

VENEZUELAN IN COLOMBIA<sup>a</sup>

1.71M

BENEFICIARIES WHO  
RECEIVED ONE OR MORE  
KINDS OF ASSISTANCE IN  
OCTOBER<sup>b</sup>

563,403

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW OCTOBER<sup>c</sup>  
REQUIRED: 782.3M USD29.8% FUNDED: 233.2M  
USD

769,207

WITH REGULAR  
MIGRATION STATUS

946,624

WITH IRREGULAR  
MIGRATION STATUS

146

ORGANIZATIONS\*

32

DEPARTMENTS\*\*

## Situation

- On 9 October, Colombia Migration announced a **new Special Stay Permit** (*Permiso Especial de Permanencia*, PEP for its Spanish acronym) **for refugees and migrants who entered Colombia before 31 August 2020** with a stamped passport. The expeditions will be available from 15 October 2020 to 15 February 2021, and the process can be complete through Colombia Migration's webpage<sup>1</sup>.
- On 28 October, the National Government updated Decree 1168's validity to **extend the "Selective Isolation" phase until 30 November**, which includes more control on activities that can lead to agglomerations to prevent contagion of COVID-19<sup>2</sup>.

### KEY FIGURES<sup>d</sup>

4.98M VENEZUELAN WITH BORDER  
MOBILITY CARDS (TMF)118,495 VENEZUELAN IN TRANSIT DUE TO  
UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES (*FORCE MAJEURE*)11,974 VENEZUELAN LEFT THE COUNTRY  
THROUGH THE RUMICHACA BORDER CROSSING  
IN 2020

### DISAGGREGATION OF BENEFICIARIES



19%



36%



18%



26%

## Response

- WASH:** >81,100 refugees and migrants received sanitary and hygiene kits, and items; >45,200 (including >5,500 children) were provided with water and sanitation services at support spaces and other vital spots (community kitchens, health centers, etc.).
- Education:** >5,200 children and adolescent refugees and migrants benefitted from formal and non-formal Education in emergency services, and >2,500 school-aged children and adolescents were enrolled in national educational institutions.
- Integration:** >3,400 refugees and migrants were reached with activities promoting social cohesion and integration, >2,000 were supported in entrepreneurial, or self-employment initiatives, and >1,500 were supported to access employment opportunities.
- Multisector:** >21,600 refugees and migrants were provided with household items, and >14,100 were supported with individual and collective short and mid-term accommodation services.
- Protection:** >21,400 refugees and migrants were provided with protection services (excluding legal services), >19,400 children and adolescents were provided with child protection services, >11,700 were provided with legal assistance, representation or advice and >5,300 refugees and migrants were reached with information services on GBV prevention and response.
- Health:** >60,400 primary physical and emergency health care consultations (including delivery and newborn care) took place, >29,700 people received mental healthcare and psychosocial support, >14,100 were reached through health communication activities and >10,100 refugees and migrants were beneficiaries of prenatal, medical, integral and gynecological attentions.
- Food Security and Nutrition:** >382,600 people were reached with food assistance (transfers and in-kind), 43,300 were provided with school feeding activities, and >28,600 refugees and migrants were provided with hot meals at community kitchens.
- CBI:** >90.600 people accessed multipurpose cash transfers.

BENEFICIARIES  
ACCUMULATIVE  
JAN-OCT

WASH

668,948



Education

69,813



Integration

37,125



Multisector

234,067



Protection

291,626



Health

565,221



FSN

1,452,490



CBI

278,124

<sup>1</sup> Colombia Migration (2020, 9 October). Colombia Migration launches new Special Stay Permit for Venezuelans. <https://bit.ly/3njnqzQ>

<sup>2</sup> Presidency (2020, 28 October). National Government extends until October the decree on Selective Isolation and Responsible Individual Distance. <https://bit.ly/34iNppX>

Infographic: Venezuelans in Colombia, Colombia Migration, as of 30 September 2020. <sup>b</sup> ActivityInfo Report as of October 2020. <sup>c</sup> FTS Report <sup>d</sup> Migration report of Venezuelans in Colombia, Colombia Migration, as of 3 November 2020. \*Including direct and implementing partners. \*\*During September, 31 departments reported activities. In 26 of them beneficiaries were reached directly.



## Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

**143,866**  
BENEFICIARIES  
IN OCTOBER  
**112,440**  
BY COVID-19

**20**  
DEPARTMENTS

During October, **143,800** beneficiaries received one or more types of assistance related to water, sanitation, and hygiene from **33** RMRP direct and implementing partners in **53** municipalities of **20** departments. The Norte de Santander WASH workgroup conducted a WASH needs assessment in Pamplona municipality, given the possible opening of a health care center. The WASH workgroups in La Guajira, Arauca, and Norte de Santander departments, in coordination with local authorities, carried out activities to commemorate the International Handwashing Day (15 October) with actions in informal settlements, public spots, and at the Tienditas Sanitary Attention Center (CAST). On the other hand, due to the rains that have affected La Guajira department since September, the Sector's partners responded to the emergency through hygiene items and water supply in informal settlements affected by the floods. Finally, the Sector developed and published a [Guide on handwashing systems](#).

