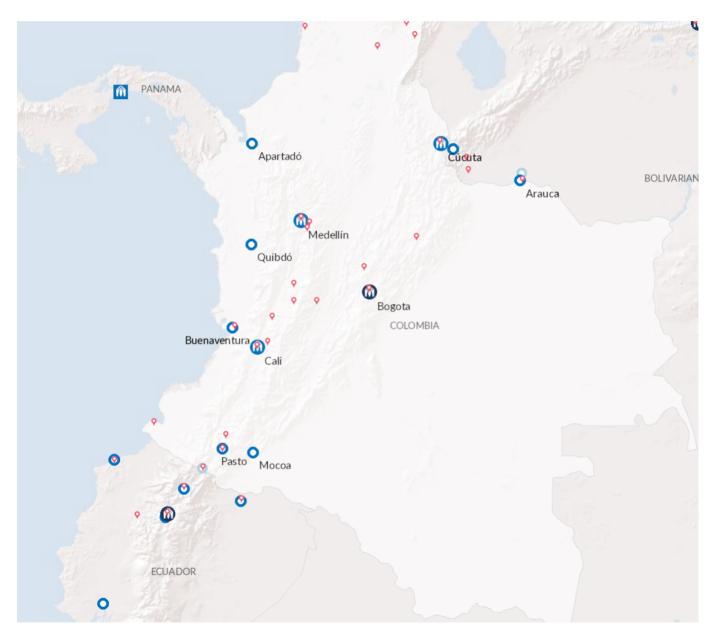


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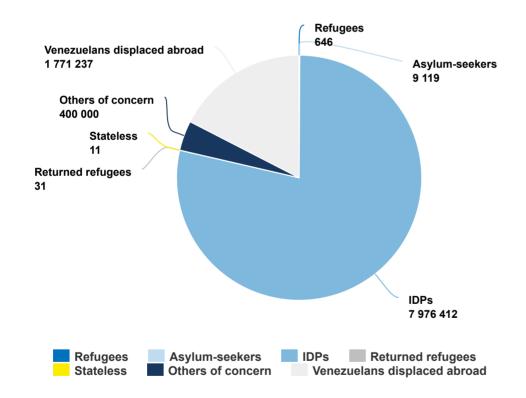


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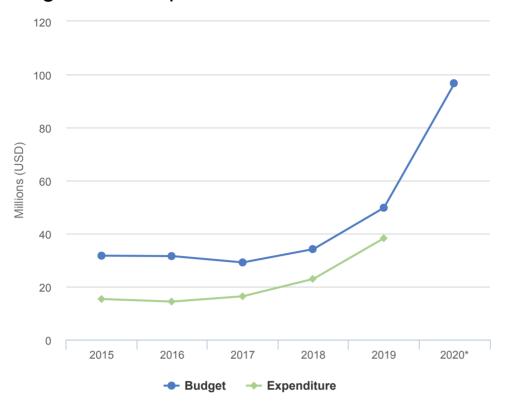
People of Concern

13% 2019

| 2019 | 10,157,456 |
|------|------------|
| 2018 | 9,015,122 |
| 2017 | 7,747,365 |



Budgets and Expenditure for Colombia



Operational context

The operation provided assistance to over 756,000 Venezuelans, Colombian returnees, internally displaced people and members of host communities in 2019.

Notwithstanding the implementation of the 2016 Peace Agreement with the FARC, the presence of other illegal armed actors and territorial disputes caused significant new displacement, child recruitment and sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), especially along the Pacific Coast and the Venezuelan border.

The Government had insufficient capacity to identify and provide documentation and access to services to returnees.

UNHCR co-led the regional inter-agency coordination platform (R4V) for refugees and migrants from Venezuela together with IOM for of over 50 partners; and the protection cluster with the Norwegian Refugee Council, coordinating the response for the situation of internally displaced population.

Population trends

The Colombian Government reported nearly 1.8 million Venezuelans in Colombia by the end of 2019, 56% of whom did not have regular status.

According to official data, more than 81,800 Colombians were newly displaced internally in 2019, bringing the total amount to more than 465,000 since the signing of the Peace Agreement. Some 17,000 people were affected by confinement due to the presence of armed actors, an increasingly widespread phenomenon.

The number of asylum claims in 2019 rose to over 14,000, filed mainly by Venezuelans. UNHCR supported national efforts to strengthen the processing capacity of asylum requests.

An estimated 500,000 Colombians have returned from the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela since 2017.

Achievements

- 39,000 children born in Colombia to Venezuelan parents were supported with birth registration to enable them to obtain Colombian nationality, protecting them from statelessness.
- Around 2,400 government officials and partners were trained on child protection, SGBV prevention and response as well as protection and solutions for ethnic communities.
- The Regional Safe Spaces Network expanded to include over 40 partners, who aided nearly 1,000 survivors of sexual and gender-based violence and children-at-risk.
- UNHCR expanded its field operations through additional presence in Cali and Bogotá, and interventions in seven new departments.
- Transitional justice mechanisms set up under the Peace Agreement were strengthened, with over 100 community leaders and officials trained with UNHCR support to ensure forced displacement crimes were incorporated in the work of these institutions.

