

The exodus of Venezuelan nationals is the largest in the recent history of Latin America and the Caribbean. Of the approximately 5.1 million refugees and migrants from Venezuela globally, some 4.3 million are in Latin America and the Caribbean. While over 774,000 sought asylum, some 2.4 million hold residence permits issued by Latin American countries. The rest are living in an irregular situation without documentation and are particularly vulnerable, with little to no access to national health and social welfare programmes and basic services.

EXTERNAL RESPONSE

UNHCR and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) lead the Regional Inter-Agency Coordination Platform, which coordinates the implementation of the Regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plan (RMRP), bringing together 151 response partners united in [supporting 4.1 million people](#), refugees, migrants and vulnerable host community members. As part of the RMRP, UNHCR provides [protection and life-saving assistance](#) and seeks to implement comprehensive solutions that promote [inclusion of the Venezuelan population in national systems](#).

2020 RESPONSE PLAN IN FIGURES

Sector	Total Population		Requirements – USD	
	Target RMRP	PiN*	UNHCR	Total RMRP
Protection	2.1 M	3.6 M	77.1 M	203.0 M
Multipurpose CBI	-	-	47.6 M	154.9 M
Integration	1.6 M	4.6 M	35.7 M	282.3 M
Shelter	0.4 M	1.9 M	26.3 M	68.9 M
Support Services *	-	-	10.2 M	53.8 M
Health	2.3 M	4.0 M	10.0 M	258.1 M
NFI	0.4 M	1.5 M	9.1 M	31.8 M
Education	0.1 M	1.5 M	4.6 M	49.9 M
Food Security	1.8 M	3.2 M	3.2 M	242.6 M
WASH	1.1 M	2.2 M	2.0 M	45.9 M
Nutrition	0.1 M	0.3 M	-	6.5 M
Hum. transportation	0.04 M	0.1 M	-	9.88 M

* Support Services: Communication, Coordination, Information Management, Fundraising and Communication with Communities (CwC).

* PiN: People in Need



COVID - 19

The outbreak of COVID-19 has caused many Venezuelans in the region to face a loss of income, evictions and increasing stigmatization. Some Venezuelans see no alternatives but to consider returning to their country, exposing themselves to **health and protection risks** while attempting to travel despite quarantine measures. In May 2020, partners revised the RMRP **reprioritizing activities** to face the many challenges that refugees, migrants and host communities **face with COVID-19**. UNHCR's response, which builds on its experience with previous outbreaks and is implemented in coordination with the World Health Organization (WHO) and authorities, prioritizes:

INTERNAL RESPONSE

In Venezuela, UNHCR leads the Protection Cluster as well as the Shelter, Energy and NFI Cluster and intervenes as part of the Humanitarian Country Team to [provide assistance to the most vulnerable inside the country](#). Since March 2020, support has been brought to vulnerable returnees, including through distribution of core relief items, including jerry cans, solar lamps, kitchen sets or hygiene kits.

PEOPLE TARGETED FOR 2020

People targeted



495 K assisted in 2019
616 K targeted for 2020

UNHCR has also procured Refugee Housing Units to boost the number of quarantine facilities for those arriving in the country and is providing [technical advice on camp management and coordination to local authorities](#). In addition, UNHCR is strengthening its monitoring capacity in border provinces and disseminating basic information to returnees.

2020 RESPONSE PLAN IN FIGURES

Sector	People Targeted
Shelter, Energy and NFI	300 K
Protection	231 K
WASH	84 K
Education	1 K

- Support to **national public health responses**
- Introducing remote solutions for **individual case management**
- Scale up of **emergency cash-transfers** to provide lifesaving assistance
- Advocating for the **inclusion of refugees in national preparedness and response plans**
- Strengthening risk communications and **community engagement**
- Advocacy to ensure that the **right to asylum is upheld**.

