerable extent.

### **RESPONSE PRIORITIES**

Prevent, mitigate, and respond to protection risks by reinforcing

a protective environment, including through improved access to asylum, normalization and documentation procedures for refugees and migrants from Venezuela. This includes continued support to strengthen the government-led regularization plan in 2022. Continue implementing direct humanitarian assistance to the

2 most vulnerable refugees and migrants, including children and adolescents, women and girls, the elderly, persons with disabilities, members of the LGBTQI+ community and more. Promote local integration by advocating for access to basic public services, identifying durable

public services, identifying durable solutions, expanding livelihood initiatives, such as training for refugee and migrant entrepreneurs, business grants and facilitation of diploma validation.

Nevertheless, refugees and migrants from Venezuela report difficulties in accessing some rights and services due to administrative barriers, particularly those in an irregular situation. This poses acute challenges for Venezuelans and leads to negative coping mechanisms, especially affecting women and LGBTQI+ persons. Access to safe accommodation and legal assistance, especially to prevent evictions, are key concerns, as well as assistance for victims of trafficking, persons affected by smuggling and other risks. Additionally, limited Venezuelan consular services prevent undocumented children from confirming Venezuelan nationality, leading to risks of statelessness.

#### NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS AND FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY ORGANIZATION TYPE

	International NGO	National NGO / CSO	Others <sup>‡</sup>	UN Agencies			
Financial requirements	5.06%	3.69%	0.68%	90.58%			
Organizations	1	4	4	6			
Appealing	ASOCIACIÓN AVES, CHURÚN MERÚ ASSOCIATION, FUNCOVERD, IDDI, DUENDES Y ÁNGELES VINOTINTO República dominicana, globalizate radio, hias, ilo, iom, unicef, unhcr, unfpa, un habitat,						

‡ Others include the Red Cross Movement, civil society, academia and faith based organizations.

The list of organizations and RMRP partners only includes appealing organizations under the RMRP.

Many on these organizations collaborate with implementing partners to carry out RMRP acvivities.

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

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	Sector	People in need (PiN)*	■ Targeted ■ In need	People targeted*	Financial requirements (USD)	Partners
F	Education	18.2 K		10.2 K	751 K	8
	Food security	34.1 K		7.7 K	663 K	6
इ	Health	32.1 K		4.9 K	1.34 M	10
	Humanitarian Transportation	-	-	-	2 K	1
÷	Integration	79.4 K		5 K	7.76 M	12
ø	Nutrition	-	-	-	170 K	1
\$	Protection**	62.7 K		41.4 K	4.75 M	6
ŵ	Child protection	18.2 K		14.9 K	867 K	3
<b>`</b>	Gender Based Violence (GBV)	10.3 K		4.1 K	585 K	5
¥	Human Trafficking & Smuggling	1.1 K		505	804 K	4
Î	Shelter	9.5 K		5.8 K	2.24 M	5
	WASH	-	-	-	85 K	2
•••	Multipurpose Cash Assistance	-	-	7.7 K	3.61 M	6
<i>א</i> נע זיג	Common services***	-	-	-	761 K	3

\* 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 addressed.

\*\* This includes Support Spaces

partners

\*\*\* This includes AAP, Communication, Coordination, CwC/ C4D, Fundraising, Information Management, PSEA and Reporting.