



VENEZUELA SITUATION

A Venezuelan student strives to continue her education in Cucuta.

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In the context of ongoing domestic upheaval, some 4.5 million Venezuelans have sought refuge worldwide.

This continues to be the largest exodus in the region's recent history and one of the biggest displacement crises in the world. Within the framework of the Regional Inter-Agency Coordination Platform, UNHCR is providing lifesaving assistance in border areas to new arrivals, supporting access to basic goods and services, promoting peaceful coexistence with host communities, as well as access to fundamental rights, such as documentation, education and employment.

UNHCR's overall requirements for the Venezuela situation in 2020 stand at \$260.7 million. As of 25 August 2020, \$68.7 million has been received. Flexible funds received by UNHCR have allowed the organization to allocate an additional \$48.8 million to the Venezuela situation, raising the current funding level to 45%. These low funding levels have forced UNHCR to cut programmes across a range of sectors, including child protection and livelihoods, with further cuts anticipated in the second half of 2020.



AFFECTED COUNTRIES

KEY POPULATION DATA (AS OF AUGUST 2020)

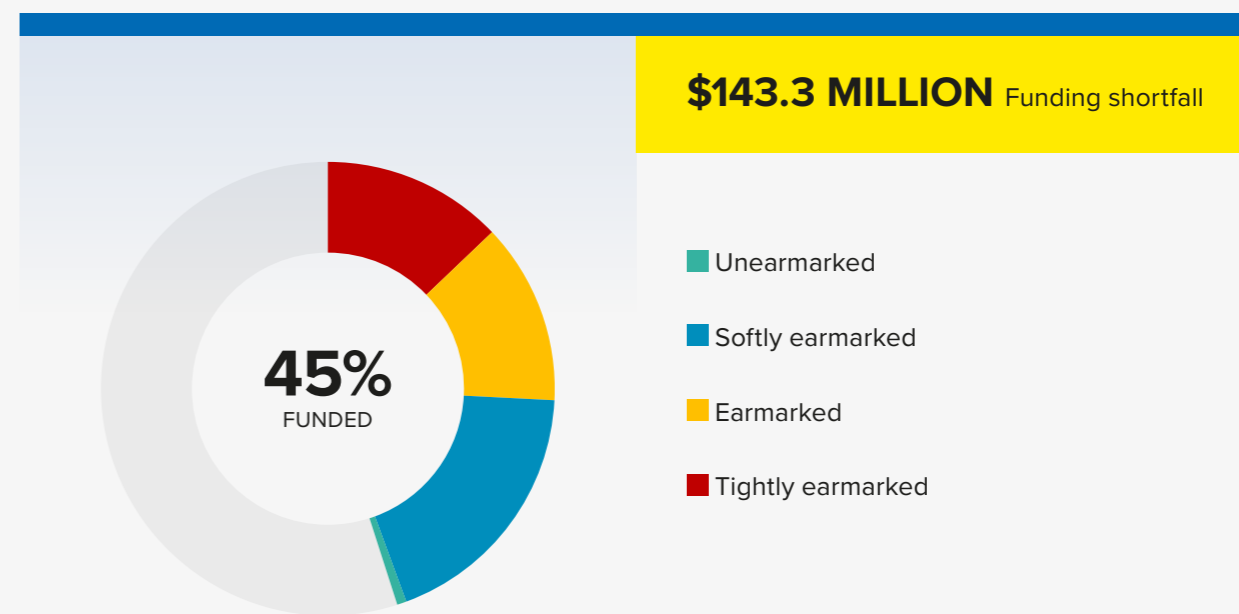
112,000
Venezuelan refugees

817,000
Venezuelan asylum-seekers

5.1 million
Venezuelans displaced abroad

\$260.7 MILLION

UNHCR's financial requirements 2020, as of 25 August 2020



Activities that have already been reduced or cut as a consequence of underfunding

Child-friendly spaces in Colombia



As of June 2020, due to funding shortfalls UNHCR was unable to continue to support the child-friendly space it has been running with Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) since 2018 at the Simon Bolivar Bridge in Cucuta, the main border crossing point from the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. An estimated 10,000 newly arrived Venezuelan children in the second half of 2020 will be left without supervision while their parents are going through immigration procedures and receive orientation, exposing them to significant risks in the crowded border crossing space.