This month, activities included the distribution of kits and sanitation and hygiene items to more than **81,100** refugees and migrants while considering the diverse needs of women, girls, boys, adolescents, and pregnant mothers, among others. Also, over **45,200** 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 **5,500** children and adolescents who accessed these services in learning and child development spaces. Similarly, more than **16,300** people -including host communities- accessed safe water and basic sanitation facilities and training in their communities. Finally, over **1,100** people received water and sanitation services at the community and institutional level.



During the International Handwashing Day commemoration, hygiene kits were delivered to refugee and migrant communities in an informal settlement in Maicao, La Guajira. / Save the Children

### ORGANIZATIONS\*:

Action Against Hunger | UNHCR | UNHCR (Bethany - DRC - Opción Legal - Pastoral Social - SNCRC) | ADRA | Bethany | CAPELLANIA OFICA/Corporación Internacional PINOS | CARE COLOMBIA | CISP | Caritas Germany (Pastoral Social) | Caritas Switzerland (FAMIG) | Halü | Malteser International/ABIUDEA | Mercy Corps | NRC | NRC/ Action Against Hunger - DRC, UNICEF - World Vision - Fundación Plan | IOM | PAHO-WHO | PLAN | PUI and SI | Pastoral Social | SNCRC | Samaritan's Purse | UNICEF (APOYAR - Fundación Guajira Naciente - Halü - PROINCO - SNCRC - TdH Italy) | World Vision

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## Education

**7,074**  
BENEFICIARIES  
IN OCTOBER  
**3,949**  
BY COVID-19

**17**  
DEPARTMENTS

During the month, more than **7,000** beneficiaries received one or more types of assistance through **12** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **40** municipalities of **17** departments, in border and transit areas, and in areas where refugees and migrants have an intention to stay.

In October, the Sector continued with the support to the Education Secretariats and educational institutions in the gradual preparation for safe returns to school under an alternating model, following Ministerial Directive 016. Simultaneously, aiming the number of out-of-school refugee and migrant children and adolescents (NNA), joint activities have been implemented to enable their enrollment in the educational system. Finally, the deployment of support strategies to prevent school dropouts,

such as the delivery of educational supplies, school accompaniment, and formal and non-formal distance education with quality standards, has also continued.

More than **5,200** children and adolescent refugees, migrants, returnees, and members of the host communities accessed non-formal and formal Education in emergency services. Besides, more than **2,500** 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\*:

UNHCR | UNHCR (Opción Legal) | Bethany | IRC | NRC | NRC/ Save the Children – UNICEF, UNICEF - World Vision - Fundación Plan | IOM | PLAN | Save the Children | UNICEF (CID - Opción Legal - World Vision) | World Vision

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## Integration

During the month, more than **8,500** beneficiaries received one or more types of assistance through **30** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **16** municipalities of **8** departments, in border and transit areas, as well as areas where refugees and migrants have an intention to stay.

On entrepreneurship activities, training was provided in business skills, diversification of marketing channels, food handling, digital marketing, strengthening of soft skills, financial education, and saving culture, among others. Regarding employability, diverse assistance and support were provided: personal protection items for work, improvements to connectivity, accompaniment and advice for refugees and migrants during work interviews, and training in digital literacy and soft skills, among others. In the area of social cohesion, community workshops, training on citizen culture, educational activities with young people, and awareness-raising spaces with host communities were carried out.

The Sector highlights the beginning of the 'Integral Actions 2020' program, led by the Ministry of Labor and designed to strengthen labor insertion of refugees and migrants within their host communities through awareness activities and dissemination of information on recruitment processes targeted to this population. For this purpose, the [2020 calendar on Integral Actions](#) is available, including information on the dates of key activities with officials, refugees and migrants, entrepreneurs and host communities.

More than **3,400** people were reached with activities that promote social cohesion, including community integration days with the host population. More than **2,000** 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, **1,500** refugees and migrants were supported in accessing employment opportunities.

