

VENEZUELAN IN
COLOMBIA^a

1.74M

BENEFICIARIES WHO
RECEIVED ONE OR MORE
KINDS OF ASSISTANCE IN
AUGUST^b

503,156

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW - AUGUST^c
FUNDING REQUESTED: 782.3M USD15.3% FUNDED: 120.4M
USD

762,857

WITH REGULAR
MIGRATION STATUS

985,859

WITH REGULAR
MIGRATION STATUS

136

ORGANIZATIONS*

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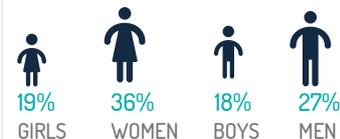
DEPARTMENTS**

Situation

- On 6 August, Colombia Migration¹ updated the figures of Venezuelan refugees and migrants. **As of 31 May, there were 1,764,883 Venezuelans in the country** – 1,001,472 with irregular status and 763,411 with regular status, indicating for the third time a decrease in the number of Venezuelans living in Colombia (-0.98% in comparison with the figures as of 30 April).
- On 25 August, the **National Government issued the Decree 1168², to extend the State of Health Emergency until 30 November** throughout the Colombian territory. President Iván Duque also announced that the mandatory preventive isolation would last until 31 August, leading to a new phase of this measure, called **"Selective Isolation"**³, which would start on 1 September. In this phase there will be an opening of national land and air transport, while some event and crowd restrictions will persist.
- On 26 August, Colombia Migration announced that the **closure of land and river borders would remain until 1 October**⁴.

KEY FIGURES^d4.98M VENEZUELAN WITH BORDER
MOBILITY CARDS (TMF)102,319 VENEZUELAN IN TRANSIT DUE TO
UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES OR *FORCE
MAJEURE*11,954 VENEZUELAN LEFT THE COUNTRY
THROUGH THE RUMICHACA BORDER CROSSING
IN 2020

DISAGGREGATION OF BENEFICIARIES



Response

- WASH:** >81,400 refugees and migrants received sanitary and hygiene kits and items and >56,000 people were provided with water and sanitation services at points of service such as community kitchens, health centers, transit key spots and child friendly spaces.
- Education:** >19,300 children and adolescent refugees and migrants benefitted from formal and non-formal education in emergencies services and >4,600 school-aged children and adolescents were enrolled in national educational institutions.
- Integration:** >6,400 people reached with activities promoting social cohesion and integration, >630 people accessed to employment opportunities, >400 refugees and migrants were supported in entrepreneurial or self-employment initiatives.
- Multisector:** >51,000 refugees and migrants accessed household items, >5,300 were supported with individual and collective short-term accommodation services, >290 accessed telecommunications services.
- Protection:** >21,100 people were assisted with protection services, >16,200 refugees and migrants were provided with legal assistance, representation or advice and >8,500 boys, girls and adolescents were provided with child protection services.
- Health:** >54,600 primary physical, mental and emergency health care consultations took place, >14,100 people received assistance in mental health and psychosocial support and >8,900 people were beneficiaries of prenatal, medical, integral and gynecological attentions.
- Food Security and Nutrition:** >244,500 people were reached with food assistance through transfers and in-kind distributions, >86,700 people accessed hot meals in community kitchens and >62,100 refugees and migrants received food rations.
- Multipurpose CBI:** >98,200 people accessed multipurpose cash transfers.

BENEFICIARIES
ACCUMULATIVE
JAN-AUG

WASH

507,739



Education

65,231



Integration

29,778



Multisector

174,040



Protection

225,249



Health

397,676



FSN

1,191,176



CBI

226,784

¹ Colombia Migration (2020, 6 August). Infographic of Venezuelans in Colombia. <https://bit.ly/2ZZ7mtw>² Presidency (2020, 25 August). Decree 1168 of 25 August 2020. <https://bit.ly/33MqgMx>³ Presidency (2020, 24 August). Sanitary Emergency extends until 30 November and from 1 September begins a new phase of Selective Isolation. <https://bit.ly/35VGVsl>⁴ Colombia Migration (2020, 26 August). Colombian borders will remain closed until 1 October. <https://bit.ly/3i1mjei>^a Infographic: Venezuelans in Colombia, Colombia Migration, as of 8 September 2020. ^b ActivityInfo Report as of August 2020. ^c FTS report. ^d Migration report of Venezuelans in Colombia, Colombia Migration, as of 30 August 2020. *Including direct and implementing partners. ** During August, 30 departments reported activities. In 29 of them beneficiaries were reached directly.



