

**Joint note from the Protection Sector and the AAP/CwC Working Group
of the R4V Regional Platform**

KEY MESSAGES FOR THE NEW MIGRATION PROCESS FOR VENEZUELAN IN THE U.S. "PROCESS FOR VENEZUELAN"

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The U.S. government has announced a "new migration process for the entry of Venezuelan citizens", which has been called the "Process for Venezuelans".

It is important that all teams and people working in the field are aware of this new measure in order to advise and guide Venezuelans who may have questions on this topic. For this reason, we share with you the following key messages, which may be useful in communicating with Venezuelan refugees and migrants.

IMPORTANT:

- Do not change the text of key messages to maintain an aligned communication. Do not interpret messages so as not to encourage or discourage movement toward the United States.
- Avoid speculating about the information. Be guided by the information in this document.
- The purpose of these messages is to provide up-to-date and verified information for safe entry into the United States today.
- We suggest using the R4V graphic pieces to ensure consistent communication among all stakeholders and to demonstrate collaboration and coordination in message dissemination.
- If you develop additional materials, please maintain the line of communication suggested in these key messages.

Messages on new immigration process for Venezuelan refugees and migrants

<p>Introduction (Social Media Card for Carousel #1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After October 19, Venezuelans who irregularly cross the southern border of the United States will be expelled back to Mexico and will no longer be eligible for the new admission process, under Title 42, called "Process for Venezuelans". • After October 19, Venezuelans who cross the Darien and arrive in Mexico irregularly will NOT be eligible for the new "Process for Venezuelans". • To participate in the new process, individuals do not have to be physically in Venezuela. If they meet the conditions of the legal process, they may be eligible, even if they are not currently residing in Venezuela. • The process started and the U.S. border is indeed closed to Venezuelans.
<p>Requirements to access the "Process for Venezuelans". (Social Media Card for Carousel #2)</p>	<p>The requirements for Venezuelans wishing to access the new process are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a support person in the United States to provide financial and other support. • Pass rigorous biometric and biographic control processes for national and public security. • Be up to date with vaccination schedules and other public health requirements. • Have a valid Venezuelan passport to enter the United States by air. • Be outside the United States. • If they are children, they must travel accompanied by their parents or legal guardians.
<p>Conditions that disqualify Venezuelans to access the process. (Social Media Card for Carousel #3)</p>	<p>Venezuelans will NOT be eligible to participate in the new process in case:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They have been expelled from the United States within the preceding five years. • They have entered the United States, Mexico, or Panama irregularly after October 19. • They are permanent residents, dual citizens or have refugee status in another country.

Source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

More information: <https://www.uscis.gov/es/venezuela>

Please note that these messages do not represent an official position of R4V. They are intended to provide clear and validated information to refugees and migrants so that they can make informed decisions together with their families. The content of these messages comes from the U.S. Government.

How to disseminate these messages?

These messages have been included in 4 social media cards to be disseminated by R4V platform partners to Venezuelans.

- Summary card (1 social media card): Card for Twitter/Facebook with summarized information.
- Carousel (3 social media cards): 3 cards to share together on Instagram or other platforms.

****Given the urgency to spread the messages, all the pieces will be shared the same day (Thursday, October 20) from R4V's Twitter, with new publications the following days.**

You can find the communication grid with the pieces and their copies [in this link: bit.ly/3MK92y2](https://bit.ly/3MK92y2)

Recommendations

- We would appreciate disseminating these messages to all partners who have a close and frequent relationship with Venezuelans. It will be very valuable if they are shared with Venezuelan organizations, as well as organizations with communication channels that can reach refugees and migrants from Venezuela (both telephone lines and WhatsApp), in virtual information platforms or other channels of communication with people of interest.
- In conjunction with the protection sector, a complementary document has been developed, to deepen and clarify queries about the measure adopted by the United States. The two messaging documents are aligned.
- If you develop video content for TikTok or YouTube, please ensure that you maintain the line of communication suggested in these messages and refrain from using the messages to encourage or discourage mobilizations towards or away from the US.
- Share this information with all personnel working on the ground to ensure that teams on the front line have complete information.
- When sharing messages with Venezuelans, we suggest sharing information about communication channels or information from R4V partner organizations. If your organization does not have established channels, you can contact other organizations to work in

coordination or ask for support from the coordination of the R4V National Platform to identify if there are inter-agency channels that can be used.

- It is suggested to systematize the information that is being requested by the Venezuelan population to identify information needs on an ongoing basis and thus support partners with relevant inputs for their interaction with Venezuelans.

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