KEY FIGURES



People Targeted in the RMRP

2.5 M In destination
365 K Pendular
250 K Returnees
993 K Host communities



Financial Requirements of UNHCR within the RMRP

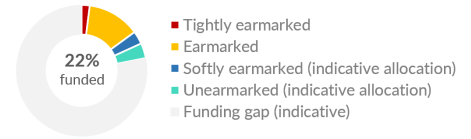
\$ 225.7 M UNHCR*
\$ 60.8 M for CBI

* Including \$3.5 M for coordination activities

Total financial requirements Venezuela Situation

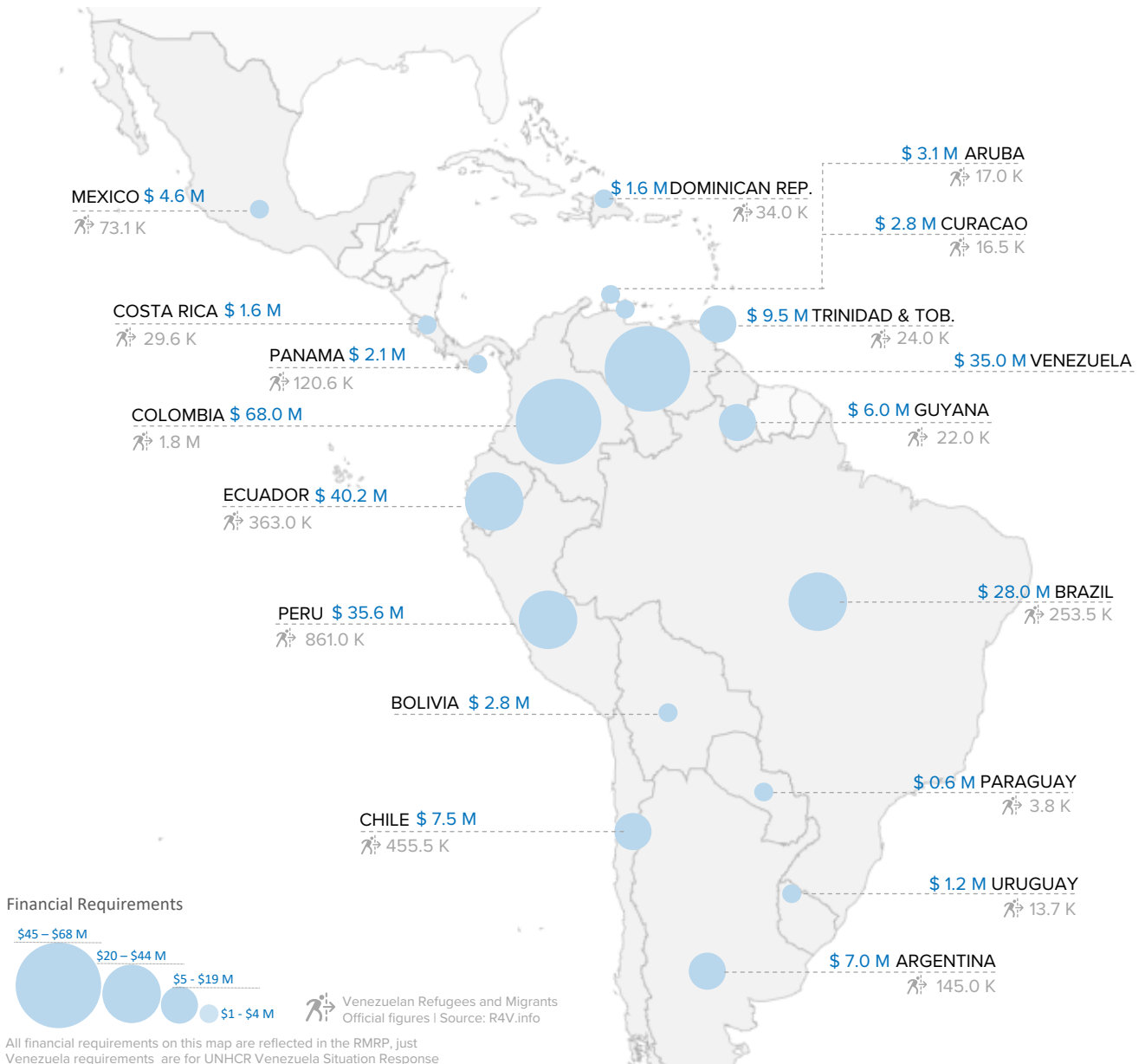
\$260.8 M

as of 15 May 2020



Includes: Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Peru, Trinidad & Tobago, USA and Venezuela

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS PER COUNTRY



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