

## RMRP 2023 • 2024 **CHILD PROTECTION**



2023

2024



2.77 M 2.94 M † 45.0% † 42.6%

282.5 K 268.8 K † 43.0% † 41.1%

\* PIN PERCENTAGE

\* TARGET PERCENTAGE
OF PIN

\*\*\* TOTAL REQUIREMENTS

19.8% 20.0% 10.2% 9.1%

\$75.66 M \$73.09 M



RMRP PARTNERS: 52 SECTOR LEADS: UNICEF, WVI

## **KEY FIGURES BY PLATFORM**

	2023				2024				
	***	<b>↓</b> ↓	Targeted In need	5	***	<b>↓</b> ↓	Targeted In need	5	8
BRAZIL	192.3 K	30.6K	15.9%	\$7.75 M	202.8 K	23.3K	11.5%	\$7.27 M	13
CHILE	161.9 K	25.9K	16.0%	\$2.82 M	175.9 K	26.2K	14.9%	\$2.98 M	5
COLOMBIA	1.70 M	119.6K	7.0%	\$28.02 M	1.82 M	113.4K	6.2%	\$25.02 M	17
ECUADOR	407.9 K	52.6K	12.9%	\$12.64 M	414.5 K	51.4K	12.4%	\$14.30 M	17
PERU	450.2 K	67.1K	14.9%	\$15.62 M	477.6 K	64.8K	13.6%	\$14.08 M	16
CARIBBEAN	48.6 K	5.1K	10.5%	\$3.43 M	49.3 K	6.1K	12.4%	\$3.32 M	10
CENTRAL AMERICA & MEXICO	54.4 K	22.3K	41.0%	\$2.61 M	55.3 K	26.7K	48.2%	\$3.41 M	8
SOUTHERN CONE	29.3 K	2.7K	9.1%	\$1.43 M	30.5 K	3.2K	10.4%	\$1.33 M	6

## SECTOR OVERVIEW

Against the background of identified needs in the field of child protection in the RMNA, in 2023-2024, the Child Protection Sub-sector partners will focus on following priorities:

- Protection of refugee and migrant children and adolescents from violence, exploitation and abuse, promotion of their well-being and their inclusion in national child protection systems. R4V partners and national authorities will assess needs of children and adolescents at-risk and provide multisectoral services, including MHPSS, legal guidance, among others, in line with their best interest. Services will consider an age, gender, diversity and ethnicity approach, and Child Protection standards will be incorporated throughout humanitarian actions. The Child Protection Sub-sector will provide technical assistance to the National Sub-sectors and civil society organizations to strengthen prevention, risk mitigation and response mechanisms of national child protection systems.
- Continue to strengthen and advocate for gender responsive and specialized care for unaccompanied and/or separated children (UASC). R4V partners will advocate for the well-being of children and adolescents, the identification and care of UASC, pregnant adolescents and in those in early unions. The Regional Sub-sector will provide technical support to the National Sub-sectors in the creation of comprehensive response, safe spaces and promote family reunification based on Best Interest Determination (BID) process.
- Ensure access to effective procedures and services for children and adolescents and their families to documentation and regularization to enhance their access to other rights and services. The Sub-sector will advocate at the regional level and provide technical support to national Sub-sectors to strengthen national procedures and services so to ensure the legal identity and birth registration of children and adolescents, including indigenous child and adolescent mothers by the national authorities. The Child Protection Sub-sector will contribute to adapt and improve protection services and regularization and documentation mechanisms to register children born to refugee and migrant parents and/or those who do not have valid documentation so that they can access specialized services.

The Child Protection Sub-sector response will primarily be implemented through capacity building, working with child protection actors and public officials to provide and monitor pertinent and quality specialized services. Partners will also strengthen the evidence base on child protection through regional studies. Regional awareness raising campaigns will be produced to highlight needs, risks and protective measures, as well as articulated advocacy actions for a comprehensive response at regional and national level.

The Sub-sector will continue to encourage learning and sharing of best practices among R4V partners, strengthening the online co-working community to share child protection resources. The Regional Subsector will support National Platforms in the development of child protection activities and strategies, including through technical support in the design and implementation of tools to monitor child protection trends and services.

The Sub-sector strategies will be focused on strengthening child protection systems that support the integration and inclusion of refugee and migrant children and adolescents in host communities. The Child Protection Sub-sector will enhance advocacy with relevant regional actors and work with other networks on child protection with focus on refugees and migrants, including the thematic group on Protection of Children and Adolescents within the Quito Process on the validation of operative guidelines.

To ensure a comprehensive response, the Child Protection Sub-Sector will work with the:

Protection Sector, GBV and Human Trafficking and Smuggling Subsectors and the Support Spaces Working Group to enhance the link between GBV and child protection mechanisms. Partners will also articulate development protocols and guidelines for the mitigation of risks as identified in the report on "double affectation" and organized crime, 19 as well as work in the identification of protection needs in vulnerable refugees and migrants, including indigenous people, people of African descent, adolescent girls, and adolescent LGBTQI+ persons.

Health Sector to contribute to access to health services for refugee and migrant children and the protection of pregnant and lactating adolescents.

Education sector to improve access and permanence of refugee and migrant children in schools, referrals to child protection services and case management processes.

AAP-CwC Working Group, to develop and disseminate informative materials and feedback mechanisms, and promote the use of regional tools such as mapping of R4V services and U-Report: Uniendo Voces to engage children, adolescents and their families.

The Child Protection Sub-sector will promote meaningful and effective engagement through AAP processes, child participation, upholding the best interests of the child principle, principles of Do No Harm, Non-discrimination and Environmental Sustainability. The Sub-sector will work with the PSEA Community of Practice to integrate PSEA commitments and ensure referral to child protective services in cases of SEA. Partners will promote the effective participation of children and adolescents throughout the programme cycle so that their voices are heard, and children can actively participate in the processes.

<sup>[19]</sup> Regional Protection Sector and Human Trafficking and Smuggling Sub-sector, Double Affectation and organized crime, 2022. (<a href="https://www.r4v.info/es/doble-afectacion-crimen-org">https://www.r4v.info/es/doble-afectacion-crimen-org</a>)