#### ORGANIZATIONS\*:

Action Against Hunger | UNHCR | UNHCR (Corporación Mundial de la Mujer (CMMC) - COSPAS - Comfenalco - Corporación Ayuda Humanitaria - Opción Legal - Pastoral del Migrante) | UNHCR/PADF, Gerencia de Fronteras, UNICEF | CAPELLANIA OFICA | Compassion International/JRS LAC | Corporación Minuto de Dios | Cuso International | Cuso International (CEDESOCIAL) | Cuso International/Fundación Carvajal | FAO | PADF | GIZ (CEFE - COSPAS - Fundación Casa Morada - Fundación Hablemos) | GIZ/Resplandor Servicios SAS) | NRC | IOM | IOM/Ayuda en Acción | JRS Col/GIZ | UNICEF (Fundación Horizontes de Juventud)

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**8,510**  
BENEFICIARIES  
IN OCTOBER  
**2,457**  
BY COVID-19

**8**  
DEPARTMENTS



*Orientation workshop on business formalization and digital marketing / PADF*



## Multisector

10,490

BENEFICIARIES  
SHELTER  
IN OCTOBER

9,400

BY COVID-19

20,603

BENEFICIARIES  
NFI  
IN OCTOBER

14,010

BY COVID-19

841

BENEFICIARIES  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
IN OCTOBER

544

BY COVID-19

18

DEPARTMENTS

During October, more than **37,300** beneficiaries received one or more types of support through **32** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **50** municipalities of **20** departments, in border and transit areas, as well as areas where refugees and migrants have an intention to stay.

Throughout the month, the local response was strengthened by accompanying the consolidation of the Norte de Santander Multisectoral Work Group. In addition, the Sector's partners continued providing collective and individual temporary shelter solutions in accordance with COVID-19 prevention and protection measures, as well as services in the delivery of non-food items to the population in transit, delivered in shelters and analogous environments (e.g., hotels, hostels and specialized shelters). As for humanitarian transport, while providing this service only in specific cases of protection or health-related issues, internal transport modalities have been gradually resumed throughout the country, keeping restrictions on border-to-border transport.

More than **21,600** people were provided with household items, such as kitchen kits. More than **14,100** people accessed collective and individual accommodation, and over **5,300** were reached through humanitarian transport services, and finally, over **3,300** refugees and migrants accessed telecommunications services.

### ORGANIZATIONS\*:

UNHCR | UNHCR (APS - CISP - CORPRODINCO - Corporación Scalabrini – COSPAS - DRC - FAMIG - Opción Legal - Pastoral Social - JRS Col - SNCRC) | ACT Alliance (Fundación Pazos) | Bethany | CAPELLANIA OFICA/IOM | CISP | Cuso International/Fundación Carvajal | Caritas Germany (Pastoral Social) | Caritas Switzerland (FAMIG - Pastoral Social) | Malteser Internacional (ABIUDEA) | IOM | IOM/APOYAR, Centro Arquidiocesano Casa de Paso, Club Kiwanis, Corporación Scalabrini, Corporación Vive, Fundación Horizontes de Juventud, Fundación Paso a Paso, Opción Legal, Pastoral Social, SNCRC, Samaritan's Purse | OXFAM/Fundación Mujer y Futuro | Pastoral Social/OIM | Samaritan's Purse | SNCRC | World Vision

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Attention to refugees and migrants in transit in Santander department / SOS Children's Villages

## Feature Story: "A better life for Emeli and her family"

Today is a cloudy day in Medellín and Emeli Colmenarez is at the Integral Center of Ambulatory Services for Women and Families (CISAMF in Spanish), waiting for attention.

At the age of 30, Emeli came to this city from her native Venezuela, looking for new opportunities for herself, her partner and her first child who was on the way. Upon arriving in Colombia, Emeli recalls that they had no family or social support networks and were unaware of the range of free services available in the city. In particular, she was



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concerned about her pregnancy and her baby's health, but she did not have the resources to cover the costs related to medical visits.

At the temporary shelter located at the El Pedregal Multi-sports court, Emeli contacted staff from the International Rescue Committee (IRC), who explained to her about the availability of prenatal care services CISAMF. Thanks to the support of the European Commission's Department for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO), IRC has been able to provide sexual and reproductive health services, free of charge, to Emeli and more than 5,400 women and girls in Medellín.

In addition to the concern about her pregnancy, Emeli and her family were strongly affected by the health emergency caused by COVID-19, as they lost their livelihoods. Thus, Emeli was part of a group of people who received food packages thanks to the joint work of IRC with the Secretary of Social Inclusion, Family, and Human Rights of Medellín. Months later, when her baby was born, Emeli contacted the IRC team to access the offer of reversible long-term contraceptive methods. About the IRC health program, Emeli says, "I already knew about the general medicinal services provided by IRC, including birth control and all that, and thanks to them, I was able to get my arm brace for contraception. I found it to be good and helpful".

Yesenia Osorio, supervisor of IRC's health program in Medellín, says, "We have a wide range of contraceptive methods. We offer from short term methods to permanent methods for men and women. This allows women and adolescents to exercise their right to make free, autonomous and informed decisions about their bodies, sexuality, and desire to have or not to have children". Additionally, IRC has provided Emeli advice on the range of services available in the city and how to ensure their child. As a Colombian citizen, her child has the right to access the Subsidized Health Regime.

