

COLOMBIA

KEY FIGURES

END OF YEAR 2021

R4V Inter-Agency Coordination Platform for Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela

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PEOPLE IN NEED

4.12 M



PEOPLE TARGETED

1.80 M



PEOPLE REACHED

1.82 M



TOTAL REQUIREMENTS



FUNDED

\$321 M

• (50%)

UNMET

\$319 M

• (50%)



69

REPORTING PARTNERS



215

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS



36,814

REPORTED ACTIVITIES

NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS

50

DONORS

37

FUNDED ORGS.

SITUATION

According to official Government statistics, more than 1.84 million Venezuelans resided in Colombia as of December 2021. The announcement of the 10-year Temporary Protection Statute (TPS) for Venezuelans represented a significant step to promote refugees and migrants' protection, access to essential services and rights, and effective socioeconomic integration in the country. This opportunity also required operational adjustments by R4V partners to ensure support for access to the regularization process for eligible Venezuelans.

Beginning in March, violence in Apure State in Venezuela led to an outflow of some 6,000 refugees and migrants to Arauca in Colombia. While a majority eventually returned, the border area remained unstable, with continued displacement dynamics.

Despite the gradual reopening of the Colombian border later in the year, most Venezuelans crossed the border irregularly in 2021.

Progress in the National COVID-19 Vaccination Plan, including access to vaccination for Venezuelans, and the easing of lockdown measures, contributed to the reactivation of the economy. Nevertheless, refugees, migrants and host communities continued to face constraints to access basic services and income, resulting in persistent intersectoral needs: according to a [Joint Needs Assessment \(JNA\)](#) carried out in June, 24% of Venezuelan households interviewed were food insecure, 25% consumed poor quality water, 36% were overcrowded, and 31% were at risk of eviction, while 25% of children were not attending schools.

RESPONSE

In 2021, a total of 1.82 million people in Colombia, representing 101% of the target population including Venezuelan refugees and migrants and host communities, received support from 63 RMRP partners working in 32 departments.

To complement the Government's implementation of the TPS, the Inter-Agency Group on Mixed Migration Flows (GIFMM) – the R4V Platform in Colombia – elaborated a TPS Support Plan with 46 RMRP partners. Over 250,000 people were reached in 29 departments, with virtual pre-registration, legal assistance, communications and other services. GIFMM and Migration Colombia organized joint workshops on the TPS procedure. The Communications and Communicating with Communities (CwC) Working Groups developed communications plans on TPS and to combat misinformation, fraud, and xenophobia. The Protection Sector developed a standardized form for Venezuelans to prove their stay in Colombia as a prerequisite for the TPS, and identified gaps and needs during the TPS roll-out, using a child protection and gender-based approach.

Meanwhile, 40 Protection Sector partners provided services to 454,885 Venezuelans in over 80 Support Spaces in 23 departments across the country. The GBV and Human Trafficking and Smuggling Sub-sectors of protection strengthened risk identification mechanisms and capacity-building with local GIFMMs, civil society organizations, and the authorities.

Health Sector partners complemented the health authorities' capacities for COVID-19 vaccination of refugees and migrants. As of December 2021, more than 579,000 people had been reached through COVID-19-related assistance. The WASH Sector reinforced the delivery of menstrual hygiene items and hygiene kits and maintained WASH infrastructures at border crossings with Venezuela. The Shelter and Humanitarian Transportation Sectors implemented an [inter-agency evaluation](#) to evaluate the conditions and response in 54 temporary shelters and supported a humanitarian transportation pilot in Norte de Santander for refugees and migrants with specific vulnerabilities. The Food Security and Nutrition Sectors provided food assistance, supported children with acute malnutrition, and strengthened rapid-response and early recovery initiatives. The Cash Working Group coordinated multipurpose cash transfers (MPC), particularly for people in transit and affected by emergencies.

The Integration Sector supported the certification of labour skills of refugees and migrants, provided training on the integration of Venezuelans under

the TPS, and created an [orientation guide](#) on access to financial products and services for Venezuelans. The Education Sector supported the return of pupils to schools, ensuring basic conditions in terms of curricula and infrastructure.

Finally, the GIFMM conducted two JNAs to identify the needs of refugees and migrants, including [Venezuelans residing in Colombia](#) and the [pendular population over the Colombian-Venezuelan border](#). The "GIFMM Contigo" app was launched with information on available services across the country.


























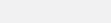
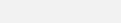



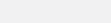
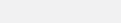
LESSONS LEARNED

Despite securing only 50% of the requested funding for Colombia in the RMRP 2021, the response reached 101% of its target population. However, stark differences in funding levels between sectors presented an operational challenge, with considerable variations in targets reached.

The deterioration of the security situation in parts of the country, including in border areas, in 2022 will continue to require implementation of emergency and relief actions coordinated between GIFMM, the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) and OCHA through the back-to-back strategy.

As a result of the successful TPS implementation, more support will be required for integration in 2022. This will imply closer coordination with government and development actors and continued strengthening of relations with civil society, in particular the 14 Venezuelan civil society organizations in the RMRP 2022.

POPULATION TARGETED AND REACHED, FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT AND FUNDING*

Sector	People reached	% Reached	Reached Targeted	People targeted	Requirements (USD)	Funded* (USD)	Funded Requirements	PiN
 Education	181 K	48%		381 K	\$45.4 M	\$8.06 M		2.17 M
 Food Security	1.14 M	101%		1.13 M	\$111 M	\$95.1 M		3.20 M
 Health	1.03 M	92%		1.12 M	\$145 M	\$18.2 M		3.51 M
 Humanitarian Transportation	78.8 K	310%		25.4 K	\$967 K	\$795 K		152 K
 Integration	68.8 K	46%		151 K	\$72.6 M	\$10.1 M		3.86 M
 Nutrition	48.6 K	29%		170 K	\$7.97 M	\$1.28 M		751 K
 Protection	4.10 K	89%		472 K	\$36.3 M	\$34.6 M		3.44 M
 Child Protection	98.8 K	40%		248 K	\$23.4 M	\$7.35 M		1.10 M
 Gender-Based Violence (GBV)	59.0 K	50%		117 K	\$16.3 M	\$55.2 K		760 K
 Human Trafficking & Smuggling	53	-		-	\$8.29 M	\$556 K		-
 Shelter	125 K	56%		224 K	\$21.6 M	\$8.77 M		2.93 M
 WASH	431 K	68%		632 K	\$17.9 M	\$1.56 M		2.81 M
 Multipurpose Cash Assistance	328 K	81%		407 K	\$120 M	\$24.1 M		-

* Funding information as reported to the [Financial Tracking Service \(FTS\)](#). This may not accurately represent all funds actually applied to each sector or country of the RMRP response, as unarmarked funds from donors may not be reported to FTS with a sector or country designation at the time of receipt by RMRP partners.