

COLOMBIA: Humanitarian Snapshot: Colombia - Venezuela border

(15 October 2015)

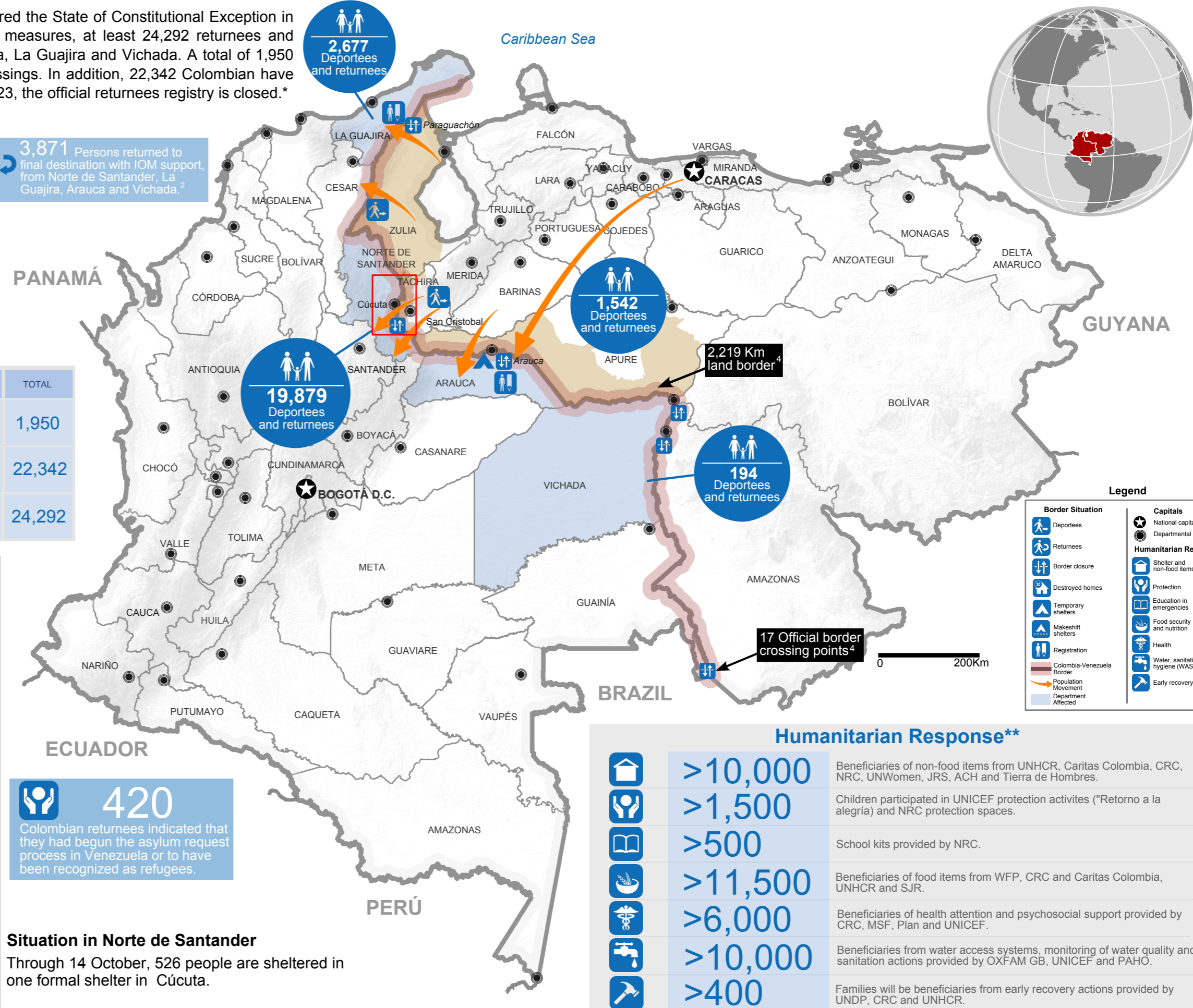
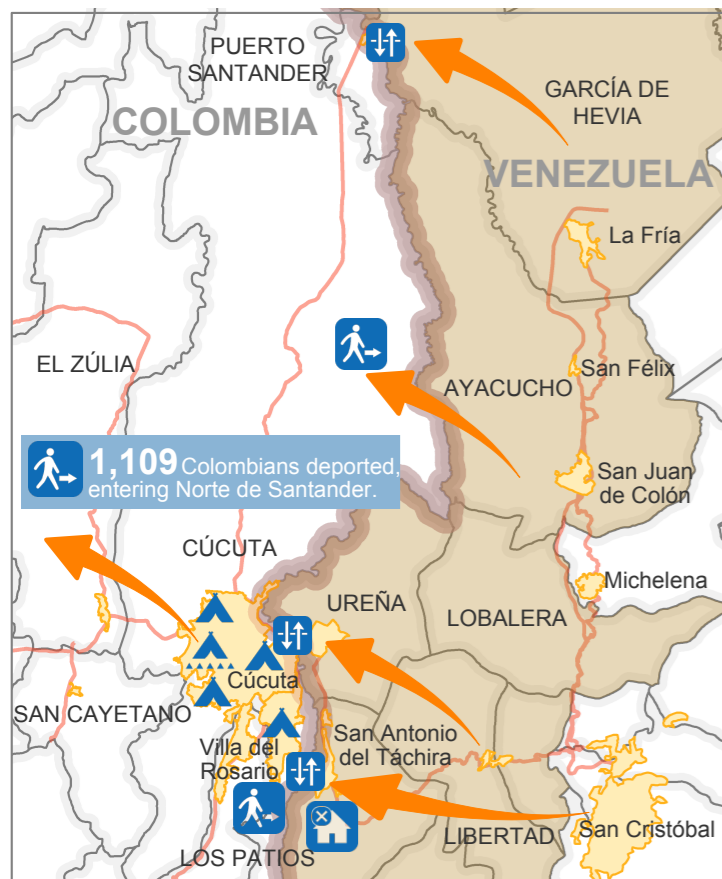
Since August 19, the Government of Venezuela declared the State of Constitutional Exception in 23 municipalities. Since the implementation of these measures, at least 24,292 returnees and deportees have arrived in Norte de Santander, Arauca, La Guajira and Vichada. A total of 1,950 are registered as deported to Colombia at border crossings. In addition, 22,342 Colombian have returned due to fear of deportation.¹ Since September 23, the official returnees registry is closed.*