Unmet needs

The Colombia operation was only 83% funded in 2019, with the lack of funding limiting the operation's capacity to respond in the following ways:

- 4,500 vulnerable Venezuelans were left without access to safe shelter and comprehensive assistance upon arrival in Colombia at the Integrated Assistance Centre in Maicao (La Guajira).
- A planned mother-and-child safe shelter in Riohacha could not open, affecting 250 Venezuelan women.
- Comprehensive responses including safe shelters for survivors of SGBV were not provided in six key provinces.
- UNHCR could only procure one-quarter of the required reproductive and sexual health items for people of concern.

- Despite the disproportionately large number of Venezuelans with vulnerabilities in Colombia, limited resources were available for cash transfers.
- Inadequate resources affected data collection and the implementation of reintegration programmes for Colombian returnees.

2019 Expenditure for Colombia | USD

The following table presents the final budget and funds available by pillar and the final expenditure at the objective-level, as reported at year-end.

| | Pillar 1 Refugee programme | Pillar 4 IDP projects | Total |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Final Budget | 32,767,555 | 16,963,267 | 49,730,822 |
| Income from contributions* | 28,475,162 | 3,767,820 | 32,242,982 |
| Other funds available / transfers | 4,787,808 | 5,231,777 | 10,019,585 |
| Total funds available | 33,262,970 | 8,999,597 | 42,262,567 |
| Expenditure by Objective | | | |
| Favourable Protection Environment | | | |
| Law and policy | 169,944 | 394,693 | 564,636 |
| Legal remedies and legal assistance | 2,086,363 | 248,457 | 2,334,820 |
| Access to territory | 3,571,420 | 12,000 | 3,583,420 |
| Public attitudes towards persons of concern | 774,983 | 327,034 | 1,102,017 |
| Subtotal | 6,602,710 | 982,183 | 7,584,893 |
| Fair Protection Processes and Documentation | | | |
| Reception conditions | 416,358 | 0 | 416,358 |
| Registration and profiling | 830,891 | 0 | 830,891 |
| Status determination | 756,672 | 195,882 | 952,554 |
| Civil status documentation | 1,064,817 | 0 | 1,064,817 |
| Subtotal | 3,068,739 | 195,882 | 3,264,620 |
| Security from Violence and Exploitation | | | |
| Protection from effects of armed conflict | 195,474 | 2,012,452 | 2,207,926 |
| SGBV prevention and response | 1,100,959 | 456,009 | 1,556,968 |
| Child protection | 1,547,395 | 591,985 | 2,139,380 |
| Subtotal | 2,843,828 | 3,060,446 | 5,904,275 |
| Basic Needs and Essential Services | | | |
| Health | 848,373 | 0 | 848,373 |
| Reproductive health and HIV/ Aids response | 800,655 | 0 | 800,655 |
| Sanitation and hygiene | 192,804 | 0 | 192,804 |
| Shelter and infrastructure | 4,159,999 | 4,564 | 4,164,563 |
| Basic and domestic and hygiene Items | 781,655 | 0 | 781,655 |
| Services for persons with specific needs | 3,602,718 | 0 | 3,602,718 |
| Education | 818,690 | 0 | 818,690 |
| Subtotal | 11,204,894 | 4,564 | 11,209,458 |
| Community Empowerment and Self Reliance | | | |
| Community mobilization | 1,198,703 | 494,614 | 1,693,318 |
| Co-existence with local communities | 210,756 | 0 | 210,756 |

| | Pillar 1 | Pillar 4 | Total |
|---|-------------------|--------------|------------|
| | Refugee programme | IDP projects | Total |
| Self-reliance and livelihoods | 1,055,724 | 267,157 | 1,322,881 |
| Subtotal | 2,465,184 | 761,771 | 3,226,955 |
| Durable Solutions | | | |
| Solutions strategy | 16,468 | 2,609,556 | 2,626,024 |
| Voluntary return | 196,249 | 0 | 196,249 |
| Reintegration | 194,806 | 0 | 194,806 |
| Integration | 117,050 | 0 | 117,050 |
| Greater reduction of statelessness | 463,908 | 0 | 463,908 |
| Subtotal | 988,481 | 2,609,556 | 3,598,038 |
| Leadership, Coordination and Partnerships | | | |
| Coordination and partnerships | 836,641 | 397,351 | 1,233,992 |
| Camp management and coordination | 935,208 | 0 | 935,208 |
| Subtotal | 1,771,849 | 397,351 | 2,169,200 |
| Logistics and Operations Support | | | |
| Operations management, coordination and support | 652,286 | 626,258 | 1,278,544 |
| Subtotal | 652,286 | 626,258 | 1,278,544 |
| Headquarters and Regional Support | | | |
| Protection advice and support | 350 | 0 | 350 |
| Technical advice and support | 928 | 0 | 928 |
| Subtotal | 1,279 | 0 | 1,279 |
| 2019 Expenditure Total | 29,599,249 | 8,638,012 | 38,237,261 |

^{*}Income from contributions includes indirect support costs that are recovered from contributions to Pillars 3 and 4, supplementary budgets and the "New or additional activities – mandate-related" (NAM) Reserve. Contributions towards all pillars are included under Pillar 1.