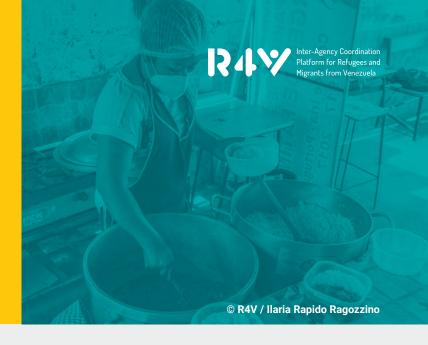
END OF YEAR 2021

KEY FIGURES



FOOD SECURITY





5.02 M



1.67 M



1.53 M



49 REPORTING PARTNERS



96 IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS



4,064 REPORTED ACTIVITIES





FUNDED

\$170 M •(90%) **UNMET**

\$19.3 M • (10%)

NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS



DONORS



FUNDED

ORGS.

12

13

SITUATION

The COVID-19 pandemic is having long-lasting effects on food security and livelihoods in the Latin American and Caribbean region, which has seen the highest relative *increase* of people in severe food insecurity, from around 3.5 million in January 2020 to 12.3 million by August 2021, 4 times greater than before the pandemic. Many refugees and migrants from Venezuela (especially those in an irregular situation) are particularly dependent on the informal economy and face barriers accessing income-generating activities or social protection networks, resulting in an increasing inability to satisfy their essential needs.

According to needs assessments carried out by <u>RMRP partners</u> in 2021, one out of four refugees and migrants either consumed only one meal a day or spent the previous day without eating. At least one in three refugees and migrants also reported having to skip meals or restrict consumption by adults so children could eat.

RESPONSE

In 2021, Food Security Sector partners assisted more than 1.5 million refugees and migrants from Venezuela and members of host communities across the region, reaching 92% of the target population of the sector, and were the largest providers of sectoral cash and voucher assistance (CVA). Partners also worked to improve food security in the long run by providing both agricultural and non-agricultural sustainable livelihoods opportunities to refugees and migrants and facilitating their socio-economic integration in rural, peri-urban and urban areas

Forms of support included in-kind food distribution through community kitchens and schools, as well as food packages for refugees and migrants in transit, and CVA distributed directly to beneficiaries and through national

social protection systems. Ensuring that refugees and migrants from Venezuela are included in national social protection systems was a key priority.

The Food Security Sector at the regional level supported partners and host governments through the design and implementation of <u>web-based surveys</u> to leverage increasing internet coverage to collect real-time information on the food security situation of Venezuelan refugees and migrants in the region. These efforts contributed to greater programmatic harmonization through the adoption of common methodologies that produced comparable data across countries.

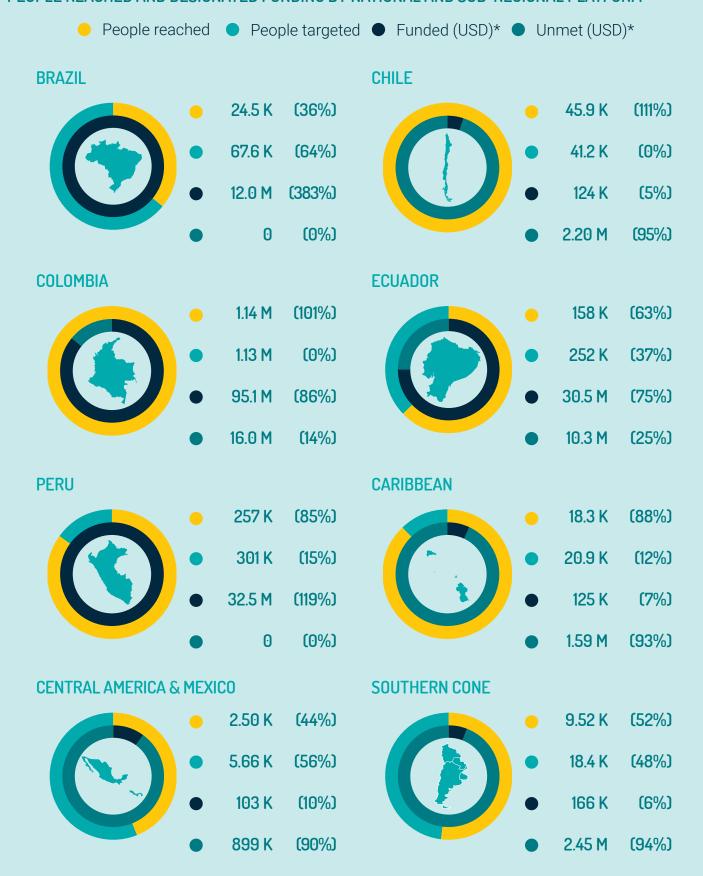
LESSONS LEARNED

A regional support strategy facilitated the exchange of best practices and identification of common methodologies and approaches. The Regional Food Security Sector provided technical assistance to national sectors in key areas to promote programme harmonization across operations. These include common approaches to assessment, monitoring, targeting, beneficiary management, and identification and procurement of financial service providers.

For 2022, potential areas of improvement include:

- Include more disaggregation in needs assessments and reports regarding the food security response, e.g. by ethnic groups, to improve the differential approach to food insecurity and linkages to longer-term integration.
- Enhance intersectoral work and communication, including with the Integration Sector on livelihoods and socio-economic integration, as well as with the Protection Sector on access to national social protection systems, to enhance the food security response based on community needs and participation.

PEOPLE REACHED AND DESIGNATED FUNDING BY NATIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL PLATFORM*



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