

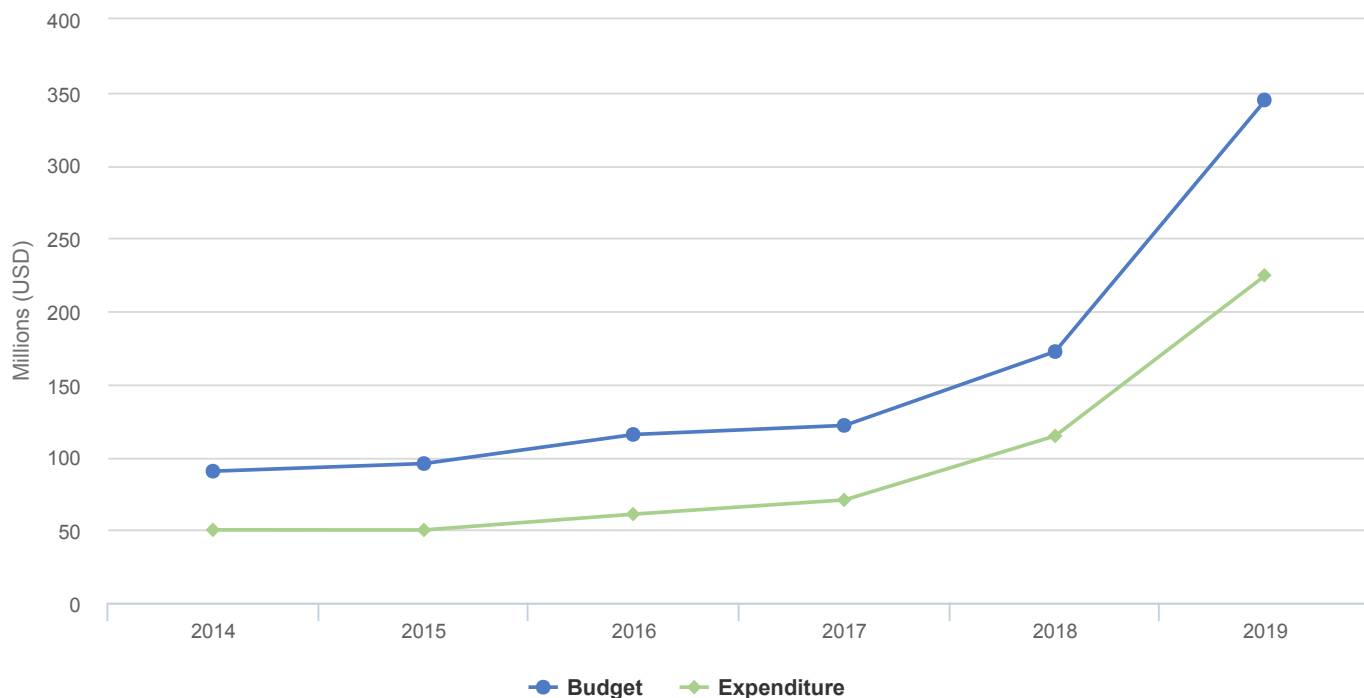
Subregion: Latin America

| Argentina | Bolivia (Plurinational State of) | Brazil | Chile | Colombia | Costa Rica | Cuba | Ecuador | El Salvador | Guatemala | Honduras | Mexico | Nicaragua | Panama | Paraguay | Peru | Uruguay | Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) |

