



# FOOD SECURITY



PEOPLE IN NEED (PIN)

6.86 M



PEOPLE TARGETED

1.56 M



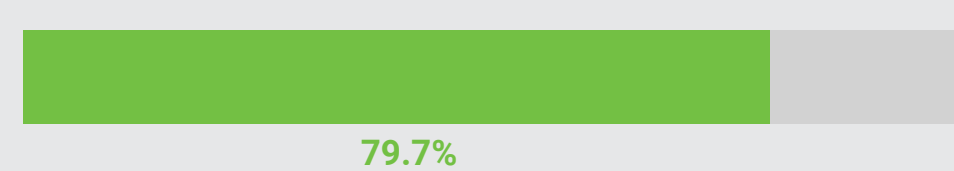
PEOPLE REACHED\*

1.24 M

AGE AND GENDER DISAGGREGATION



PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE REACHED



TOTAL REQUIREMENTS

\$242.40 M



BUDGET RECEIVED\*\*

\$103.71 M



UNMET

\$138.69 M

PERCENTAGE OF BUDGET REACHED



REPORTING PARTNERS

49



IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS\*\*\*

114

(INCLUDING 11 REFUGEE AND MIGRANT-LED ORGANIZATIONS)

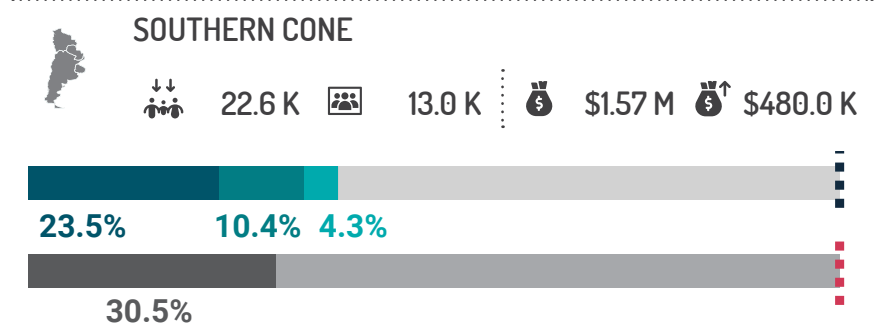
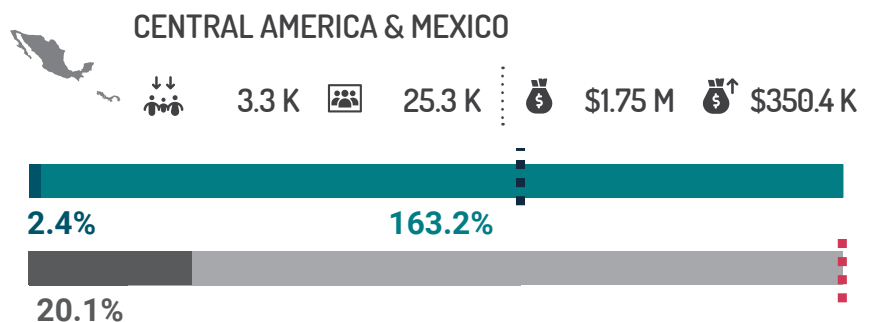
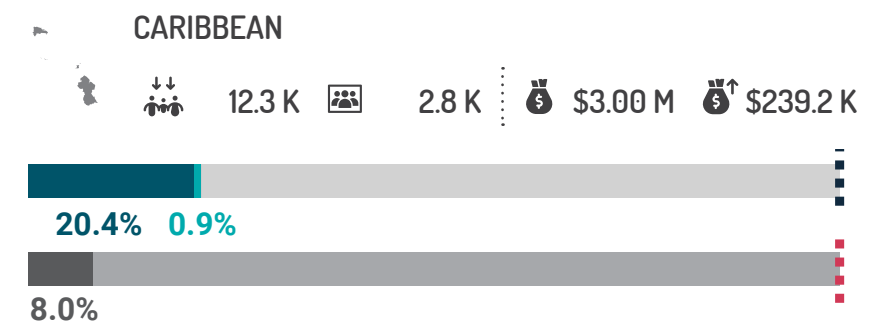
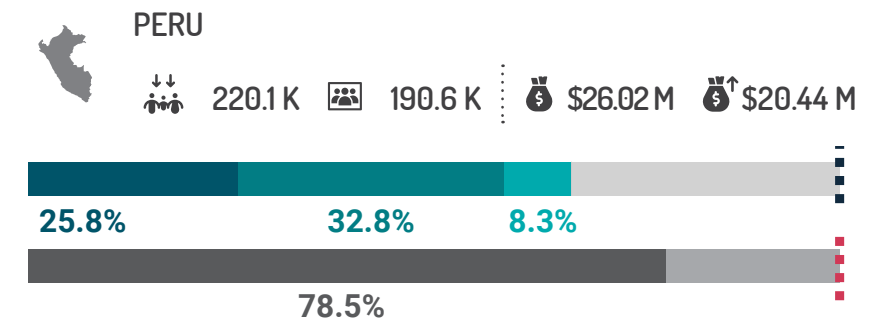
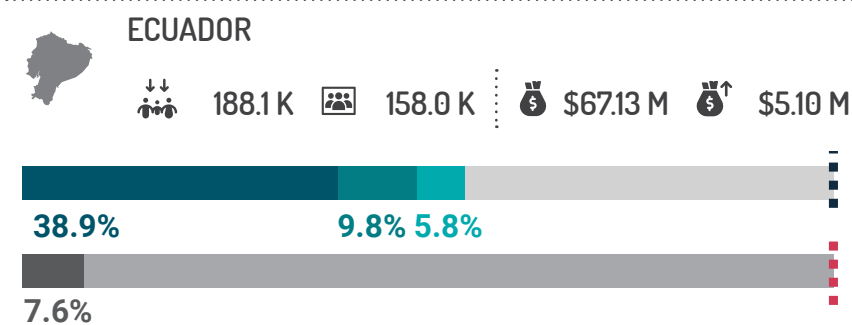
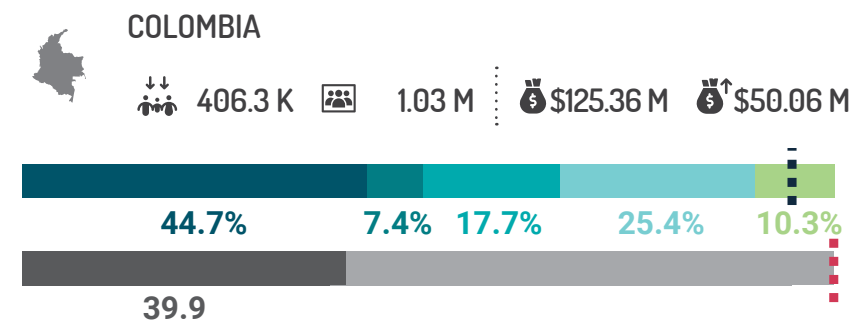
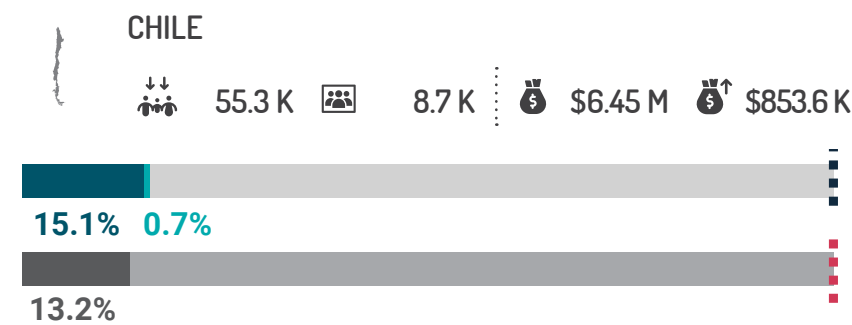
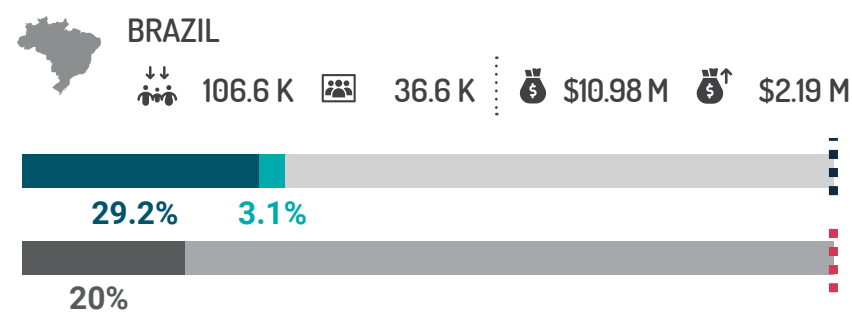


