

# VENEZUELA CRISIS RESPONSE

Situation Report

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## Latin America and the Caribbean REGIONAL OVERVIEW



## KEY RESPONSE MESSAGES

- ▶ Political, human rights and socio-economic developments in Venezuela continue to lead to the exodus of millions of refugees and migrants—more than 5.2 million as of July 5, 2020.
- ▶ In response to the new crisis brought on by COVID-19-prevention measures, World Vision is requesting US\$3 million to scale up response activities inside Venezuela. We aim to assist 50,000 people through multi-purpose cash assistance. This allows them to buy essential supplies like food, medicine, and personal hygiene items. We are focused on the most vulnerable people in Venezuela.
- ▶ Venezuela is ranked among the least prepared countries to respond to a pandemic, as it lacks basic supplies needed to prevent infection and treat illness. Meanwhile the closure of the borders in March prompted migrants to once again take to the illegal crossings, exposing children and women, in particular, to increased risk of trafficking and abuse. In this time of a global pandemic, the international community should focus on humanitarian aid towards Venezuela, applying humanitarian law and obligations, and try to prevent a health disaster that could spread across much of Latin America.
- ▶ Migrants' needs under COVID-19 are accentuated by higher risks of income loss, housing eviction, exploitation, human trafficking and others. In recent assessment conducted by WV in 7 countries in South America, 70% of Venezuelans had to change their housing arrangements because they could no longer afford it and looked for a cheaper solution, shelter or remain on the street. In this context every third child reported going to bed hungry. Governments need to ensure that humanitarian organizations have access to communities, migrants and refugees to provide basic assistance alongside the governments.
- ▶ World Vision's 7-country response aims to raise US\$80 million to reach 700,000 people from January 2020 through December 2022. That includes reaching 200,000 regionally and 40,000 in Venezuela between October 2019 and September 2020.

## REGIONAL HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

by sector in host countries



5 K

Migrants and refugees leaving Venezuela daily, before border closures



6.17 M

People need humanitarian assistance.



3.62 M

Children in need of protection\*



4 M

People in need of critical health services



3.23 M

People who are food insecure



1.88 M

People in need of shelter



2.17 M

People in need of life-saving WASH services



1.52 M

People in need of education services



1.49 M

People in need of non-food items

\*Reported cases of unaccompanied and separated children, elderly, people with disabilities, as well as human trafficking and smuggling prevention and response services.

## DONORS AND PARTNERS



### SOURCES:

OCHA H RP | R4V 2019 | R4V Mid-Year Report June 2019 | R4V.info | COVID-19 RMRP 2020 | UNHCR Data Portal

## Latin America and the Caribbean REGIONAL OVERVIEW

### RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: MONTHLY (JUNE 2020)

  
**36,732**  
People reached with some form of assistance\*, including 13,452 children

  
**13,309**  
People received multipurpose cash transfers

  
**2,932**  
People reached with protection services

  
**1,899**  
Children and educators reached with education services

  
**1,329**  
People reached with WASH services

  
**14,571**  
People reached with food security, nutrition, or livelihoods assistance or training

  
**1,338**  
People provided inclusion services

  
**541**  
People reached with non-food items

  
**17**  
People provided with shelter

### RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: CUMULATIVE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)

  
**314,693**  
People reached with some form of assistance\*, including 157,642 children

  
**58,907**  
People received multipurpose cash transfers

  
**58,109**  
People reached with protection services

  
**37,384**  
Children and educators reached with education services

  
**16,682**  
People reached with WASH services

  
**3,971**  
People provided inclusion services

  
**202**  
People provided with shelter

  
**2,103**  
People reached with non-food items

  
**133,190**  
People reached with food security & nutrition assistance or livelihoods training

\*Protection, education, food security, nutrition, or WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene)

## COUNTRY OVERVIEWS

- ▶ **Bolivia:** Together with organizations that are part of a consortium, WV has been responding to families in the cities of La Paz and El Alto, with the delivery of food kits, hygiene and personal care kits and first aid kits. In addition, health care services are provided to that needy population and the provision of seasonal items (polar jackets, blankets).
- ▶ **Brazil:** Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Brazilian livelihoods were impacted, including the humanitarian programs led by the government and other humanitarian agencies. For about 3 months, internal resettlement operations were suspended, reducing opportunities for migrants to travel to other states in search of better living conditions. This situation led to fewer jobs opportunities, mobility restrictions created to reduce the risk of infection, and closing of and other activities. The borders between Brazil and Venezuela still are closed and the speed of refugees status requests delayed. Some states are starting to reopen, but migrants and others are highly vulnerable.
- ▶ **Chile:** The response has focused on reaching those migrant families that have been affected most strongly by the effects of the coronavirus, both in the territories of Arica and in the Metropolitan region. The quarantine system has forced the project to adopt certain flexibilities and adopt new aid modalities such as money transfers to help families meet their most basic needs.