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

171,683
BENEFICIARIES
EN AUGUST
122,833
BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

16
DEPARTMENTS

During August, more than **171,600** beneficiaries received one or more types of assistance related to water, sanitation and hygiene from **41** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **41** municipalities of **16** departments. The sector's actions were carried out in coordination with the local authorities. In August, there are two coordination achievements at the local level to highlight: the first meeting of the WASH group in Atlántico department and the launch of a back-to-back WASH coordination working group in Nariño. Also, at the Norte de Santander border, thanks to the coordination among partners and local authorities, the Sanitary Attention Center at Tienditas (CAST in Spanish) expanded its WASH services to assist 700 people per day. The organizations of the sector have carried out actions in health centers, both for the delivery of hygiene and disinfection items and through the installation of handwashing stations, provided with water and soap.

The main activities of the sector during the month included the distribution of kits and sanitation and hygiene items to more than **81,400** refugees and migrants, while considering the diverse needs of women, girls, boys, adolescents, and pregnant mothers, among others. Over **56,000** people benefitted from daily access to water and sanitation services at service delivery points such as health centers, shelters, food distribution points, schools, including more than **3,800** children and adolescents who accessed these services in learning and child development spaces. Similarly, more than **30,700** people -including host communities- accessed safe water and basic sanitation facilities and training in their communities, and more than **3,400** people received water and sanitation services at the community and institutional level.

ORGANIZATIONS*:

Action Against Hunger | UNHCR | UNHCR (Bethany - Corporación Red Somos - DRC - Pastoral Social – Colombian National Red Cross Society) | ADRA | AID FOR AIDS | Alianza por la Solidaridad (Alcaldía de Pasto) | Ayuda en Acción | Bethany | Capellanía OFICA | CISP | Caritas Germany (Pastoral Social) | Caritas Switserzland (FAMIG - Pastoral Social) | Compassion | Consortium PUI and SI | DRC | Diakonie (Halü) | LWF (IELCO) | Halü (Halü) | IsraAID | Malteser International (ABIUDEA) | Mercy Corps/World Vision | NRC | NRC/ Action Against Hunger | IOM | IOM/Opción Legal | PLAN | Pastoral Social | Samaritan's Purse | Save the Children | UNICEF (APOYAR - Fundación Guajira Naciente - Halü - PROINCO - TdH Italy - ZOA) | World Vision

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Education

23,995
BENEFICIARIES
IN AUGUST
6,290
BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

13
DEPARTMENTS



Refugee and migrant children in Antioquia and Chocó have received support to continue their education and learning processes. / UNHCR

In July, more than **23,900** beneficiaries received one or more types of assistance through **13** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **41** municipalities of **13** departments, in border and transit areas, as well as areas where refugees and migrants have an intention to stay.

The sector continued supporting distance learning activities, via virtual platforms and printed materials ensuring the required biosafety measures, as well as through community radio messages. Also, the sector is supporting the local education authorities and institutions interested in adapting a school and home alternation learning model. Also, partners are working in non-formal education activities to strengthen children's bond with schools, promoting zero-discrimination environments.

During the reporting period, more than **19,300** children and adolescent refugees, migrants, returnees and members of the host communities accessed non-formal and formal education in emergencies services. In addition, more than **4,600** school-age children from Venezuela received school kits and were enrolled in national educational institutions, where they were supported to continue their academic process, including the delivery of school kits.

ORGANIZATIONS*:

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Integration

7,621

BENEFICIARIES
IN AUGUST

5,387

BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

9

DEPARTMENTS

In August, more than **7,600** beneficiaries received one or more types of assistance through **23** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **15** municipalities of **9** departments, in border and transit areas, as well as areas where refugees and migrants have an intention to stay. During the month the sector reported an increase in the number of financial inclusion, employability and particularly social cohesion activities, regarding the activities developed in July, as a consequence of the lifting of restrictions on preventive isolation. The reactivation of training processes and cultural and recreational activities was possible due to changes in the biosafety measures contemplated in the Resolution 1462 of 25 August 2020 by the Ministry of Health, and such activities were carried out following the required social distancing (12.96 m²) and the capacity limit of only 50 people per space. Moreover, the sector published a [dashboard with the mapping of activities](#) on its R4V.info page, to strengthen the articulation of employability, entrepreneurship and social inclusion actions at the level of territory and services.