Today Emeli is happy with her baby and her husband, and she is very grateful to IRC for the support they have given her and her family.

56,079

BENEFICIARIES  
IN OCTOBER  
17,563  
BY COVID-19

28

DEPARTMENTS



## Protection

In October, more than **56,000** beneficiaries were provided with one or more types of protection assistance through **53** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **109** municipalities of **28** departments, in border and transit areas, as well as areas where refugees and migrants have an intention to stay.

The Protection sector elaborated and published an [Operational Presence Map](#). Likewise, for child protection issues in Coordination with the Work Group for Refugee and Migrant Children, initial inquiries on the possibility of holding a connectivity day at the Health Care Center of Tienditas (CAST), in Norte de Santander advanced, intending to detail places and tight bonds among separated and accompanied children and adolescents (NNA) who are looking for their relatives or support networks.



*Dialogue with communities for the prevention of risk of statelessness / UNICEF*

On the other hand, from the Children's Working Group, progress was made in a possible activation of the system for family contact reestablishment in cases of separated children, keeping a continuous follow-up and record of cases, in Coordination with organizations on the Venezuelan side of the border to facilitate that this registry of cases will be handled in a similar way in Coordination with local authorities.

Additionally, to continue supporting the Colombian State in the implementation of the measure to prevent statelessness for children born in Colombia, from Venezuelan families, In partnership with the National Civil Registry and the Ministry of Health, civil registry units were set up in the 29 public hospitals with the highest number of child births, which are located in 23 municipalities in 10 departments.

In October, the subsector of gender-based violence (GBV) received alerts about the process of complaints and the urgency in assisting protection cases for survivors of GBV, such as barriers to access to voluntary

interruption of pregnancy for women with irregular status due to the requirement of a migration permit to move to other cities, and the identification of gaps in gynecological care, specifically cytology, in Norte de Santander. On the other hand, difficulties persist in accessing health services in Nariño for women in prostitution, so as the displacement and risk of forced disappearance for Venezuelan women who engage in survival sex. Also, xenophobic attacks against those in transit by foot ('caminantes'), especially LGBTI+ people, have been reported.

As part of the monitoring and follow-up exercise on eviction incidents, following the first phase of monitoring at the national level, which ended on 19 October, sector partners have been contributing to the regional-level eviction form that will be a key instrument for advocacy purposes. The exercise has revealed significant information in terms of GBV: about 15% of the evicted women are pregnant and/or lactating women. Also, diverse cases of concern were reported about inappropriate proposals, such as engaging in prostitution or other sexual-related suggestions, sexual harassment, threats of child abuse, mistreatment, xenophobia and offensive comments in exchange for payment of rent. In terms of response, the interinstitutional coordination spaces at the local level have facilitated to develop interagency and agreed key actions to address those situations.

Additionally, according to the updated figures of the Observatory of the Crime of Human Trafficking of the Ministry of the Interior, as of 31 October, 84 people have been registered as victims of human trafficking during 2020. Although there is no disaggregated information on this figure for refugees and migrants, according to the Task Force on Trafficking and Smuggling this is a warning about possible under-registration, so as a calling to work closely together to follow-up the situation.

Regarding the illegal trafficking of refugees and migrants, progress was made in in terms of situational awareness in Nariño, as well as the acknowledgment of the prevention and comprehensive assistance routes, and the difficulties in reporting cases and in accessing services. Likewise, in Coordination with the Ombudsman's Office, some of the National Government's challenges were taken up again about the response to human trafficking and smuggling of refugees and migrants. also, a coordination space was created for technical assistance in updating national regulations.

In October, more than **21,400** people accessed protection services such as support and guidance on how to access rights and assistance, and over **19,400** 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. Also, more than **11,700** refugees and migrants received legal assistance, representation or advice, including **36** boys, girls and adolescents. Besides, over **1,000** refugees, migrants and people from host communities were assisted in Support Spaces.

Besides, over **5,300** refugees and migrants received information services related to the prevention of and response to GBV in the context of mixed migratory flows, more than **3,500** people were trained in the prevention of and response such type of violence, and **700** refugees and migrants accessed protection assistance in contexts of double affectation.

Respecting to the response on Human Trafficking and Smuggling, **110** participated in capacity building activities for responses associated with combating trafficking or smuggling; also, more than **90** people at risk of trafficking were reached through prevention activities in transit or destination areas, and more than **60** Venezuelan refugees and migrants were reached through services for victims of trafficking.