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- ▶ **Colombia:** Since the pandemic reached Colombia, Venezuelan migrants and refugees are among the most affected by evictions, unemployment and lack of food. This led to the voluntary return of more than 81,000 people to Venezuela with another 30,000 expected to follow. Due to the restrictions imposed by the Venezuelan authorities on the number of returns per week, Venezuelans are being turned away and now are stuck at several points along the border. Since the launch of Healthcare Center 'Tienditas' (CAST in Spanish) June 14 in Norte de Santander, this center has been at its full capacity and unable to meet the increasing needs. Advocacy and support from humanitarian actors remains a critical need.
- ▶ **Ecuador:** Venezuelans migrants' desperation to return to their country during coronavirus pandemic has led them to seek dangerous methods of transport to traverse borders, including resorting to use of human traffickers. The prolonged closure of the Ecuador-Colombia border has led to informal crossing and an increase in crime, including trafficking of people, medicine, cash, drugs, and merchandise, involving children in some cases.
- ▶ **Peru:** A series of measures and benefits have been promoted for people in conditions of poverty and extreme poverty, however, these are limited to the Venezuelan migrant population. In July, six people from the national office were assigned to the OFDA project with a percentage of their working time: 1 intern at 100%, 1 intern at 50%, 1 administrative staff at 50%, 1 intern at 30%, 1 accounting assistant at 100%, 1 accounting staff at 50%. World Vision will also provide support in the components of Cash Transfer, hot meals and logistical, administrative and financial support.
- ▶ **Venezuela:** The estimated cost during the month of April of the food basket for a family group was of USD \$164.09 and the minimum wage is equivalent to USD \$2.33 at the official exchange in May. That is, the person who earns the minimum wage only has the real purchasing power of 1.7% of the food basket for his/her family (CENDA). The return of Venezuelans migrants to their home country is increasing, especially in the border state. This requires particular attention to ensure that basic needs are met and protection actions are active in place. Coordination of cross-border efforts needs to be active.

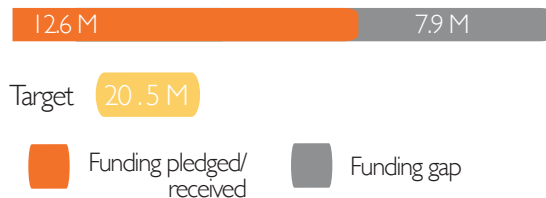
## COUNTRY OVERVIEW

### KEY MESSAGES

- Due to the high rate of unemployment among the heads of household, the access to food and shelter has worsened. As such, the need for advocacy and support from humanitarian actors must continue and increase.
- Since the pandemic reached Colombia, the number of migrants has decreased. About 81,000 Venezuelans have returned to Venezuela and another 30,000 are expected to follow. The cities that have registered the greater decrease in the number of migrants are Bogotá, Cúcuta, Barranquilla, Medellín and Cali.
- More than 124,494 persons are infected with COVID-19 in Colombia. More than 50% of these infections are present in the departments where the majority of migrants are located, such as Bogotá and Atlántico.



### FUNDING NEEDS



## HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

**1.02 M**  
Migrants in Colombia with irregular status.

**3.2 M**  
People in need of humanitarian assistance

**1.89M**  
People in need of protection services

**1.45M**  
People in need of water, sanitation, and hygiene services

**330,300**  
People in transit

**2.22M**  
People in need of food assistance and nutrition services

**753,000**  
Children in need of education

**2.54M**  
People in need of urgent health services

**20K-22K**  
People returning to Venezuela due to COVID-19 crisis

### SOURCES:

International Affairs Office, R4V Platform, UNHCR, COVID-19 RMRP 2020, GIFIMM

## SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

### CASH BASED PROGRAMMING

Due to the context, emergency cash has been transferred to vulnerable families affected by the migration crisis and the COVID-19 contingency. Multipurpose cash transfer activities continue despite the emergency.