1,950
Number of people deported to Colombia since 19 August via the border crossings in Norte de Santander, La Guajira, Arauca and Vichada.

3,871 Persons returned to final destination with IOM support, from Norte de Santander, La Guajira, Arauca and Vichada.²

Returnees/Deportees by type and location

	NORTE DE SANTANDER	LA GUAJIRA	ARAUCA	VICHADA	TOTAL
Number of Deportees	1,109	739	101	1	1,950
Number of Returnees	18,770	1,938	1,441	193	22,342
Total	19,879	2,677	1,542	194	24,292



420 Colombian returnees indicated that they had begun the asylum request process in Venezuela or to have been recognized as refugees.

Situation in Norte de Santander

Through 14 October, 526 people are sheltered in one formal shelter in Cúcuta.

Humanitarian Response**

	> 10,000	Beneficiaries of non-food items from UNHCR, Caritas Colombia, CRC, NRC, UNWomen, JRS, ACH and Tierra de Hombres.
	> 1,500	Children participated in UNICEF protection activities ("Retorno a la alegría") and NRC protection spaces.
	> 500	School kits provided by NRC.
	> 11,500	Beneficiaries of food items from WFP, CRC and Caritas Colombia, UNHCR and SJR.
	> 6,000	Beneficiaries of health attention and psychosocial support provided by CRC, MSF, Plan and UNICEF.
	> 10,000	Beneficiaries from water access systems, monitoring of water quality and sanitation actions provided by OXFAM GB, UNICEF and PAHO.
	> 400	Families will be beneficiaries from early recovery actions provided by UNDP, CRC and UNHCR.

*The borders and names appearing on this map, and designations used, do not imply acceptance by the United Nations.

Creation date: 15 October 2015 Sources: 1. Norte de Santander: Crisis Centre (7 October). Arauca: Migración Colombia, Local sources (13 October). Arauca: Migración Colombia, local authorities (13 October). La Guajira: Migración Colombia, ANSPE (12 October). Vichada: CDGRD (7 October). 2. IOM (13 October). 3. UNHCR (15 October). 4. Sociedad Geográfica de Colombia.

**Norte de Santander, La Guajira, registry closed 22 Sept.; Arauca, Vichada, registry closed 23 Sept. **Includes a selection of Humanitarian Local Teams actions, complementing the Government response..