**ORGANIZATIONS\*:**

Action Against Hunger | UNHCR | UNHCR/PADF | (Action Against Hunger – Apoyar - APS – Bethany – COALICO – SOS Children’s Villages - CISP - CORPRODINCO - COSPAS - Comfenalco - Corporación Ayuda Humanitaria - Corporación Scalabrini - DRC - Defensoría - Diócesis de Tibú - FAMIG - Heartland Alliance - Hias - Opción Legal - Pastoral del Migrante - Pastoral para los Migrantes - JRS Col - SNCRC - Save the Children - Universidad de Antioquia) | UNHCR/Pastoral Social | Bethany | CAPELLANIA OFICA | CARE COLOMBIA | CISP/INTERSOS | Caritas Germany (Pastoral Social) | Caritas Switzerland (FAMIG - Pastoral Social) | Compassion International | Compassion International/UNICEF | DRC | FAO (Lutheran World Federation) | Fundación ProBono | Fundación mi Sangre | GIZ (Corporación Scalabrini - Defensoría) | IRC | NRC | NRC/ Action Against Hunger – DRC, Save the Children - UNICEF | IOM | IOM/Opción Legal | UN-Habitat | OXFAM (Fundación Mujer y Futuro) | PLAN | Pastoral Social/UNHCR | SNCRC | Save the Children | Samaritan's Purse | TdH Italy | UNFPA | UNICEF (CIDEMOS - Fundación Horizontes de Juventud - SNCRC - Signifcarte) | War Child | World Vision

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## Health

**116,136**  
BENEFICIARIES  
IN OCTOBER  
**65,604**  
BY COVID-19

**32**  
DEPARTMENTS

In October, more than **116,100** beneficiaries received one or more types of health assistance through **73** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **129** municipalities of **32** departments throughout the national territory. Health sector partners, present in more than 25 departments of the country, continued to strengthen access to primary health care for the refugee and migrant population. In October, orientation and direct service provision continued, targeted to the most vulnerable groups due to their health conditions, the risks to which they are exposed and their limitations in access to the health system. Besides, the Sector provided technical support and accompaniment by strengthening both technical and operational capacities of local health authorities and institutions. Nevertheless, there are still challenges in the access to complementary mental health services, particularly for specialized attention, care and control of chronic and high-cost diseases, as well as to strengthen prevention and epidemiological surveillance actions in the framework of the COVID-19 sanitary emergency, in addition to the increased risk conditions in some regions with the second rainy season.

During the month more than **57,300** primary physical and mental health care consultations, and more than **3,000** emergency care consultations were carried out for refugees and migrants, including deliveries and neonatal care. Besides, more than **29**, people received mental health care or psychosocial support and over **14,100** people participated in health information, education and communication activities. Regarding sexual and reproductive health, more than **10,100** people received prenatal gynecological, comprehensive and medical care. Additionally, **1,000** children under 5 years of age with acute malnutrition were treated, and finally, over **580** people were vaccinated according to the with the national immunization schedule.



Home healthcare for refugees and migrants. / WHO-PAHO

**ORGANIZATIONS\*:**

Action Against Hunger | UNHCR | UNHCR (APOYAR - CISP - CORPRODINCO - Corporación Ayuda Humanitaria - DRC - Humanity & Inclusion - Malteser International - Opción Legal - Pastoral Social - Pastoral del Migrante - Profamilia - SNCRC) | ADRA | AID FOR AIDS | Americares | CAPELLANIA OFICA/IRC, PAHO-WHO | CARE COLOMBIA | CARE COLOMBIA/UNFPA | CISP | Caritas Switzerland (FAMIG - Pastoral Social) | Compassion International (Profamilia) | Fundación Baylor/Fundación Cultural Simón Bolívar | GIZ (Hospital Erazmo Meoz) | Humanity & Inclusion | IRC | Malteser International | Mdm MedGlobal | Medical Teams International | IOM (Clínica General del Caribe- Corporación Milagro - E.S.E BELLOSALUD - E.S.E Hospital del Sur Gabriel Jaramillo Piedrahita - E.S.E Hospital San José de Maicao - E.S.E Hospital San Vicente de Paúl De Caldas - E.S.E ISABU - E.S.E. Alejandro Prospero Reverend - 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 - Ese Hospital Mario Gaitan Yanguas de Soacha – E.S.E Hospital San Rafael de San Juan del Cesar – E.S.E Hospital Universitario de Santander - E.S.E Hospital San Antonio de Chía - E.S.E IMSALUD - E.S.E Moreno y Clavijo - Hospital Carlos Carmona Montoya - Hospital Civil Ipiales - Hospital Eduardo Arredondo Daza - Hospital Materno Infantil de Soledad - Halü - Hospital Departamental Juan Domínguez Romero de Soledad - Hospital General De Medellín - Hospital Regional de la Orinoquía - Hospital San Andres Empresa Social del Estado - Hospital San Juan de Dios de Floridablanca - I.P.S. Municipal de Ipiales - Mi red Barranquilla - PREVENTIVA SALUD IPS S.A.S - SIES SALUD - SNCRC - SUBRED INTEGRADA DE SERVICIOS DE SALUD CENTRO ORIENTE) | PAHO-WHO | PUI and SI | Profamilia | SNCRC | Samaritan's Purse | Save the Children | Tearfund | Tearfund/Americares, Profamilia, SNCRC | UNFPA | UNFPA (Profamilia) | UNICEF (Action Against Hunger - Dusakawi IPSI - E.S.E. Jorge Cristo Sahium - E.S.E. Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro – E.S.E Hospital San José de Maicao - I.P.S. Municipal de Ipiales - MIREC IPS)