More than **6,400** people were reached with activities that promote social cohesion, including community integration days with the host population, and more than **630** refugees and migrants were supported in accessing employment opportunities. Over **430** refugees and migrants received assistance in the form of self-employment or entrepreneurship initiatives, including capacity building activities and distribution of productive assets, among other actions. Finally, **93** refugees and migrants were reached through financial inclusion activities.

ORGANIZATIONS*:

Action Against Hunger | UNHCR | UNHCR (SOS Children's Villages - COSPAS - Cuso International - Comfenalco - Corporación Ayuda Humanitaria - Opción Legal) | Capellanía OFICA | Corporación Minuto de Dios | Cuso International | Cuso Internacional (CEDESOCIAL) | FAO | PADF | GIZ (Fundación Casa Morada - JRS Col) | NRC | IOM | ILOT | UN Women | Pastoral Social | UNICEF (Fundación Horizontes de Juventud)

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Multisector

6,053

BENEFICIARIES
SHELTER
IN AUGUST

3,507

BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

48,525

BENEFICIARIES
NON-FOOD ITEMS
IN AUGUST

36,226

BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

298

BENEFICIARIES
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
IN AUGUST

296

BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

20

DEPARTMENTS

In July, more than **54,500** beneficiaries received one or more types of support through **33** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **49** municipalities of **20** departments, in border and transit areas, as well as areas where refugees and migrants have an intention to stay.

The sector has gradually restarted some services, particularly on shelter (i.e. in Nariño and Norte de Santander departments) and NFI, in compliance with the current biosafety measures. Humanitarian transport services are limited to assist specific protection and health cases.

A [quick guide on the use of hostels as temporary shelters for the attention to refugees and migrants](#), as a temporary shelter solution, has been elaborated and disseminated among partners, local institutions and local GIFMMs as operational support. In addition, good practices about the progress of alternative response mechanisms, such as a strategy for temporary shelter with *Airbnb* (a digital platform for rental accommodation) in the Caribbean region have been shared. Also, intersectoral work with CBI group for rent support is in progress.

More than **13,900** people were provided with household items, such as kitchen kits. **5,000** people accessed collective and individual accommodation and **40** refugees and migrants accessed telecommunications services.



Support in humanitarian transport for refugees and migrants in Norte de Santander, for mobilization towards temporary shelters. / IOM

ORGANIZATIONS*:

UNHCR | UNHCR (CISP - Corporación Red Somos - Corporación Scalabrini - CORPRODINCO - Cuso International - DRC - Pastoral Social - Colombian National Red Cross Society) | SOS Children's Villages | Bethany | Capellanía OFICA/OIM | CISP | Caritas Germany (Pastoral Social) | Caritas Switzerland (FAMIG) | GIZ (Fundación Nueva Ilusión) | HIAS | Malteser International (ABIUDEA) | NRC | IOM | IOM /APOYAR/Centro Arquidiocesano Casa de Paso/Club Kiwanis/Corporación Scalabrini/Corporación Vive/Fundación Nuevo Horizonte/Fundación Paso a Paso/UN Women/Opción Legal/Pastoral Social/Colombian National Red Cross Society | Pastoral Social | Samaritan's Purse | Colombian National Red Cross Society | World Vision

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Feature story: “A great relief for Dora and her family”

When Dora Baez decided, along with her husband Nelio, to head across the border from Venezuela to Paraguachón, La Guajira, she did so to give her family a better life. They arrived eight months ago from Paraguaipoa, a town that borders the Gulf of Venezuela, motivated to have greater access to food and medicine for their three-year-old daughter Doriangeli and 10-month-old son Carlos.

Her family is also part of the Wayúu indigenous community, traditionally nomadic and binational, which secured its livelihood by crossing the border between both countries, invisible for Wayuu people. Given the health emergency by COVID-19 this option is no longer possible due to the border's closure.

