

# Southern Cone



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS  
IN THE SUBREGION  
**202,373**



PEOPLE REACHED WITH SOME  
FORM OF ASSISTANCE\*  
**10,039**



FUNDING SITUATION\*\*  
**22%** FUNDED: 8 MILLION  
REQUIREMENT: 34,1 MILLION

## Situation

- In **Argentina** self-isolation measures continued during the month, with some further relaxations, in spite of cases growing in Buenos Aires province, Jujuy (north) and Córdoba (center). In **Bolivia**, local authorities made the the **decision to suspend the total quarantine confirmed from 16 to 23 August**, due to the protests caused by social conflict and blockages of essential roads that were causing shortages of food and products in the cities of La Paz and El Alto. In the **metropolitan area of Asuncion in Paraguay**, quarantine was reinstated from 23 August until 6 September as there was an increase of infections and deaths from coronavirus with worrying figures since the beginning of August. A spike in the number of cases had already led the Paraguayan government to decree the same restrictions previously instated in Ciudad del Este. **Border closures were maintained in the four countries.**
- On 20 August, 150 Venezuelans stranded in Argentina who had a ticket from the Estelar airline departed towards Venezuela. The repatriation flight was authorised by Venezuelan authorities.
- There were attempts by Venezuelans to access Paraguayan territory during August, coming from Bolivia through irregular routes in some areas far from the Desaguadero International Bridge (pedestrian) between Bolivia and Peru. In the triple border of Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay, partners noticed at least 15 families who were stranded in Foz do Iguazu (Brazil), and at least three separated children as a result of separation caused by the closure of borders, with the intention to travel to Argentina. Partners also reported increases in entry and departure of the Venezuelans through the Pisiga, with the intention of settling in Chile.
- During August, Uruguay recognized 30 Venezuelans as refugees.



Delivery of hygiene kits for refugees and migrants in Chuy, Uruguay © UNHCR/2020

## Response\*\*\*



**ARGENTINA:** 100% Diversidad, ADRA, ASOVEN, Banco Ciudad, CAREF, FCCAM, IOM, Jesuit Migrant Service, MIRARES, Psychoanalytic Association of Buenos Aires, Red Cross Argentina, UNHCR.

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

**PARAGUAY:** IOM, Semillas para la Democracia, UNHCR, Venezuelans Association in Paraguay.

**URUGUAY:** ADRA, Idas y Vueltas, IOM, Manos Venenueyas, Programa de Población - Facultad de Ciencias Sociales, SEDHU, UNICEF, UNHCR.

- Partners continued to provide **shelter solutions to prevent homelessness among** the most vulnerable Venezuelan refugees and migrants, **NFI** (especially medicines and hygiene/cleaning and winter clothes kits), **food and multipurpose cash assistance** to cover their basic needs.
- **Integration activities targeting Venezuelan refugees and migrants have stepped up, as lockdown measures relaxed.** Partners carried out several online workshops to promote small scale entrepreneurship and financial education, worked with Venezuelan refugees and migrants for the development of business plans, and reactivated job boards.
- Primary health care assistance and psychosocial support continued as well as interventions targeting children's education and birth registrations in Bolivia and Uruguay.
- Partners provided **social-legal advice to refugees and migrants on access to asylum and regularization** procedures, access to basic social services and other documentation in the four countries.
- In Uruguay, partners opened a Regional Support space (Attention and Orientation Point - PAO) in Chuy, on the border between Uruguay and Brazil. As Chuy is mostly a city of transit, partners have articulated for referrals for access to emergency assistance for shelter and food, provided by local authorities and organizations on site.



PEOPLE REACHED\*



Food Security

**3,494**



Hum. Transp.

**1**



Health

**679**



Education

**88**



Integration

**538**



NFI

**2,595**



Protection

**3,410**



Shelter

**403**



CBI

**1,689**