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512,520\*  
BENEFICIARIES  
IN OCTOBER  
138,326  
BY COVID-19

18  
DEPARTMENTS

## Food Security and Nutrition (FSN)

In October, more than **512,500** beneficiaries received one or more types of food and nutrition assistance through **54** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **68** municipalities of **18** departments, in border and transit areas, as well as areas where refugees and migrants have an intention to stay. The FNS Sector presented to the National Government the main approaches, people reached, challenges and difficulties regarding the response on food security and nutrition in 2020, to which the Government acknowledged the efforts made. However, as a sector, it should be noted that due to the effect of restrictions and the impact of the health emergency caused by COVID-19, the challenges in food and nutritional security continue to be relevant to the extent that the figure of the refugees and migrants in Colombia has doubled. Therefore, Coordination between the Basic Care Units of the Colombian Institute of Family Welfare (ICBF) and the GIFMM's FNS schemes are essential to strengthen and enhance the response, especially for the upcoming year.

Additionally, the FSN Sector accompanied the GIFMM Technical Team on Needs Assessment and Analysis (ETEAN in Spanish) for the implementation of the fourth round of the Joint Needs Assessment on refugees and migrants in the context of COVID-19. This support focused on including recommendations on breastfeeding, which informs and establishes the baseline for the response in 2021 on indicators such as access, food consumption and frequency, dietary diversity, coping strategies, and breastfeeding.

In this way, more than **382,600** people were reached with food assistance, both via transfers, reaching more than **364,700** people (>**322,500** via electronic or paper-based vouchers, >**41,700** in cash and >**400** with other mechanisms), as well as in kind, reaching more than **17**, refugees and migrants. Besides, **43,300** were provided with food baskets as an alternative to school feeding; also, hot meals were served in community kitchens were provided to more than **28,600** people, and more than **19,500** people transiting by foot ("caminantes") received food kits, and food rations were delivered to more than **10,600** refugees and migrants. All activities were carried in line with biosecurity protocols.

Also, activities related to the promotion of food self-sufficiency, with a risk management focus were carried out, including more than **9,600** people who were provided with agricultural tools and materials, and over **4,300** people who received inputs to increase self-sufficiency.

Finally, more than **9,000** children and adolescents, as well as more than **1,500** particularly vulnerable pregnant and lactating women were reached through specific nutrition interventions and yet, in order to prevent nutritional deficiencies and



Extramural assistance and guidance on breastfeeding and complementary feeding for children under five years of age, as well as for pregnant and lactating mothers in the community of Bello Horizonte, Valledupar. / UNICEF and Dusakawi IPS

promote key messages on breastfeeding and the nutritional recommendations, and more than **5,300** caregivers received counseling 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\*\*:

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## Multipurpose CBI

**90,654**  
BENEFICIARIES  
IN OCTOBER  
**13,247**  
BY COVID-19

**13**  
DEPARTMENTS

During the month of October, more than **90,600** beneficiaries received one or more types of support through **23** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **46** municipalities of **13** departments. These refugees and migrants mostly benefited from multipurpose cash transfers, through prepaid cards, direct cash, and electronic transfers.

While cash transfers were mostly delivered in multipurpose modality, they were also implemented for sectoral objectives (Protection, Multi-sector - shelter, and FSN). All coupons were issued for the FSN sectoral response.

Throughout the month, the CBI Group (GTM in Spanish) supported the GIFMM Technical Team for Needs Assessment and Analysis (ETAEN in Spanish) for the design of the survey and the data analysis of the results for the fourth round of the Joint Evaluation of Needs of refugees and migrants in the context of COVID-19. The support of the GTM, in collaboration with REACH, focused on the analysis of households' preferences in terms of response modalities. These results are relevant inputs for the response analysis process, although, due to the type of population interviewed (mostly beneficiaries of humanitarian assistance), the results have a significant bias.

The GTM, with the support of the Protection sector, held a workshop whose main objective was to define a strategy for cash transfers and protection for 2021 response. 45 organizations and 96 people participated in this event. Workshops were also organized to develop the strategy for the MEAL/focus and for the CwC taskforce, as well as for the Needs and Market Analysis subgroup.