“After two months of arriving in Colombia, I went with my friend to the Hospital Viejo in Maicao, where they gave me information about where to apply for humanitarian aid”, says Dora. Thanks to this information, she participated in the interview of the DNA Dignity program, established through the consortium formed by Action Against Hunger, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), and the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC). A couple of weeks after the interview, Dora was contacted and informed that she would be part of the program.

Her home received humanitarian aid through a cash transfer, and with this, Dora and family were able to afford her rent of about USD 50 per month and buy food to serve at her table. Her family's situation has been difficult due to the health emergency. “The coronavirus has affected us at work since it has reduced the sale of arepas, coffee, and empanadas that Nelio and I had in the plaza”, says Dora. However, the assistance provided by DNA Dignity meant an immense relief for them.

For the moment, Dora hopes the situation becomes better in the coming months, and that opportunities and work will be reactivated so then her family can obtain shelter and food.



Dora and her family buying food to prepare their meals. / DNA Dignity



Protection

In August, more than **43,000** beneficiaries were provided with one or more types of protection assistance through **55** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **102** municipalities of **24** departments, in border and transit areas, as well as areas where refugees and migrants have an intention to stay.

The Protection sector continued monitoring the evictions incidents. From 12 June to 9 September, 9,350 incidents and 229 risks of eviction have been reported, for a total of 1,461 refugees and migrants evicted and 1,260 more at risk of eviction (for more information, consult the [online dashboard about evictions](#)). The sector continued working in articulation with the Multisector subgroup (Shelter), the local and national Ombudsperson's offices, to guarantee that these processes are done within the framework of due process, and with all partners to ensure that the refugee and migrant population can count on the tools to know their rights and assistance routes in case of an eviction. Moreover, the sector was in close coordination with the local protection sectors to monitor risks for the refugees and migrants related to armed conflict, as well as mixed movements such as returns from Colombia to Venezuela and Venezuelans' re-entries.

Joint efforts to prevent risks for refugee and migrant children and adolescents have been carried out in coordination with the Colombian Institute of Family Welfare, this included the creation of a technical working group on criminal responsibility to strengthen knowledge about adolescents at risk or involved System of Criminal Responsibility for Adolescents, and therefore

43,095
BENEFICIARIES
IN AUGUST
13,951
BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

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carry out advocacy and visibility actions. Additionally, the Child Protection subsector has worked on a guide on the gradual reopening of child protection spaces.

The Gender-Based Violence subsector (GBV) has continued to identify and monitor GBV situations in the context of the health emergency by COVID-19. An increased number of Venezuelan women arriving from Ecuador through irregular crossings is noted in Nariño; given the lack of opportunities they find themselves in a situation of prostitution, and even in some cases, as identified by the subsector, their documents are retained to avoid their migration to cities. Threats and risk situations for transsexual women have also been registered, mainly in Arauca and other border areas with Venezuela, due to high presence of illegal armed groups.

A follow-up on the increased number of VBG cases has been reinforced, which has led to remark on the necessity to strengthen services' response and promote presential services in territories that have gradually opened their economies after the COVID-19 quarantine. Finally, the subsector also led a workshop about the use of the Gender and Age Marker (GAM) and the inclusion of the gender approach in the context of the RMRP 2021 planning process.



Refugee and migrant children have participated in fun and recreational activities at the Support Space in Bogotá. / NRC

In August more than **21,100** people accessed protection services such as support and guidance on how to access rights and assistance, and over **16,400** refugees and migrants received legal assistance, representation or advice, including **198** children. Similarly, more than **8,500** girls and boys accessed specialized child protection services, to prevent and respond to violations of rights during their migration process, including access to care and shelter spaces for unaccompanied children and/or adolescents often living on the street, in close coordination with the Colombian Institute of Family Welfare. Besides, more than **160** people, including refugees, migrants and host communities received services in various Support Spaces.

In addition, more than **3,500** refugees and migrants received information services related to the prevention of and response to GBV in the context of mixed migratory flows, and more than **1,000** people were trained in the prevention of and response such type of violence. Finally, **94** persons at risk of trafficking participated in prevention activities related to the creation and dissemination of risk indicators, identification of warning signs, as well as assistance and mechanisms to complain, and **10** persons received assistance services to address trafficking situations.