DONORS

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## PEOPLE REACHED AND FUNDING BY NATIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL PLATFORM

Legend: In-destination, In-transit, Affected host communities, Pendular, Colombian returnees, Budget received



\* The above regional-level data on people reached with assistance under the RMRP 2023 does not include assistance provided to refugees and migrants in-transit. While assistance under the RMRP was provided to refugees and migrants in-transit (in Brazil and Mexico, primarily to Venezuelan nationals, in the other countries, refugees and migrants of all nationalities in-transit), given that in-transit populations by their very nature pass through multiple countries, they may be assisted in more than one country. This would mean that the regional total for in-transit people reached with assistance would include significant duplications. In order to avoid such duplications, information for the in-transit population assisted is included at the country levels and should be referred to distinctly from the in-destination population (as is also done for the corresponding PiNs and targets).

\*\* Funding information as reported to the Financial Tracking Service (FTS) as of 1 April 2024. This data is based on partners' voluntary reporting of contributions and may not accurately represent all funds attributed to the RMRP response. Unmarked funds from donors may also not be reported to FTS with a sector or country designation at the time of receipt by RMRP partners.

Sectoral funds reported for activities implemented at a regional, sub-regional, or multi-country level are not reflected in the above infographic disaggregated by national and sub-regional platforms. For more information about the funding of the RMRP please refer to this [link](#).

\*\*\* This includes RMRP appealing partners that are also implementing activities, as well as implementing partners that are not appealing partners. For this reason, it is recommended to quote partner figures separately and not sum the number of partners, as this would double-count implementing partners that are also reporting activities.



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### Situation

The food security of refugees and migrants in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) represents a significant challenge, both for those in-destination and in-transit. According to the [RMNA](#), 3.18 million refugees and migrants in-destination were affected by food insecurity in 2023. The drivers of this food insecurity are often the same that drive population movements, including inequality, structural poverty, economic shocks, price increases, and extreme climate hazard events. Insecurity and violence can also push people to catastrophic levels of food insecurity.

Furthermore, as mentioned in the RMNA, refugees and migrants face heightened food security challenges when they are in-transit, staying in temporary shelters, or in households with pregnant and lactating women and children under five years of age. For example, in Colombia, an estimated [83.2% of the population in-transit faced challenges accessing food](#). According to [an R4V partner report](#), 85% of refugees and migrants in-transit through Central America and Mexico faced difficulties covering their food needs and resorted to negative coping strategies in order to access food. Such negative coping strategies included skipping meals, eating less, or going whole days without food.

### Response

In 2023, 114 partners implemented food assistance activities across 16 countries in LAC, including through the distribution of food kits, hot meals, and cash transfers and vouchers to facilitate food security. The use of cash and voucher assistance (CVA) for the provision of food security support declined from 53.1% in 2022 to 39.8% in 2023 and reflects altered and increased in-kind assistance needs of refugees and migrants in-transit. In 2023, R4V partners reached 1.2 million people in need, including refugees and migrants and affected host communities.

Food Security partners distributed in-kind food kits to refugees and migrants in-transit, as well as hot meals through community kitchens. Response strategies also included dissemination of key messages related to nutrition, protection, and life skills.

The close to 40% of the Sector's assistance that was provided through CVA assistance aimed to address the immediate and short-term food security needs of refugees and migrants, particularly those able to access local markets. With a view to strengthening the Sector's commitment to operationalizing the Humanitarian-Development Nexus, immediate emergency assistance was linked with sustainable livelihood opportunities to enhance socio-economic integration in urban and rural areas.

Sector partners also provided support to public institutions through the enhancement of basic infrastructure, such as community kitchens, and equipment to deliver better food security services.

### Lessons Learned

Due to fluctuating movement patterns of the in-transit population and changing needs of in-destination populations, the Sector aims to increase the use of CVA in 2024, thereby facilitating the flexibility and autonomy of beneficiaries, while improving nutritional and food security outputs of refugees and migrants. The Sector will also bolster cross-sectoral coordination, particularly with Integration and Protection sectors, to increase the overall impact and socio-economic integration and to strengthen national social protection systems and the inclusion of refugees and migrants, as part of an inclusive integration strategy in host countries.