Number of impacted beneficiaries:
10,000 children

Funding needed:
\$400,000



A group of Colombian and Venezuelan refugee students wait for the class to start again in a school in Paraguachon, Colombia.

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MAY

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Access to livelihoods through the Graduation Approach in Colombia



As of May 2020, due to funding shortfalls UNHCR was only able to support 50 vulnerable Venezuelan households in Antioquia and Choco departments to strengthen their access to livelihoods through the Graduation Approach, instead of the 1,200 households planned for 2020. According to UNHCR's Rapid Livelihoods Assessment, 67% of Venezuelans in Colombia have lost all source of income since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March, leaving them at increased risk of exploitation, SGBV, eviction and health challenges. Some have found it necessary to go back to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela where they face significant protection risks.

Number of impacted beneficiaries:
1,150 households, approximately 6,000 individuals

Funding needed:
\$500,000

"Communication with communities" for Venezuelans in Colombia, Ecuador and Peru

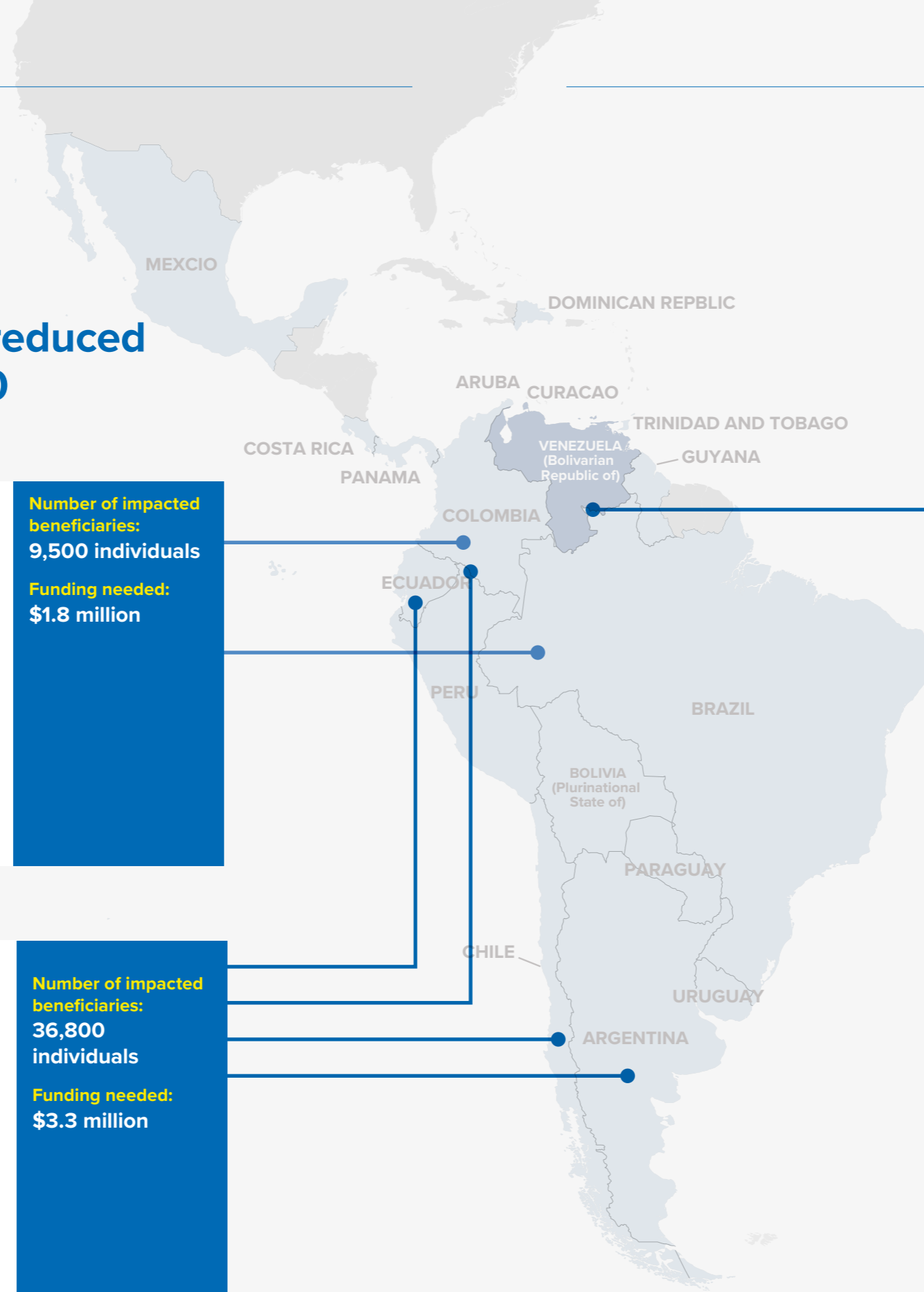


Venezuelans in Colombia, Ecuador and Peru are able to access UNHCR through ad hoc and small-scale managed hotlines that provide orientation and information on rights and protection pathways. Hotlines have become particularly vital during the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to a reduction in funds, UNHCR has not been able to turn these into professionalized national call centres as planned, and is relying on individual partner and staff mobile numbers. In Colombia, a three-month pilot with a professional service provider in the border city of Cúcuta lacked funding to continue until the end of the year or to be expanded to other locations. The lack of professional call centres has also required UNHCR to divert key resources, including UNHCR protection and NGO partner staff, to service helplines, affecting other strategic priorities.

Number of impacted beneficiaries:
100,000 individuals

Funding needed:
\$1 million

Activities that could be reduced or cut from August 2020



Reception conditions for Venezuelans in Brazil and Colombia