ORGANIZATIONS*:

Action Against Hunger | UNHCR | UNHCR (Alianza por la Solidaridad - SOS Children's Villages - APOYAR - Bethany - CISP - COALICO - CORPRODINCO - COSPAS - Corporación Ayuda Humanitaria - Corporación Red Somos - Corporación Scalabrini - DRC - Defensoría - Diócesis de Tibú - FAMIG - Heartland Alliance - HIAS - Humanity & Inclusion - Opción Legal - Pastoral Social - Colombian National Red Cross Society - Save the Children - Universidad de Antioquia) | UNHCR/Pastoral del Migrante/UN Women | SOS Children's Villages | Alianza por la Solidaridad | Bethany | Capellanía OFICA | Capellanía OFICA/UNHCR | CARE | CESVI | CISP | Caritas Germany (Pastoral Social) | Caritas Switzerland (FAMIG - Pastoral Social) | Compassion | Compassion/UNICEF | DRC | Diakonie (CID - Fundación Tierra de Paz - Halü) | Fundación Mi Sangre | FUPAD | HIAS | IRC | IsraAID | NRC | NRC/Action Against Hunger | IOM | IOIM/Opción Legal | UN Women | OXFAM/Fundación Mujer y Futuro | Samaritan's Purse | Save the Children | Colombian National Red Cross Society | UNFPA | UNICEF (Fundación Horizontes de Juventud - Colombian National Red Cross Society - Significarte) | War Child | World Vision

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Health

90,666

BENEFICIARIES
IN AUGUST

59,604

BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

27

DEPARTMENTS

In August, more than **90,600** beneficiaries received one or more types of health assistance through **70** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **78** municipalities of **27** departments throughout the national territory. During the month the sector focused its efforts to continue the response in prioritized territories through presential and remote healthcare services. In support to local authorities and health institutions response, personnel protection items were delivered, sanitary controls were reinforced in areas with high concentration of population in transit and with intention to return to Venezuela, and the essential services were maintained.

More than **52,400** primary physical and mental health care consultations, and more than **2,100** emergency care consultations were carried out for refugees and migrants, including deliveries and neonatal care. Similarly, more than **14,100** people received mental health care or psychosocial support, and more than **12,500** people participated in health information, education and communication activities. Regarding sexual and reproductive health, more than **8,900** people received prenatal gynecological, comprehensive and medical care. Finally, **33** children under five years of age with acute malnutrition were assisted, and **400** people were vaccinated according to the with the national immunization schedule.

ORGANIZATIONS*:

Action Against Hunger | UNHCR | UNHCR/Pastoral del Migrante | UNHCR (APOYAR - CISP - CORPRODINCO - Corporación Ayuda Humanitaria - Corporación Red Somos - DRC - Humanity & Inclusion - Malteser International - Pastoral Social - Profamilia) | ADRA | AID FOR AIDS | Americares | Capellanía OFICA/IRC/PAHO-WHO | CARE | CISP | Caritas Switzerland (FAMIG - Pastoral Social) | Compassion | Diakonie (Halü) | Fundación Mi Sangre | FUPAD | GIZ (CEDIMOL /Universidad de Pamplona - Corporación Scalabrini - Gobernación de Norte de Santander - Laboratorio de Salud Pública de Norte de Santander) | HIAS | Humanity & Inclusion | IRC | Malteser International | MedGlobal | IOM | IOM /E.S.E. Bellosalud/E.S.E. Hospital del Sur Gabriel Jaramillo Piedrahita/E.S.E. Hospital San José de Maicao/E.S.E. Isabú/E.S.E. Alejandro Próspero Reverendo/E.S.E. del Municipio de Soacha/E.S.E. Hospital Departamental San Juan de Dios/E.S.E. Hospital Nuestra Señora de los Remedios/E.S.E. Jaime Alvarado y Castilla/E.S.E. Jorge Cristo Sahium/E.S.E. Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro/E.S.E. Hospital Mario Gaitán Yanguas de Soacha/E.S.E. Hospital Universitario de Santander/E.S.E. Hospital San Antonio de Chía/E.S.E. Imsalud/Hospital Carlos Carmona Montoya/Hospital Civil Ipiales/Hospital Eduardo Arredondo Daza/Hospital Materno Infantil de Soledad/Hospital San Vicente De Arauca/I.P.S. Municipal de Ipiales/MIRED I.P.S./ Preventiva Salud I.P.S. S.A.S./Colombian National Red Cross Society/Subred Integrada de Servicios de Salud Centro Oriente | PAHO-WHO | Profamilia | Samaritan's Purse | Save the Children | Colombian National Red Cross Society | Tearfund/Profamilia | UNFPA | UNICEF (Dusakawi IPSI - E.S.E. Hospital San José de Maicao - E.S.E. Jaime Alvarado y Castilla - E.S.E. Jorge Cristo Sahium - E.S.E. Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro - I.P.S. Municipal de Ipiales - MIRED I.P.S.)