#### ORGANIZATIONS\*:

Action Against Hunger | UNHCR (CISP - CORPRODINCO - Comfenalco - Corporación Ayuda Humanitaria - DRC - FAMIG - Pastoral Social - SNCRC) | Caritas Switzerland (FAMIG) | Cuso International (Mercy Corps) | DRC/Action Against Hunger | FAO (Lutheran World Federation) | Humanity & Inclusion | IRC | Mercy Corps | Mercy Corps/World Vision | NRC | NRC/ Action Against Hunger -DRC | IOM (Action Against Hunger) | OXFAM/Fundación Mujer y Futuro | SNCRC | Save the Children | World Vision | World Vision / UNICEF

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## Coordination

In October, the national GIFMM continued the process of building the RMRP 2021, including the completion of the calculations and narratives of the Colombia chapter, which includes the needs and priorities for responding to refugees, migrants, returnees and host communities in the country, after a feedback process with the Regional Coordination Platform. The Information Management team, with timely support from the Coordination, the planning phase of the fourth round of the Joint Needs Assessment of the GIFMM advanced; the information gathering phase is expected to take place during November. In addition, progress has been made in updating the GIFMM Contingency Plan, with input from the local GIFMMs.

Similarly, the local GIFMMs, as a territorial expression of the national platform and spaces for strategic Coordination of the operational response at the local level, worked closely with the coordination mechanisms of local authorities in the following activities:

- In **Antioquia**, progress was made in developing the GIFMM contingency plan for Medellín and continued the response to the refugees and migrants through activities and services in health, water, sanitation and hygiene, housing and food security. Also, the partners reached refugees and migrants in vulnerable situations with the delivery of multipurpose cash transfers.
- In **Arauca**, Local GIFMM partners continued to provide health assistance, particularly prenatal care (including laboratory tests and ultrasounds), general medical care, psychological care, delivery of medications and multivitamins to pregnant women, children and adults, and follow-up of symptomatic respiratory patients through medical teleconsultation. Likewise, we continued working in Coordination with the Special Administrative Health Unit of Arauca (UAESA) to respond to the nutritional recovery of pregnant women and children under 5 and over 10 years of age.
- In **Bogotá and region**, the GIFMM held an exploratory meeting with local authorities from the municipality of Tunja (Boyacá) in relation to the situation of Venezuelan refugees and migrants, in which they agreed on actions to carry out in the field, in Coordination with the departmental Health Secretariat. Additionally, within the framework of the GIFMM, a working group was created with local partners to promote assistance and orientation actions for the refugee and migrant population in Boyacá. On the other hand, during the month, six local GIFMM organizations jointly developed a monitoring of the situation of the population in transit entering or passing through Bogotá, to identify their profile and basic needs, and to strengthen the articulation for the response.
- In **Cesar**, the provision of medical and psychological care, food vouchers and dietary supplements continued, and in Coordination with the CBI subgroup, work was done to identify actions to support families with cases of malnourished children.
- The local GIFMM in **Costa Caribe** continued to accompany the health sector, through support for brigades and mobile units in **Magdalena** and **Atlántico**. Also, in this last department, the local GIFMM was in articulation with the Governor's office for the delivery of school kits and pedagogical guides in the framework of the School Feeding Program, covering five southern municipalities: Suan, Campo de la Cruz, Candelaria, Santa Lucía and Manatí.  
In **La Guajira** the local GIFMM participated in meetings with the Municipal Unit for Risk and Disaster Management (UNGRD) and the Border Management office for advice and possible support in the construction of the Center for Coexistence and Solidarity for refugees and migrants in Maicao municipality. Likewise, the project for the adaptation of water wells and COVID-19 prevention actions in Maicao, Manaure, Albania, Uribia and Riohacha was initiated.
- In **Nariño**, the local GIFMM together with the Mallama Gender Secretariat delivered hygiene kits for refugees, migrants and vulnerable host communities, as well as materials for the elaboration of Christmas crafts to 50 refugee and migrant women. In addition, in close Coordination with the Mayor's Office of Pasto, the adequations to be done to the educational institution where the Support Space is operating in this municipality were socialized. Also, jointly with the Mayor's Office of Taminango municipality, the health response in the Support Space of El Remolino was strengthened.  
In **Norte de Santander** the local GIFMM supported an exercise of characterization of refugees and migrants in Ocaña, together with the Mayor's Office of this municipality, in order to identify the profile of the population and its needs. To this is added the continuous articulation with local authorities for the response at the Center of Sanitary Attention

of Tienditas (CAST), and the articulation with local authorities and the Departmental Institute of Health in the consolidation of the sectoral needs declared in different places of the department.