As of September 2020, funding gaps will result in insufficient capacities to receive vulnerable new arrivals in Brazil and Colombia, which are expected to increase due to deteriorating conditions inside the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, as well as the eventual easing of border restrictions. Reception facilities will no longer be able to provide shelter and services to address basic needs in line with minimum standards. Limited resources will also prevent authorities from ensuring that COVID-19 prevention and mitigation measures are in place in reception facilities.

Number of impacted beneficiaries:
9,500 individuals

Funding needed:
\$1.8 million

Core relief items and cash assistance for Venezuelans in Argentina, Chile, Colombia and Ecuador



As of September 2020, a shortfall in funding will prevent UNHCR from assisting Venezuelans of concern with emergency multi-purpose cash and vouchers and core relief items in key border and urban reception areas in Argentina, Chile, Colombia and Ecuador. Measures to contain the COVID-19 pandemic have exacerbated vulnerabilities of displaced families who have lost income as a result of lockdowns. Individuals may live in substandard and undignified conditions without adequate access to food, medicines, shelter and housing, resulting in negative coping mechanisms and increased protection and public health risks.

Number of impacted beneficiaries:
36,800 individuals

Funding needed:
\$3.3 million

Socio-economic inclusion and education for Venezuelans



As of August 2020, a funding shortfall will result in a lack of early recovery and livelihood programmes to support vulnerable Venezuelans who have lost income due to COVID-19, including in the Southern Cone, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru. Planned support to facilitate recognition of qualifications and insertion into the labour market will also be limited due to funding, despite government efforts to ease requirements for foreigners to access critical job sectors like public health. 8,900 individuals will be unable to access income-generating opportunities, leaving over 25,000 people in conditions of severe vulnerability. Likewise, lack of funding will result in the discontinuation of UNHCR's support to Venezuelan children through school materials.

Number of impacted beneficiaries:
14,900 individuals

Funding needed:
\$4.8 million