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Food Security & Nutrition (FSN)

476,873*

BENEFICIARIES
IN AUGUST

209,019

BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

18

DEPARTMENTS

In August, over **476,800** beneficiaries received one or more types of food and nutrition assistance through **64** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **64** municipalities of **18** departments, in border and transit areas, as well as areas where refugees and migrants have an intention to stay. During the month the FSN sector continued supporting constantly the partners' methodological reporting processes, so as the mapping of their capacities for the evaluation, dissemination and visibility of the coverage of the sector's response. Some key advances were shared, such as GIFMM's scope and coverage in child nutrition and food security, and results regarding food security and nutrition on different needs assessments. In

addition, the sector drafted and published a [Situational Report](#) and a [Sectoral Dashboard](#), which summarizes the response from January to June.

In this way, more than **244,500** people were reached with food assistance, both via transfers, reaching more than **203,700** people (>**170,000** via electronic vouchers, >**32,600** in cash and >**1,100** with other mechanisms), as well as in kind, reaching more than **40,700** refugees and migrants. Hot meals served in community kitchens were provided to more than **86,700** people, food rations were also delivered to more than **62,100** refugees and migrants, and over than **16,500** people transiting by foot (“*caminantes*”) received food kits, thereby assisting the most vulnerable population in need, in line with biosecurity protocols. Also, activities related to the promotion of food self-sufficiency were carried out, including more than **8,800** people who received agricultural tools and materials, as well as over **4,300** people who received inputs to increase self-sufficiency.

Finally, more than **7,900** children and adolescents, as well as more than **3,000** particularly vulnerable pregnant and lactating women, received specific nutrition interventions and finally, in order to prevent nutritional deficiencies and promote key messages on breastfeeding and the nutritional recommendations, more than **2,300** caregivers received counselling on child nutrition.

**This figure includes activities that, by nature, reflect multiple types of assistance to the same beneficiary. The food security and nutrition sector, with the support of the GIFMM, is continuously monitoring these calculations to avoid duplication. Therefore, the figures are subject to change.*

ORGANIZATIONS**:

Action Against Hunger | UNHCR (Bethany - Colombian National Red Cross Society) | AID FOR AIDS | SOS Children’s Villages | Ayuda en Acción | Bethany | Capellanía OFICA/ Action Against Hunger/IRC/World Central Kitchen | CISP | Caritas Germany (Pastoral Social) | Caritas Switzerland (FAMIG) | Compassion | FAO | LWF (IELCO) | Malteser International (ABIUDEA) | MedGlobal | NRC | IOM | IOM /APOYAR/Centro Arquidiocesano Casa de Paso/Corporación Scalabrini/Corporación Vive/Fundación Nuevo Horizonte/Pastoral Social/Colombian National Red Cross Society | OXFAM/Fundación Entre Dos Tierras/Fundación Mujer y Futuro | Pastoral Social | PLAN | Samaritan’s Purse | Save the Children | Colombian National Red Cross Society | Tearfund | UNICEF (APOYAR - Dusakawi IPSI - E.S.E. Hospital San José de Maicao - E.S.E. Jaime Alvarado y Castilla - E.S.E. Jorge Cristo Sahium - E.S.E. Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro - Fundación Guajira Naciente - I.P.S. Municipal de Ipiales - MIREI I.P.S. - PROINCO - TdH Italia) | WFP | WFP (Action Against Hunger - APOYAR - Alcaldía de Jamundí - Ayatashi Wayaa - COMFIAR - CONSORNOC - CORPOSCAL - COSPAS - Club Kiwanis - Comisión Arquidiocesana Vida Justicia y Paz - Corporación Scalabrini - FUNDALIANZA - Fundación Ángel de Mi Guarda - Fundación Escuela Nueva - Fundación Guajira Naciente - Makuira - Misioneros de San Carlos - PROINCO - Parroquia San Francisco de Asís - Pastoral Social - Colombian National Red Cross Society - Samaritan’s Purse - World Vision) | World Vision

