

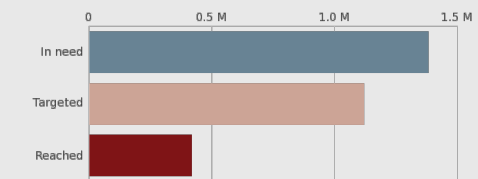
HIGHLIGHTS

- The cluster, through partner organisations, benefited **143,603** people in October 2020 who received assistance to improve their shelter conditions, access to energy/electricity, and/or received assistance through NFI distributions. Given the heavy rains registered in October, which have compromised the access to safe shelter for thousands of families, **part of the assistance provided was channelled towards those states affected by severe flooding.**
- During October 2020, the **decrease in people returning spontaneously to Venezuela** continues and the Government-led *Puntos de Atención Social Integral* (PASI) in border municipalities and central states where spontaneous returnees are isolated are progressively becoming inactive or closed in border municipalities and central states. Some of them are reportedly being used to **shelter families whose houses were severely affected by the flooding.**
- The Cluster finalised the logframe and sectoral guide for the Humanitarian Response Plan (2021) and initiated the project proposal submission cycle from partner organisations until **20 November** through HPC.tools.

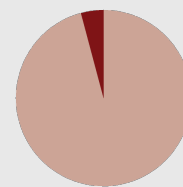
KEY FIGURES

24 Cluster partners

People



Funding



Total funding required:
\$42.5 M
Funded: 4%
Source: Projects submitted to HPC.tools by partner organisations / Financial Tracking Service (FTS)

KEY DATES

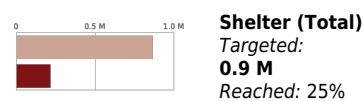
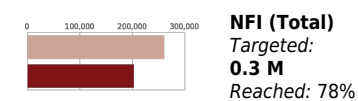
- **1 July 2019:** Activation of the Shelter Cluster in Venezuela

KEY DOCUMENTS

- [Mapa de cobertura implementación octubre 2020](#)
- [Minuta reunión socios 22/10/2020](#)
- [Presentación reunión socios 22/10/2020](#)
- [Hoja informativa primera ronda JMMI Venezuela](#)
- [NFI kits COVID-19](#)
- [Términos de Referencia Grupo Consultivo Estratégico \(SAG\)](#)
- [Carta Principios Operativos Conjuntos](#)

KEY LINKS

- [Dashboard monitoring of the 2020 HRP and COVID-19 emergency activities](#)
- [KoBo partner organisations and operational capacity \(actualización Q4 2020\)](#)
- [KoBo temporary shelter arrangements Venezuela \(versión COVID-19 actualizada 12 Noviembre 2020\)](#)
- [Shelter Cluster Venezuela COVID-19 page](#)
- [COVID-19 working documents and technical references](#)



NEED ANALYSIS

- During October 2020 and despite the border remains closed, the number of people leaving the country through **informal crossings has reportedly increased** compared to the previous months. Providing access to a safe shelter, basic services (including electricity) and basic NFIs for people on the move with specific needs is a priority.
- The rainy season continues to affect border and central states in Venezuela, with prolonged rains that have caused **severe flooding in more than 10 states**. Aragua state has been one of the most affected, with thousands of families who have lost their houses and NFIs (including mattresses, sheets, beds, clothes, among others). **The risk of floods remains high** and their potential impact are growing during the rainy season.
- The **lack of access to gas bottles in border states**, including Bolívar, Apure, Táchira, and Zulia is a priority to be addressed. Prioritised communities have reported **extensive use of firewood as the primary source of energy for cooking**, which has an impact on both respiratory health and environment. Firewood is known to produce various airborne toxins and may result in poorer respiratory health.

RESPONSE

- Through 2020, a total of **416,419** individuals (**57%** female and **43%** male) benefited from a better access to safe shelter, energy and/or basic NFIs in ten states and Distrito Capital, including Táchira (**243,163**), Zulia (**83,592**), Apure (**21,376**), Distrito Capital (**18,344**), Miranda (**14,206**), and Bolívar (**13,750**).
- Activities targeting temporary shelter arrangements have reached over **57 PASI throughout the country (with most of them in border states)** and **11 other forms of temporary shelters**, including churches, and have reached **83,991** individuals who were supported with temporary shelter and NFI distributions. **Capacity building activities** to strengthen both coordination and management capacities were organised jointly and have reached **586** staff members working at the PASI.
- Activities targeting health facilities, state led institutions and community centres have reached **288,430** individuals, including over **21 health**

establishments; some of them with RHUs and Rubb-halls for isolation and triage.

- Other activities targeted prioritised communities, reaching **43,998** vulnerable individuals in **Amazonas, Apure, Barinas, Bolívar, Distrito Capital, Miranda, Táchira, and Zulia states**, including the distribution of a total of **5,474 solar lamps**, benefiting **17,651** individuals, **NFI distributions** and **habitat kits**.

GAPS / CHALLENGES

- During October 2020, as reported in previous months, the **limited funding** has had a negative impact on the response capacity by partner organisations, **jeopardising the timeliness and effectiveness of the response**.
- Providing an **alternative as a source of energy for cooking**, different than the use of firewood and domestic gas bottles, in prioritised communities is a challenge for partner organisations with limited access to fuel and the countrywide movement restrictions established by the national authorities to stop the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The lack of access to basic services (including electricity and water) in some PASI and delays in the transfer of spontaneous returnees have caused demonstrations.