



Venezuela

Regional Response

HOPE

Without Borders

Background

As a consequence of the political, economic and social crisis that Venezuela has been experiencing, there are now more than 6 million people who have left the country. The vast majority are hosted in other South American countries and many of them have been displaced outside Venezuela for many years.

Border closures and stay-at-home orders throughout the region led to changes in migratory dynamics since March 2020. The outflow through regular routes stopped, meanwhile migration through irregular routes increased. This represented an increase in challenges and obstacles faced by Venezuelan migrants and refugees in access to health, protection and integration services.





Our Organisation

World Vision is a global development, humanitarian aid and advocacy organization focused on the well-being and comprehensive protection of the most vulnerable children, their families and communities. We serve all people, without political, religious, race, ethnic or gender distinctions.

Global outreach in emergencies

On a global level, World Vision has more than 70 years of experience providing response and humanitarian assistance to various emergencies in more than 100 countries. Thus, until 2020 it was reported that we have reached more than 27.1 million people through approximately 66 emergency responses.

Our Impact in the Region

In 2015, World Vision began activities on the Venezuelan border with Colombia and has expanded its response gradually to cover five other countries: Peru, Ecuador, Chile, Brazil and Bolivia. And in 2019 we officially launched operations within Venezuela.

As of January 2022 we have reached 1,068,536 people, including 462,301 children through more than 140 programs and projects.

Our Humanitarian Response

In response to the Venezuela migration crisis, World Vision acts within a framework of respect and compliance with international humanitarian standards and principles. Our response integrates three fundamental pillars: Development, Humanitarian Affairs and Advocacy. And our interventions seek to address humanitarian needs that save lives, protect affected communities and work toward development and sustainability.

We have been able to implement a coordinated, contextualized and multi-sectorial response in 308 municipalities in seven countries in the region. These strategic program locations include key border areas with greatest influx of migrants from Venezuela, as well as critical points along commonly used migrant routes through Colombia, Brazil, and other countries in the region. We also consider geographical, social, and other risk factors that contribute to high vulnerability among children and families in Venezuela and those who have left the country.



OUR GOAL


is to protect life, restore dignity, create opportunities and preserve hope of migrant children and their families. We do this through alliances with local governments, faith-based organizations, corporations and civil society.





Sectors

Achievements by sectors

Since the beginning of our response to the Venezuela migration crisis, World Vision has served people in transit, those who move back and forth between countries, and people seeking permanent residence. We have also served host communities in different countries through provision of various goods and services related to sectors with the most people in need. We have collaborated with donors such as USAID, Start Fund, WFP, IOM, UNHCR, GIZ, Education Cannot Wait, UNICEF and other private donors in different sectors such as:


 **WASH: 58,492 people** have been impacted through the delivery of hygiene kits; raising awareness about personal hygiene, use and consumption of safe water; promotion of prevention practices for COVID-19, installation of temporary hand washing stations, refurbishing sanitation facilities, as well as provision of safe water.

 **Education in emergencies/ inclusive education:** We have helped **56,124 people** through the strengthening of capacities of educational communities (teachers, administrative staff and students) to incorporate mechanisms to mitigate discrimination and other forms of school violence and to promoting a culture of peace. Interventions also include conducting formal and informal education activities, provision of pedagogical materials, equipment and services such as tablets and internet, as well as the rehabilitation of physical educational spaces.

 **Shelter:** Monetary transfers for accommodation, the creation and improvement of temporary shelters have impacted **5,895 people**.

 **Food security & Livelihoods:** More than **395,000 people** have benefitted from the delivery of food kits, preparation of hot meals in schools and in strategic locations along the migration route, as well as through food vouchers and other sources of food production like home gardens.

65,400 people have participated in activities to support entrepreneurship and employability; campaigns against xenophobia; professional certification and accreditation assistance for licensed professionals, and support with initial investment or seed capital.

 **Nutrition:** Providing nutritional supplements, demonstration workshops for food preparation, healthy eating best-practice sessions, as well as nutritional screenings, have benefited more than **3,000 people**, specifically expectant mothers, infants, and children between birth and 5 years old.

 **Protection: 144,654 people** have participated in protection services such as psychosocial care and psychological first-aid; the establishment of Child Friendly Spaces/Environments (CFS/E), training for key actors in protection issues; the strengthening of local protection routes, as well as the identification, referral and monitoring of cases of violence, including GBV.

 **Cash:** As part of our response mechanisms, World Vision has been able to execute various projects with the Multipurpose Assistance modality, which we have managed to make multipurpose cash deliveries for more than 172,900 people in the most vulnerable condition. This has been accomplished via various financial service providers. By these transfers, families can regain their sense of self-management and meet their basic needs, while supporting the activation of the local economy in host communities.

Strategic Alliances

World Vision proactively works with national, regional and international civil society organizations. We serve as leaders or active members of the Protection, WASH and Food-Security clusters at a local, national and regional levels in each of the countries where we work.

Additionally, we are a member of the Forums of International Humanitarian Organizations in each of the countries where we currently operate. This gives us the opportunity to share the collected data from our ongoing monitoring, evaluation and field studies. This allows us to develop activities in a coordinated manner with the rest of the interventions, broadening the impact for the most vulnerable population. This also allows us to join the processes to advocate for the comprehensive protection of people's rights.

World Vision is also working in coordination and partnership with different faith-based organizations and a diverse cross-section of religious leaders to train them in capabilities that allow them to respond as humanitarian actors in these processes.

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