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Multipurpose CBI

During the month of August, more than **98,200** beneficiaries received one or more types of support through **21** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **64** municipalities of **17** departments. These refugees and migrants mostly benefited from multipurpose cash transfers, through prepaid cards, direct cash, and electronic transfers.

ORGANIZATIONS*:

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98,233
BENEFICIARIES
IN AUGUST
46,088
BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

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Coordination

In August, at the national level, the GIFMM focused on the RMRP 2021 planning process, completing successfully the joint analysis phase and making progress in the calculations of the projections and people in need (PiN). 17 planning workshops among the GIFMM structure were carried out during the month: 12 with local GIFMMs, 4 with Venezuelan civil society organizations and one, on 21 August, with the sector leads. The workshops included context analysis on scenarios, movements, needs and response, based on key inputs such as the results of the third round of the GIFMM Joint Needs Assessment for Refugees and Migrants in context of COVID-19 (JNA III). As for the JNA III process, the joint analysis phase was finished with the national technical team; the reporting phase is in progress and the results report will be published in September.

Local GIFMMs, the field level representation of the national platform, as the spaces for coordination of the operational response at the local level, worked in close collaboration with coordination mechanisms of local authorities on the following activities:

- In **Antioquia**, the Carlos Mauro Hoyos temporary shelter closed its operation after having the support of GIFMM members to implement a holistic exit strategy for the population staying there. Similarly, the Secretariat of Social Inclusion, Family and Human Rights of the Mayor's Office of Medellín began the implementation of the work component "Territorial Alliances for Migration" in close coordination with the GIFMM team. Finally, the local GIFMM Multisector working group, with the support of the Medellín Administrative Department of Disaster Risk Management (DAGR), started the elaboration of the contingency plan; also, progress has been made in the articulation strategy for this joint work.
- In **Arauca**, in order to continue supporting the temporary shelter located in the Plaza de Ferias in the municipality of Arauca, the local GIFMM made a visit to identify possible refurbishment for this space. At the same time, support in health and nutrition in the municipalities of Arauca, Arauquita, Saravena and Tame municipalities continued, so as support through tele-guidance including orientation in protection, food security and psychological support. Various actions in water and sanitation are highlighted, such as the delivery of key infrastructure, training at the institutional level and dissemination of key messages on hygiene. In addition, technical assistance was provided to the municipality of Arauca for the formation of the Municipal Mental Health Committee, and a mental health sub-table composed by local partners was set up for local coordination purposes. Finally, articulation actions were carried out to integrate actions of the GIFMM in the neighboring department of Casanare, in coordination with the corresponding authorities.
- In **Bogotá and region**, two meetings were held with the team of the Government of Cundinamarca to brief on the key actions of the members, especially on health, cash-based interventions, legal advice and orientation, among others, in order to coordinate joint actions with the Government, particularly for the design of an action plan for the response to refugees and migrants. In addition, remote assistance through hotlines continued, as well as temporary shelter under biosecurity criteria and assistance through cash transfers.
- In **Cesar**, the members of the local GIFMM have made progress in coordinating with the Social Management division of the Mayor's Office of Valledupar, to determine joint actions with the participation of the Border Management Office and the local Government Secretariat. The delivery of multipurpose cash transfers, hygiene kits and sleeping kits continued. Also, coordination for sexual and reproductive health and family planning care, as well as assistance to people with specific needs, have both been strengthened.
- The local GIFMM in **Costa Caribe** continued to accompany the health sector, through logistical support for the Juan Domínguez Romero Hospital in Soledad municipality (**Atlántico**). Similarly, a joint planning meeting was held for the exercise of identifying children and adolescents living on the streets, in the context of the DTM (Displacement Tracking Matrix) project which will be conducted in the municipalities of Soledad and Barranquilla; in these same municipalities and in Cartagena (**Bolívar**). In response to requests from the authorities, WASH infrastructure was delivered. In all three departments (including **Magdalena**) in-kind assistance for the refugee and migrant population also continued, particularly in food security and education, in articulation with local authorities. Finally, close

coordination was maintained with Venezuelan population organizations to provide support in the delivery of food assistance.

