

Ecuador

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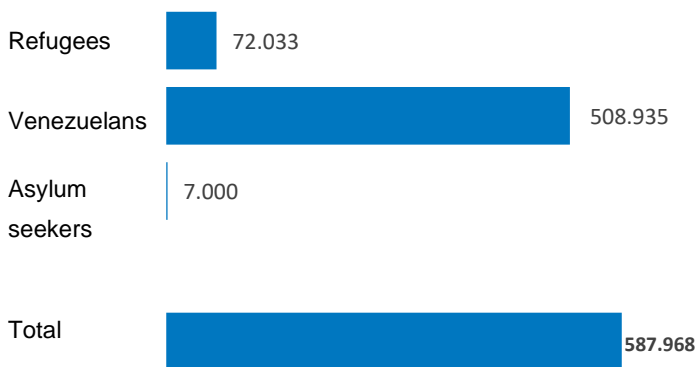
Over 71.000 **refugees** and 6.000 asylum-seekers are currently registered in Ecuador as of 31 December. Most of them come from **Colombia**.

2022 began with expectations due to the signing of the decree for the **Regularization Plan for people in human mobility**, announced by the Government.

UNHCR is already working from different areas to initiate actions for communicating the process once the decree is signed.

POPULATION OF CONCERN*

Profile

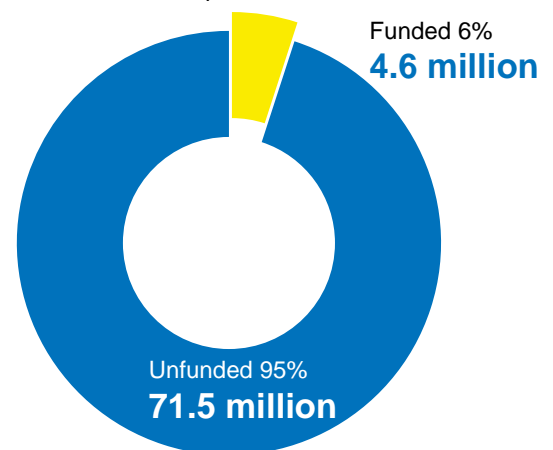


*Source: UNHCR estimates conducted along with GTRM and partners, as well as government figures

FUNDING (AS OF 8 FEBRUARY 2022)

USD 76.1 million

requested for the Ecuador operation



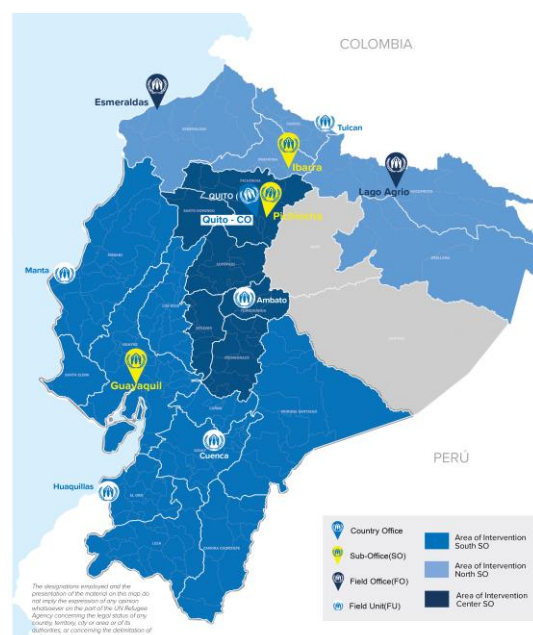
UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

- 142 National Staff
- 26 International Staff

Offices:

- 1 Country Office in Quito
- 3 Sub Offices in Quito, Ibarra and Guayaquil.
- 2 Field Offices in Esmeraldas and Lago Agrio
- 5 Field Units in Manta, Huaquillas, Cuenca, Ambato and Tulcán.



Working with Partners

UNHCR works with 20 partners in Ecuador, with 23 partnership agreements, and supports the Ecuadorian Government in the delivery of assistance and protection to refugees, asylum-seekers and people from the host community in a vulnerable situation.

Main Activities

Alongside the government, partner organizations, civil society, and faith-based organizations, UNHCR undertakes protection and solutions activities, including:

Protection

- UNHCR facilitates access to the asylum procedure for people in need of international protection who come to Ecuador, through constant engagement with government and local authorities to strengthen their capacities. In this sense, UNHCR has continued delivering training to stakeholders on rights and obligations of refugees, international protection, procedures, among others. UNHCR and partners supported 2.602 people of concern with access to free and quality legal services (including orientation and representation).

Education

- UNHCR and partners work to reduce barriers in the access to the education system for people of concern through advocacy and specialized initiatives that tackle discrimination and xenophobia in the educational environment. UNHCR continued to support refugee and other families in human mobility as well as host communities, delivering connectivity kits to prevent school dropouts amid restrictions to in-person classes.

Health

- UNHCR advocates for the effective access of refugees to health services and primary healthcare programmes. UNHCR and partners have continued to support government efforts to vaccinate all people, regardless of their nationality or status. Thanks to this support, delivered in coordination with GTRM partners, over 300.000 refugees and migrants had been able to get vaccinated in 2021. Moreover, UNHCR has delivered biosafety kits (including facemasks, alcohol and hand sanitizer) to refugees, migrants and people from the host community.

Food Security and Nutrition

- UNHCR provided support to refugees and other displaced people through partners in soup kitchens across the country. In January, over 500 people were able to access this vital service.

Water and Sanitation

- WASH Points around the country continue to support people in transit. In January, 1.346 people had been able to access water, sanitation and hygiene services thanks to UNHCR's support. Moreover, UNHCR and partners delivered 461 hygiene kits for backpackers and people heading to northern and southern borders.

Shelter and NFIs

- Shelters throughout the country continue to receive people in human mobility and to provide assistance. 711 people were able to access shelter services, safe, dignified, adequate housing and to community spaces in January across Ecuador.

Durable solutions, integration and self-reliance

- UNHCR continued promoting the socioeconomic inclusion of people of concern in Ecuador, including for entrepreneurs and job placement. Most recently, UNHCR, in collaboration with UISEK, in Quito, and Corpoambato, in Tungurahua Province, have been enhancing livelihoods opportunities through technical and skills trainings for refugees and locals.

Community-Based Protection

- UNHCR and partners work to strengthen and support local inclusion and peaceful coexistence among locals and refugees. UNHCR donated tables, chairs and printers to help strengthen the response of community-based organizations and local authorities in Guayaquil, Manta, Esmeraldas, Atacames, Tulcán and El Coca.

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