### EDUCATION

Although educational activities are suspended, World Vision in partnership with other organizations, distributed educational guides for children participating in the programs.

### PROTECTION

A number of cases of vulnerability to rights during quarantine have been identified and referred to the designated institutions, and follow-up by telephone has been carried out to identify protection risks.

### FOOD SECURITY & LIVELIHOODS

Food vouchers and food in-kind have been distributed in different cities of the country to address food security risks during the national quarantine.

### WASH

Due to the pandemic, World Vision partnership with other organizations to distributed 1010 hygiene kits to migrant populations in the northeast and northwest of the country.

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## RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: MONTHLY

(JUNE 2020)



**21,007**  
People reached with some form of assistance



**16,849**  
People reached with food security, nutrition, or livelihoods assistance or training



**5,144**  
People received multipurpose cash transfers



**1,004**  
Children and their families received education assistance



**1,010**  
People received water, sanitation, and hygiene services

## RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: CUMULATIVE

(JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



**185,359**  
People reached with some form of assistance



**107,346**  
People reached with food security, nutrition, or livelihoods assistance or training



**27,052**  
People received protection assistance



**1,191**  
People reached with inclusion services



**19,336**  
Children and their families received education assistance



**19,552**  
People received multipurpose cash transfers



**10,812**  
People received water, sanitation, and hygiene services



**70**  
People provided with shelter



COUNTRY OVERVIEW

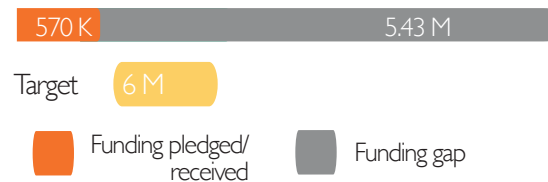
KEY MESSAGES

World Vision Ecuador advocates the guarantee of the rights of children and adolescents in a situation of human mobility, separated or unaccompanied, by making four requests to the Ecuadorian State and its authorities:

- › Include in public policies and actions to attend to the health emergency the large number of migrant and refugee children and adolescents;
- › Implement concrete and specific actions to protect your rights, from housing to your right to daily maintenance, prioritizing your family ties;
- › Regularize their immigration status and grant the necessary administrative measures for this purpose, while their stay in the country lasts; and;
- › Avoid the eviction of migrant families from rental rooms for lack of payment and include families in situations of human mobility in the State's humanitarian care programs



FUNDING NEEDS



SOURCES:  
 RV4 2019, RV4 Mid-Year Report June 2019, RMRP 2020.

HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

445,000  
 People in need of protection services

741,000  
 People in need of humanitarian assistance

122,000  
 People in need of shelter

124,000  
 People in need of water; sanitation, and hygiene services

27,000  
 Undernourished people

462,000  
 People who are food insecure

120,000  
 Children in need of education

302,000  
 People in need of urgent health services

NFI  
 71,000  
 People in need of non-food items

## SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

### CASH-BASED PROGRAMMING

WVE is assisting families through cash transfers for food and multipurpose cash in three provinces.

### PROTECTION

WVE is implementing the project "Protection of Venezuelan migrant girls, young women and women and their children in Portoviejo", which aims to provide prevention and protection from gender-based violence in WAYCS (Center of Services for Children, Adolescents and Women) to Venezuelan migrant girls, adolescents and women and to increase their resilience.

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## RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: MONTHLY (MAY 2020)



**812**  
People reached with some form of assistance



**478**  
People provided with food and nutrition assistance



**334**  
People provided with water, sanitation and hygiene services

## RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: CUMULATIVE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



**12,540**  
People reached with some form of assistance



**11,706**  
People received food and nutrition assistance



**754**  
People received water, sanitation, and hygiene services



**80**  
Children and their families received education assistance

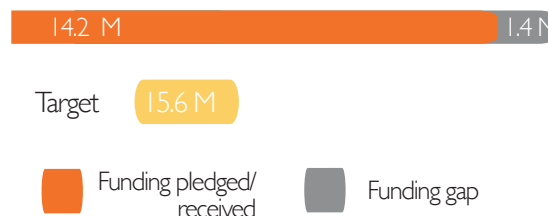
## COUNTRY OVERVIEW

### KEY MESSAGES

- More than 73% of the Peruvian labor market is informal. The Peruvian capital concentrates 80% of the Venezuelan migrant population in the country: one out of three has become unemployed during the quarantine. WVP is lobbying for Venezuelan doctors and nurses to obtain tuition and access to decent work.
- WV has been coordinating with the National Cuna Más Programme to promote joint work in accordance with the progressive reactivation of the services of the Cuna Más Programme in the time of COVID-19 (day care centres for migrant children under the age of five).



