QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What is the GIFMM?
The primary objective of the Interagency Group on Mixed Migration Flows (GIFMM by its Spanish acronym) is to coordinate the response to the needs of refugees, migrants, Colombian returnees, and the host population in a complementary manner with the Government. It is co-led by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), and has 61 members, including agencies of the United Nations, international and national NGOs, and members of the Red Cross Movement.

What are the GIFMM’s objectives?
I. To serve as a space for coordination in order to facilitate a joint operational response that guarantees effective coordination with the State’s response.
II. To coordinate the Refugee and Migrant Response Plan.
III. To ensure that refugees and migrants have equal access to available humanitarian services and resources without discrimination or distinction based on age, gender, or diversity.
IV. To operate with a community- and rights-based approach that promotes positive and constructive relationships with host communities.

What is the Refugee and Migrant Response Plan?
It is a regional response strategy that has the common objective of addressing the humanitarian, protection, and socioeconomic integration needs of Venezuelan refugees and migrants as well as host communities across 17 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, including Colombia. This plan allows for a coordinated humanitarian response, avoiding duplication of efforts and supporting the efforts of local and national governments in a complementary manner. The plan prioritizes the sectors of health, food security, social and economic integration, protection, water and sanitation, cash transfers, and multisector (including shelter, humanitarian transport, non-food items, and telecommunications).

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How does the GIFMM coordinate with the Regional Platform and other coordination spaces?

The GIFMM is the national expression of the Regional Platform for Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants and is responsible for the implementation of the RMRP in Colombia. The GIFMM coordinates the implementation of regional initiatives with the Regional Platform. It also coordinates its response with the national government’s International Cooperation Unit and works in a coordinated manner with existing international interagency coordination spaces in the country that are relevant to its functions, facilitating correlative meetings (back-to-back). At the national level, the GIFMM works closely with the Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator on strategic and political coordination. The the local level, the local GIFMMs coordinate with departmental and municipal authorities within the framework of Migration Roundtables and Unified Command Posts (PMU by its Spanish acronym).

What is the structure of the GIFMM?
The GIFMM meets monthly in plenary session and is organized into sectoral groups for coordination and operative response. The GIFMM has eight local GIFMMs in Antioquia, Arauca, Atlántico (covering Magdalena and Bolívar), Bogotá, La Guajira (covering Cesar), Nariño, Norte de Santander (covering Santander), and Valle del Cauca.

Who are its members?

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