



33,365 BENEFICIARIES RECEIVING ASSISTANCE ONCE OR MORE FROM THE SECTOR,
OF WHICH **26,773** HAVE BENEFITED FROM THE RMRP 2021 PLAN



22%
GIRLS



28%
WOMEN

17,755 BENEFICIARIES OF THE RESPONSE DUE TO
THE COVID-19 HEALTH EMERGENCY

16
DEPARTMENTS

15
ORGANIZATIONS THAT
REPORTED



19%
BOYS



31%
MEN

1,584 BENEFICIARIES OF THE RESPONSE THROUGH
CASH TRANSFERS

53
MUNICIPALITIES
REACHED

12
IMPLEMENTORS

RESPONSE OVERVIEW

In May, **33,365** refugees, migrants and host communities directly benefitted from the actions of 15 main partners and 12 implementing partners. The beneficiaries were spread over 16 departments: **Norte de Santander (38%), La Guajira (24%), Arauca (18%), Santander and Nariño (5% each one), Bogotá (4%), Valle del Cauca, Putumayo, Antioquia, Vichada and Cundinamarca (1% each one)**, as well as **Tolima, Casanare, Atlántico, Bolívar and Cauca** which only comprised **1%** of the total beneficiaries.

Under the sectoral indicators of the Refugee and Migrant Response Plan, **18,878** people benefitted from the provision of supplies and appropriate hygiene services, including menstrual hygiene needs. **68%** of the beneficiaries reported under this indicator were concentrated in **Norte de Santander** and **Arauca**.

Among various key activities, humanitarian assistance was provided by delivering personal protective equipment and hygiene articles (such as tissues) in coordination with regional bodies. Likewise, restrictive cash transfers were made through the delivery of vouchers, which can be used in a selected commercial establishment, particularly in the cities of **Cúcuta (Norte de Santander)** and **Bucaramanga (Santander)**. The *caminantes* (migrants traveling by foot) benefitted from the delivery of hygiene kits and self-care training.

A total of **8,260** refugees and migrants were reached in **5** departments with safe access to adequate and drinkable water; **90%** of the total population reached under this indicator was found in La Guajira and Norte de Santander. In order to benefit people, WASH provided support through the renovation and upkeep of water systems, particularly at a communal level; assistance was provided at hydration points for the *caminantes* and the delivery of water storage tanks and filters.

In **La Guajira, Norte de Santander, and Nariño**, **6,227** people, making up **19%** of the total sectoral beneficiaries for the month, received assistance through safe access to improved sanitation facilities and through activities such as the provision of communal latrines and renovating infrastructure.

Overall, the awareness campaign represents one of the most notable activities to enhance hygiene practices to prevent the spread of diseases, above all COVID-19, in the municipalities of Fonseca and Riohacha in **La Guajira**. Within the framework of this campaign, communication pieces (radio slots and loudspeakers) were deployed to share information on preventing and mitigating the risk of COVID-19 infection.

KEY FIGURES FROM THE MONTH

BENEFICIARIES BY INDICATOR AND ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

18,878	8,260	6,227	190
# OF # INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED WITH APPROPRIATE HYGIENE SUPPLIES AND SERVICES (MESSAGES, ITEMS, FACILITIES) INCLUDING MENSTRUAL HYGIENE NEEDS	# # OF INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED WITH SAFE ACCESS TO SUFFICIENT AND SAFE WATER (AT LEAST BASIC WATER SERVICES LEVEL, JMP DEFT)	# # OF INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED WITH SAFE ACCESS TO IMPROVED SANITATION FACILITIES	TOTAL ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT

PHOTO STORAGE



Celebrating menstrual hygiene Day.. / OXFAM



Information day regarding menstrual hygiene / departamental WASH working group in La Guajira

International Menstrual Hygiene Day was celebrated on May 28. The day seeks to foster a space for awareness and advocacy, with messages inviting people to deal with menstruation as a natural process. This activity also entailed disseminating information through graphics on social media and virtual events regarding migrant and cyclic flows to increase the visibility of menstrual stigma.

The myths, misinformation, lack of environments conducive for dialog, and barriers to accessing information and products which enable dignified menstrual hygiene, comprise some of the factors which prevent girls, women, and menstruating people from enjoying their sexual rights, as well as their right to receive education on the topic.

As part of the day's celebration, WASH actors were called upon to tackle menstrual hygiene management through an integrated approach, through access to products. The creation of conducive spaces for broaching the topic and incorporating a gender-based approach into the recovery processes and when developing sanitation solutions so that facilities such as toilets are hygienic, safe and private.

Likewise, amongst the key messages disseminated within the context of the day, it was encouraged that the response surrounding these themes for the refugee and migrant population should not be standardized or general but should be tailored to fit their contexts, needs and preferences.

COORDINATION PROGRESS

- In May, the national WASH sector meeting was held, in which the start of the process of the Joint Needs Assessment focused on the pendular population was shared. Likewise, local working group meetings were held to learn about the implementation progress of the CASLP (Health Attention Center Los Patios in English), located in Norte de Santander. In La Guajira, results from an assessment based on markets in the context of COVID-19 were presented, representing an opportunity for the sector to include information collected on informal settlements. Also, a space was opened up to analyze the possibility of assessing the WASH context due to the start of the hurricane season, which may eventually affect the refugee, migrant, and host community populations in La Guajira.
- As part of internal sectoral initiatives, an agreement of understanding is being drawn between partners to distribute bags of purified water to communities enduring restricted access in La Guajira.



SECTOR MEMBERS

ACTION AGAINST HUNGER* | UNHCR* (ACTION AGAINST HUNGER, ALDEAS INFANTILES, CORPORACIÓN SCALABRINI, DRC, FAMICOVE, FAMIG, NRC, PASTORAL SOCIAL, SNCRC) | ADRA* | ALDEAS INFANTILES* | ALIANZA POR LA SOLIDARIDAD|APOYAR | AYUDA EN ACCIÓN* | BETHANY*| CONSORCIO ONG OCIP/CAPELLANÍA OFICA-ICC | CARITAS ALEMANIA | CARITAS SUIZA* | CESVI | CISP* | SNCRC | WORLD LUTHERAN FEDERATION|HALÜ | HEARTLAND ALLIANCE | INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMITTE-IRC | MALTESER | INTERNATIONAL | MEDGLOBAL |NRC* | OIM* | PAHO-WHO | OXFAM* (APOYAR) | PLAN INTERNACIONAL* | PREMIERE URGENCE | SAMARITAN'S PURSE* | SAVE THE CHILDREN* | SJR COL | NSCRC | SOLIDARITÉS INTERNACIONAL | TDH | TEARFUND | UNICEF*(ACTION AGAINST HUNGER, HALÜ, ZOA) | WORLD VISION| ZOA

An (*) denotes partners involved in activities this month, those in brackets () are their implementing partners, if applicable