### FUNDING NEEDS



### HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

**430,000**  
People in need of protection services

**886,000**  
People in need of humanitarian assistance

**434,000**  
People in need of shelter

**416,000**  
People in need of water, sanitation, and hygiene services

**608,000**  
People in need of non-food items

**386,000**  
People who are food insecure

**442,000**  
Children in need of education

**618,000**  
People in need of urgent health services

## SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

### CASH-BASED PROGRAMMING

We recently finished with the delivery of 500 cards within the Start Fund project. A total of 1684 people have benefited, including 613 children. Our project took place in Lima.

The IOM project made a second delivery of 93 cards to migrants as part of a multi-month benefit.

### NON-FOOD ITEMS

In the regions of Tacna and Tumbes, containment kits have been provided to migrant children and hygiene kits to adult migrants.

### PROTECTION

In Tacna and Tumbes, containment sessions have been carried out using virtual platforms. These sessions were mainly directed to migrant children and also had content and messages that reinforced personal care and hygiene practices.

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## RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: MONTHLY (JUNE 2020)



**2,120**  
People reached  
with some form  
of assistance



**1,612**  
People received  
multipurpose  
cash transfers



**350**  
People reached  
with non-food  
items



**158**  
People received  
protection  
assistance

## RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: CUMULATIVE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



**46,074**  
People reached  
with some form  
of assistance



**31,632**  
People received  
multipurpose  
cash transfers



**7,984**  
People provided  
with food and  
nutrition



**5,212**  
People received  
protection  
assistance



**253**  
People reached  
with inclusion  
services



**100**  
Families received  
livelihoods  
assistance



**683**  
People received  
water, sanitation,  
and hygiene services



**63**  
Children and their  
families received  
education  
assistance



**200**  
People reached  
with non-food  
items

## COUNTRY OVERVIEW

### KEY MESSAGES

- Due to the declaration of a national health emergency, border closures, and restrictions on the movement of people and vehicles, a large contingent of Venezuelans were stranded in different cities throughout the country, facing multiple needs, including shelter, food, and protection. Many have been forced to beg for help in the streets. This has led to increased xenophobia in the country toward Venezuelans and increased stigmatization that they are at higher risk of COVID-19.

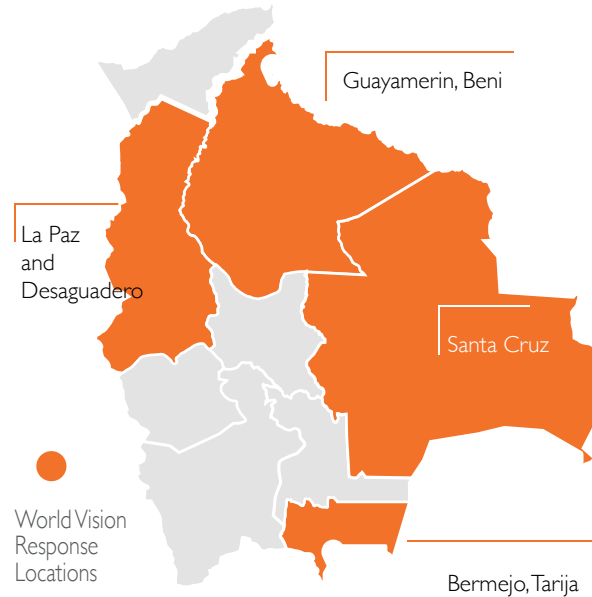
### SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

#### **NFI** NON-FOOD ITEMS

- World Vision has been providing care services in Child-Friendly spaces to support the protection of children.

#### FOOD SECURITY

- The consortium WV Bolivia is part of continues providing food to some of the most vulnerable families during COVID-19 prevention measures.