- In **La Guajira** attention remained, in support of local authorities, for the response to refugees and migrants affected by the flood season and in settlements in Maicao municipality. Similarly, activities and deliveries of WASH inputs continued, with a focus on prevention of COVID-19 in communities and in the active temporary shelters, where non-food items were also delivered, and capacity-building actions continue through virtual workshops.
- In **Nariño**, the Support Space in Catambuco was inaugurated on 24 August, in articulation with the Pasto municipality authorities, this space is aimed at assisting the refugee and migrant population, particularly for refugees and migrants in transit. As part of the strengthening process, two training sessions were held on international protection, migration policy, health and migration for the staff of the Mayor's Office that will be working there, this training will also be offered to the staff of the Mayor's Offices of Cuaspud and Carlosama municipalities. Finally, the Integration working group was launched through partners' mapping activities, identification of gaps and articulation of actions among humanitarian partners and with Venezuelan civil society organizations.
- In **Norte de Santander** support to local authorities continued for the response at the Tienditas Health Care Center (CAST), located at the Las Tienditas International Bridge in Villa del Rosario, including assistance in temporary housing, water, sanitation and hygiene, and health and food services, giving continuity to the protective space for children and adolescents. In addition, a characterization assessment-based exercise was carried out on a property owned by local authorities near the Venezuelan border, where a refugee and migrant population had settled in order to return to their country, and then, under vulnerability criteria, population was prioritized for an evacuation plan tailored to the specific situation at this property. The provision of services for the prevention of and assistance to COVID-19 was maintained through both hotlines and face-to-face assistance, in accordance with biosecurity measures.
- The local GIFMM in **Santander** provided health care to refugees and migrants in transit in different points of Bucaramanga, including through mobile units, and also with the delivery of hygiene kits, food and socialization of COVID-19 preventative messages. Attention and orientation services were maintained through hotlines, as well as general medical care through appointments, and response through multi-purpose cash transfers to families with difficulties in generating income.
- In **Valle del Cauca**, the local GIFMM accompanied the local authorities for the assistance to refugees and migrants, so as for the implementation of biosecurity and sanitation measures in the Santa Elena marketplace in Cali. Similarly, priority primary health care, psychosocial care and delivery of medicines continued through the E.S.E. Centro de Cali, in addition to first level care (general medicine, psychology, nutrition and dentistry) and second level care (obstetrics) at the Carlos Carmona Hospital, also in Cali.



Information Management

In August, a total of **7** information products were published at the national and local level, all focused on reporting the response to COVID-19 and the coordinated adaptation of the operation to the health emergency and its impacts, including:

- **1** *Flash Update* COVID-19 produced by the National GIFMM team ([31 August](#)).
- **1** report on the COVID-19 response produced by the local GIFMM in Cesar ([30 June](#)).
- **2** information products covering the monthly local response in Antioquia ([Operational Map of Eje Cafetero – January to June](#)), and an [infographic about gender-based violence in Medellín – January to May](#)).
- **3** information products from National Sectors: **Multisector:** [Quick guide on the use of hostels as temporary shelters for the attention to refugees and migrant](#) | **Food Security and Nutrition:** [Situational Report](#) and [Sectoral Dashboard](#) about the response from January to June.



Communications

On 19 August, the World Humanitarian Day was commemorated, but the awareness about this date was extended during the month to recognize the work and dedication of thousands of humanitarian workers around the world and to remember all those who lost their lives in the service of humanitarian action, human rights and the most affected population. GIFMM partners joined this celebration by using the hashtag #HéroesSinCapa (heroes without a cape) and sharing stories and related content on social media.

This year, due to COVID-19, a special tribute was paid to humanitarian workers for their unwavering dedication to save lives and provide assistance to those in need, particularly to those thousands of national and international humanitarian workers in Colombia, from the United Nations System and nearly 80 humanitarian organizations, who work every day to help people in need amid the extreme situations in the country.



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