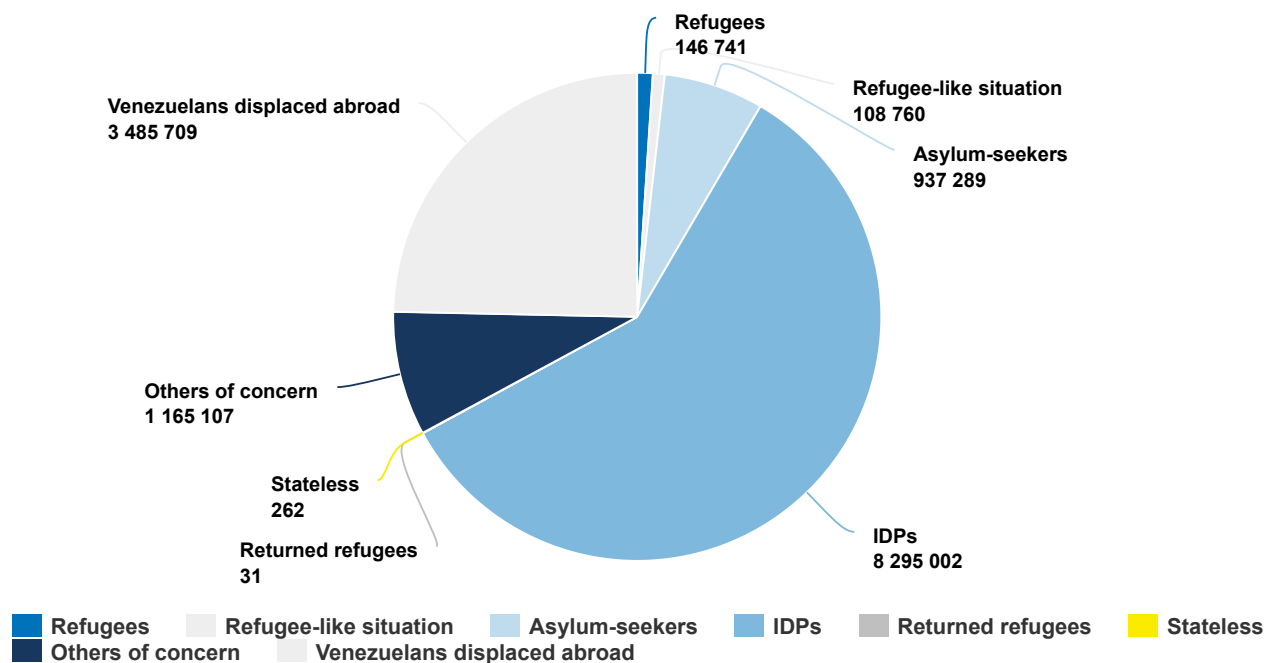


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Budgets and Expenditure in Subregion Latin America



People of Concern - 2019



By the end of 2019, the situation in Latin America was turbulent, with multiple displacement crises and social tensions in host countries gradually eroding countries' capacities to receive new arrivals.

With some 4.5 million Venezuelans displaced worldwide (nearly 2 million more than 2018), the situation signified the worst displacement crisis in the Americas in recent history; and in the global context, was second only to the Syria crisis. While 2.4 million Venezuelans managed to regularize their stay in host countries through asylum procedures or migratory permits, almost 800,000 asylum-seekers were still awaiting the resolution of their applications at the end of 2019.

The protracted Colombia conflict continued to cause internal displacement, with a total of nearly 8 million people displaced within the country by the end of 2019. An additional 5,000 Colombians sought asylum in Ecuador during the year.

In Central America, violent crimes and insecurity forced thousands of people to flee within and out of El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras. More than 247,100 people were internally displaced in Honduras, and some 71,500 were uprooted inside El Salvador. Nearly 469,300 Salvadorans and Hondurans crossed an international border—mainly into Mexico. The deteriorating situation in Nicaragua resulted in tens of thousands taking refuge in Costa Rica and Mexico.

Despite a tradition of open borders, the strain of constant large-scale arrivals led many countries to impose restrictions on access to territory and asylum, forcing many to enter through irregular routes. This in turn increased protection risks for many who transited throughout the region. Rising political distrust, anti-foreigner rhetoric and xenophobia further compounded a context of growing instability within many countries in the region, including Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru.

In this context, UNHCR responded by providing emergency assistance at the borders, including reception, orientation, shelter and referrals. It also worked in urban centres to promote the inclusion of Venezuelans through a wide range of activities and partnerships. UNHCR and its partners focused on collaboration and a whole-of-society approach to provide a comprehensive response to the crisis.

UNHCR co-led a regional inter-agency platform (R4V) with IOM to coordinate the response to the Venezuela situation, in line with the 2014 Brazil Plan of Action. UNHCR further supported a number of multilateral processes, including the Quito Process—an initiative of several Latin American countries seeking to harmonize domestic policies in receiving countries — as well as the implementation of the comprehensive protection and solutions framework, a regional application of the Global Compact on Refugees, to respond to displacement in and from Central America (MIRPS by its acronym in Spanish).

Limited funding affected UNHCR's capacity to scale up operations to provide life-saving assistance at key border locations, including between Colombia and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; in Salta (Argentina); in Tecun Uman (Guatemala); and in Costa Rica.

Assistance was only able to be provided to the most vulnerable, including children, single-headed households or individuals with severe medical conditions. With more resources, UNHCR would have expanded its activities to foster education, vocational training and access to employment, especially targeting youth.

Despite coordinated actions under the regional inter-agency coordination platform to steer the operational response in support of host countries, the regional response plan for Venezuelans in 2019 was only 52% funded. With the exception of cash grants provided to some individuals who spontaneously decided to return home, funds were insufficient to support the reintegration activities of vulnerable returnees.

