

Southern Cone



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS
IN THE SUBREGION

202,373



PEOPLE REACHED WITH SOME
FORM OF ASSISTANCE*

12,402



FUNDING SITUATION**

22%

FUNDED: 8 MILLION

REQUIREMENT: 34,1 MILLION

Situation

- **While Uruguay and Paraguay have managed to keep contagions at bay, Argentina and Bolivia continued to see an increase in COVID-19 positive cases during this month**, with public health facilities threatened to exceed their capacities to respond to patients. In spite of the increase in cases in Argentina and Bolivia, self-isolation measures have been relaxed, mainly due to economic pressures. One Venezuelan died in Argentina due to COVID-19.
- **The humanitarian impact of the pandemic on refugees and migrants from Venezuela continued to be difficult and disproportionate** after more than four months of lockdown, as many continue without means to reengage in income and livelihoods activities. Many continue to lack shelter, food and money to pay for their basic needs.
- **Border closures were maintained in the four countries.** In Paraguay, the Executive Secretariat of the National Refugee Commission (CONARE) requested support from R4V partners for the family reunification of a group of Venezuelans, relatives of a Venezuelan residing in Asunción, who were stranded on the border with Brazil (Ponta Porá and Foz de Iguazú).
- **In La Quiaca, Argentina (border with Bolivia), partners were informed that several Venezuelans have been returned to Bolivia**, after attempts to cross the border using irregular routes. On the Bolivian side (Villazon), partners continued to monitor the situation of Venezuelans who were still stranded at this border point.



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Response***



ARGENTINA: 100% Diversidad, ADRA, ASOVEN, CAREF, FCCAM, IOM, Jesuit Migrant Service, Red Cross Argentina, UNHCR.

BOLIVIA: Caritas Bolivia, Caritas Cochabamba, Caritas Switzerland, IOM, Munasim Kullakita Foundation, Scalabrini Foundation, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, World Vision.

PARAGUAY: IOM, Semillas para la Democracia, UNFPA, UNHCR.

URUGUAY: ADRA, Idas y Vueltas, IOM, Manos Veneguayas, SEDHU, UNHCR.

- As lockdown measures extended, partners continued to provide **shelter solutions, to prevent homelessness among** the most vulnerable Venezuelan refugees and migrants, **NFIs** (especially medicines and hygiene/cleaning and winter clothes kits), **food and multipurpose cash assistance** to cover their basic needs.
- **Primary health care assistance** as well as interventions targeting **children's education and birth registrations** were carried out in Bolivia as well as **psychosocial support and integration activities** in Paraguay and Uruguay, where restrictive measures had relaxed.
- In Argentina, partners have begun to resume activities aiming for the **the socio-economic integration of refugees and migrants from Venezuela**, using innovative methods including online micro-entrepreneurship support, workshops and dissemination of job vacancies, and work regulations in host countries. Similar efforts were undertaken in Paraguay and Uruguay.
- In **Argentina, a permanent roundtable (MACRIM)** was set up between partners and government counterparts to define a coordination model and national policies, geared towards the **delivery of assistance, social protection and local integration** for refugees and migrants.
- Partners provided **social-legal advice to refugees and migrants on access to asylum and regularization** procedures and documentation in the four countries. Messages reinforcing the risks of return to Venezuela were shared by partners, as cases of people wanting to return were reported in Argentina and Bolivia.
- Partners continued to **provide age and gender-sensitive assistance**, with 43% per cent of beneficiaries being women and 25% per cent children. In this regard, assistance has been provided for GBV survivors, unaccompanied minors and LGBTI refugees and migrants. 86% per cent of activities implemented by partners were COVID-19 related.



PEOPLE REACHED*



Food Security

4,713



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Health

405



Education

84



Integration

379



NFI

2,756



Protection

4,950



Shelter

498



CBI

1,414

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