- The local GIFMM in **Santander** carried out health care sessions for the population in transit and nutrition, prevention and attention to gender-based violence in pensions at Bucaramanga municipality. Also, response through multipurpose monetary transfers to families with difficulties in generating income continued.
- In **Valle del Cauca**, support was provided to the Social Welfare Secretariat of Cali in the consolidation of a technical table for assistance and orientation to the population in transit, and to the Municipal Public Health Secretariat of Cali for the reactivation and strengthening of the coordination space "Situational Health Room", through technical assistance, public health surveillance and identification of needs and gaps in the response. Also, health brigades were carried out together with local authorities, so as deliveries of food and hygiene kits, assistance in psychosocial care and orientation, and legal advice. Finally, the consolidation of the Support Space located at the Cali Transportation Terminal continued.



## Information Management

During October, a total of 72 information products were published, both nationally and locally, focused on documenting the needs and response to COVID-19 and the adaptation of the operation to the health emergency. This includes:

- **1 Flash Update** COVID-19 elaborated by the National GIFMM team ([1 November](#)).
- **12** COVID-19 response reports elaborated by the following local GIFMMs: **Antioquia** ([30 June](#)), **Arauca** ([31 July](#)), **Bogotá y región** ([Junio a 31 Julio](#)), **Boyacá** ([Junio a 31 Julio](#)), **Cesar** ([31 Julio](#), [31 Agosto](#)), **Cundinamarca** ([Junio a 31 Julio](#)), **La Guajira** ([20 September](#)), **Norte de Santander** ([30 June](#), [31 July](#)), **Soacha – Cundinamarca** ([June - July](#)), y **Valle del Cauca** ([June - July](#)),
- **5 flyers** presenting the hotlines and other services available at: [Atlántico](#), [Bolívar](#), [La Guajira](#), [Magdalena](#) y [Nariño](#).
- **54** monitoring products to the local response:
  - **Antioquia (19):** [Venezuelans in Antioquia – May](#) | [Operational Presence Map for Antioquia - January to June](#) | [Situational Report Antioquia - June](#) | [Operational Presence Map for Medellín – July](#) | [Operational Presence Map for Eje Cafetero region – July](#) | [Operational Presence Map for Valle de Aburrá region – July](#) | [Operational Presence Map for Urabá region – July](#) | [Operational Presence Map for Oriente Antioqueño region – July](#) | [Situational Report Antioquia – July](#) | [Venezuelans in Antioquia – June](#) | [Venezuelans in el Eje Cafetero region – June](#) | [Venezuelans in Oriente Antioqueño region – June](#) | [Venezuelans in Urabá Antioqueño region – June](#) | [Infographic on CBI in Antioquia – April to July](#) | [Infographic on ‘Casas Pan y Vida’ in Antioquia – September](#) | [Operational Presence Map for Antioquia – August](#) | [Operational Presence Map for Medellín – August](#) | [Operational Presence Map for Oriente Antioqueño region – August](#) | [Operational Presence Map for Urabá region – August](#)
  - **Arauca (3):** [Situational Report Arauca – July](#) | [Situational Report Arauca – August](#) | [Venezuelans in Arauca – July](#)
  - **Bogotá y región (7):** [Venezuelans in Bogotá - January to May](#) | [Operational Presence Map for Bogotá - June, and July](#) | [Operational Presence Map for Chía \(Cundinamarca\) - January to June](#) | [Operational Presence Map for Soacha \(Cundinamarca\) - June and July](#) | [Operational Presence Map for Boyacá - June, and July](#) | [Operational Presence Map for Cundinamarca - June and July](#) | [Venezuelans in Bogotá – June](#)
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  - **La Guajira (3):** [Venezuelans in La Guajira – August](#) | [Operational Presence Map for La Guajira – August](#) | [Venezuelans in La Guajira – September](#)

- **Nariño (9):** [4W for Refugees and Migrants in Nariño – July](#) | [Situational Report Nariño – July](#) | [4W for Refugees and Migrants in Nariño – August](#) | [Operational Presence Map for Nariño – August](#) | [Venezuelans in Nariño – June](#)
- **Norte de Santander (1):** [Situational Report Norte de Santander - July](#)
- **Valle del Cauca (3):** [Venezuelans in Valle del Cauca – June](#) | [Operational Presence Map for Valle del Cauca – August](#) | [Situational Report Valle del Cauca – July](#)



## Communications

On 15 October, the GIFMM published its [first press release](#) to celebrate the National Government's decision to hold a new regularization process for Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Colombia, reiterating interest in exploring alternatives for those who do not have their passports stamped. On the other hand, several GIFMM partners participated in the strategy [#ConLaCamisetaDelOtro](#), a campaign to counteract - through messages, graphic pieces, and videos in social networks - the conversation of xenophobia on the day of the Colombia-Venezuela soccer match in the context of the World Cup qualifying stage.

Additionally, the members of the GIFMM joined the commemoration of the Day of the Girl on 11 October, employing photos and calls to action, making visible the rights of the girls, rejecting the violence of which they are victims, and inviting to overcome the gender stereotypes that limit them.



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