2019 Voluntary Contributions to Latin America | USD

Earmarking / Donor	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 4 IDP projects	All pillars	Total
Latin America overall				
Private donors in Sweden	0	0	8,748	8,748
United States of America	0	0	4,700,000	4,700,000
Latin America overall subtotal	0	0	4,708,748	4,708,748
Argentina Regional Office				
Argentina	0	0	107,100	107,100
Argentina Regional Office subtotal	0	0	107,100	107,100
Brazil				
Brazil	1,075,680	0	13,895	1,089,574
Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)	142,310	0	0	142,310
European Union	2,127,160	0	0	2,127,160
International Organization for Migration	304,622	0	0	304,622
Italy	1,213,593	0	0	1,213,593
Japan	3,795,395	0	0	3,795,395
Private donors in Brazil	0	0	1,468,947	1,468,947
Private donors in Switzerland	100	0	0	100
UN Women	56,818	0	0	56,818
United States of America	6,356,796	0	2,000,000	8,356,796
Brazil subtotal	15,072,473	0	3,482,842	18,555,315
Colombia				
Austria	1,141,553	0	0	1,141,553
Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)	557,476	699,915	0	1,257,391
European Union	5,664,025	390,192	0	6,054,217
Food and Agriculture Organization	0	236,968	0	236,968
France	375,000	0	0	375,000
Japan	2,534,962	0	0	2,534,962
Portugal	68,757	0	0	68,757
Post-Conflict MPTF for Colombia	0	163,602	0	163,602
Private donors in Switzerland	4,504	0	556	5,060
Private donors in the United States of America	42,800	0	0	42,800

Earmarking / Donor	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 4 IDP projects	All pillars	Total
Republic of Korea	500,000	1,592,575	0	2,092,575
Spain	481,514	238,118	0	719,632
Switzerland	0	0	1,004,016	1,004,016
UN Peacebuilding Fund	0	201,051	0	201,051
UN Trust Fund for Human Security	0	245,400	0	245,400
United States of America	13,600,000	0	2,500,000	16,100,000
Colombia subtotal	24,970,590	3,767,820	3,504,572	32,242,982
Costa Rica				
European Union	684,932	0	0	684,932
United States of America	5,876,790	0	1,000,000	6,876,790
Costa Rica subtotal	6,561,722	0	1,000,000	7,561,722
Ecuador				
Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)	80,047	0	0	80,047
Colombia	53,162	0	0	53,162
European Union	3,058,590	0	0	3,058,590
Private donors in Germany	37,716	0	16,884	54,599
Private donors in the Netherlands	789,967	0	0	789,967
Switzerland	201,613	0	0	201,613
UN Peacebuilding Fund	463,875	0	0	463,875
UNICEF	22,334	0	0	22,334
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	3,995	0	0	3,995
United States of America	10,542,800	0	3,000,000	13,542,800
Ecuador subtotal	15,254,098	0	3,016,884	18,270,982
Mexico				
European Union	311,343	0	0	311,343
Private donors in Mexico	228,982	0	679,923	908,905
Private donors in Switzerland	67,731	0	0	67,731
Private donors in the United States of America	810,000	0	935,437	1,745,437
United States of America	47,288,797	0	5,321,055	52,609,852
Mexico subtotal	48,706,853	0	6,936,415	55,643,269
Panama Regional Office				

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Canada	37,994	0	0	37,994
European Union	866,946	0	0	866,946
Spain	468,583	0	0	468,583
Switzerland	502,008	0	0	502,008
UN Peacebuilding Fund	294,518	0	0	294,518
United States of America	8,016,320	0	800,000	8,816,320
<i>Panama Regional Office subtotal</i>	10,186,369	0	800,000	10,986,369
Peru				
Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)	235,917	0	0	235,917
Colombia	53,162	0	0	53,162
European Union	1,973,777	0	0	1,973,777
Switzerland	302,419	0	0	302,419
United States of America	6,992,261	0	0	6,992,261
<i>Peru subtotal</i>	9,557,536	0	0	9,557,536
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)				
Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)	1,519,202	0	0	1,519,202
European Union	2,977,121	0	0	2,977,121
France	375,000	0	0	375,000
Italy	613,497	0	0	613,497
Luxembourg	0	0	209,205	209,205
Norway	544,959	0	0	544,959
Private donors in the United States of America	55,000	0	0	55,000
Switzerland	0	0	1,004,016	1,004,016
UNAIDS	0	0	50,300	50,300
United States of America	12,300,000	0	0	12,300,000
<i>Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) subtotal</i>	18,384,779	0	1,263,521	19,648,300
Venezuela Regional Refugee Coordination Office				
European Union	455,063	0	0	455,063
United States of America	1,682,527	0	0	1,682,527
<i>Venezuela Regional Refugee Coordination Office subtotal</i>	2,137,590	0	0	2,137,590

Earmarking / Donor	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 4 IDP projects	All pillars	Total
Total	150,832,010	3,767,820	24,820,082	179,419,912

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