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### RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: MONTHLY (APRIL 2020)



**567**  
People reached with some form of assistance



**466**  
People provided with food and nutrition



**369**  
People reached with non-food items

### RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: CUMULATIVE (JANUARY 2019 - PRESENT)



**783**  
People reached with some form of assistance



**163**  
People reached with protection assistance



**620**  
People reached with non-food items



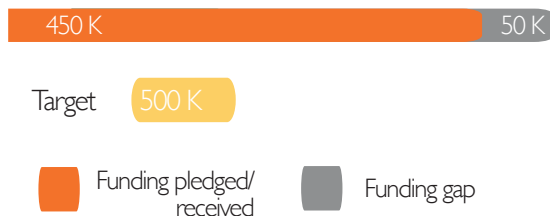
## COUNTRY OVERVIEW

### KEY MESSAGES

- From the national statistical institute it has been reported that unemployment in Chile has reached 11.5%, as a result of the lack of opportunities, many migrant and refugee families are leaving the country
- From the national coordinator of immigrants Chile, the expulsion of immigrant mothers with children born in Chile has been denounced



### FUNDING NEEDS



### HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

**180,000**  
People in need of protection services

**415,000**  
People in need of humanitarian assistance

**14%**  
Of Venezuelans in Chile are children

**56,000**  
Children in need of education

**NFI**  
**32,000**  
People in need of non-food items

**48,000**  
People in need of urgent health services

**24,000**  
People are refugees

**34,000**  
People who are food insecure

## SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

### EDUCATION

Remote educational accompaniments continue as planned. In addition, more specialized aids are being made for children who have learning difficulties.

## RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS

MONTHLY: JUNE 2020



**3,810**  
People reached with some form of assistance



**722**  
People reached with food and nutrition



**265**  
People received multi-purpose cash transfers



**158**  
Children & their families reached with education assistance



**2,138**  
People reached with protection assistance



**17**  
People reached with shelter



**191**  
People reached with non-food items



**319**  
People reached with water, sanitation, and hygiene services

## RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS CUMULATIVE:

JANUARY 2019- PRESENT



**12,032**  
People reached with some form of assistance



**3,915**  
People reached with food and nutrition



**300**  
Children & their families reached with education assistance



**4,907**  
People reached with protection assistance



**1,283**  
People reached with non-food items



**920**  
People reached with water, sanitation, and hygiene services



**132**  
People reached with shelter



**543**  
People received multi-purpose cash transfers

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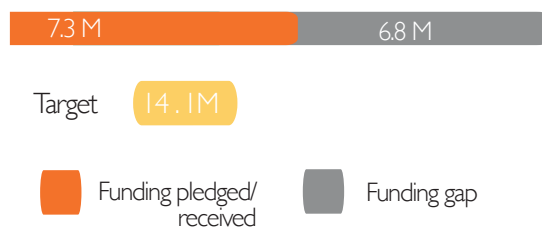
## COUNTRY OVERVIEW

### KEY MESSAGES

- More than 80% of migrants say they have seen reduction in job opportunities since the COVID-19 pandemic began. World Vision Brazil is working in migrant context adapting our capacity-building and entrepreneurship programs to provide more opportunities to help people adapt to the new reality.
- Migrant children are hit especially hard by school closures. World Vision Brazil continues providing non-formal educational support for more than 2,000 children who live in informal settlements and shelters in Roraima state.
- Child protection issues continue to increase during the pandemic. Some reports says that domestic violence increased around of 30%, mainly in the poor homes. For this reason, World Vision Brazil adapted our psychological and psychosocial programs, providing online tools and assistance for parents, children, and caregivers that need support prevent violence against children.



### FUNDING NEEDS



### HUMANITARIAN NEEDS



**313,000**  
People in need of protection services



**151,000**  
People in need of water, sanitation, and hygiene services



**117,000**  
People in need of shelter



**399,000**  
People in need of humanitarian assistance



**39,000**  
Undernourished people



**58,000**  
People are food insecure



**70,000**  
Children in need of education



**274,000**  
People in need of urgent health services



**234,000**  
People in need of non-food items

#### SOURCES:

Federal Police; Government of Brazil; Regional Platform for Refugees and Migrants Platform, Socio-economic and vulnerability, July 2019 profiling of Persons of Concern in Pacaraima, Boa Vista and Manaus, OCHA HRP, RV4 2019, RV4 Mid-Year Report June 2019, COVID-19 RMRP 2020.

## SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS



### HEALTH

231 migrants were provided with information to access to vital services during pandemic time.



### LIVELIHOODS - INTEGRATION

128 Venezuelans enrolled in "Ven Tu Puedes" Project in partnering with PRM and started their capacity building formation for increase their chances to find a formal job opportunity.



### EDUCATION

Thanks to the Super Panas project, in partnership with UNICEF, more that 646 children were reached with non-formal educational support. 279 of them were indigenous children.



### CASH-BASED PROGRAMMING

World Vision joined the Cash based interventions working group focused



### PROTECTION

218 Venezuelans received psychosocial support, where 150 of them were children. 188 cases of protection violation cases were reported to the authorities. In addition, 758 people received education in violence against children prevention.

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## RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: MONTHLY (JUNE 2020)



**3,455**  
People reached with some form of assistance



**636**  
People reached with protection assistance



**1,338**  
People provided inclusion services



**754**  
People reached with multi-sector assistance



**727**  
Children and their families reached with education assistance

## RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: CUMULATIVE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



**48,527**  
People reached with some form of assistance



**16,403**  
People reached with protection assistance



**2,492**  
Families reached with livelihoods assistance



**2,119**  
People reached with water, sanitation, and hygiene services



**17,573**  
Children and their families reached with education assistance



**7,614**  
People reached with non-food items



**2,527**  
People provided inclusion services

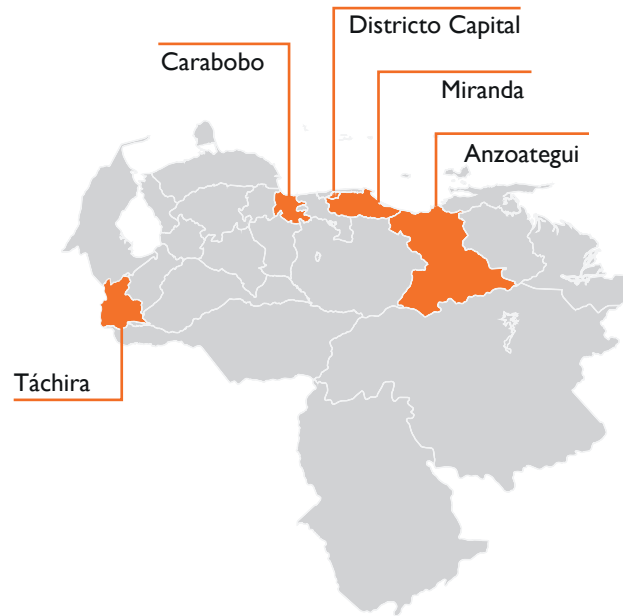


**4,046**  
People reached with multi-sector assistance

## COUNTRY OVERVIEW

### KEY MESSAGES

- Venezuelan migrants are returning to their home country and are stranded in several border areas, mainly Colombia's border with Venezuela. WV advocates that the international community provides the necessary funding to support Venezuelan migrant children and protect them from unimaginable dangers during this journey in the midst of a world-wide pandemic.
- As of July 17, there were 10,854 confirmed cases of coronavirus in Venezuela. The government extended the state of alarm decreed in April, which allows it to take extraordinary measures to manage the pandemic.
- World Vision Venezuela continues to support 800 families with multipurpose cash assistance and capacity building for three local partners.



### HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

by sector in Venezuela

**7 M**  
 People need humanitarian assistance

**4.3 M**  
 People in need of water, sanitation, and hygiene services

**3.7 M**  
 People need urgent food assistance

**2.8 M**  
 People need urgent health services

**2.2 M**  
 People need access to education

**2.7 M**  
 People need protection services

### FUNDING NEEDS



Target **3 M**

Funding pledged/received Funding gap

### RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS

MONTHLY: (JUNE 2020)

**6,340**  
 People reached with some form of assistance

**6,288**  
 People received multipurpose cash transfers

**52**  
 People reached with health services

### RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS

CUMULATIVE

(JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)

**9,378**  
 People reached with some form of assistance

**2,239**  
 Families reached with food and nutrition assistance

**1,955**  
 People provided with water, sanitation and hygiene services

**1,445**  
 People reached with protection assistance

**7,087**  
 People received multipurpose cash transfers

**52**  
 People reached with health services

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