



POP. PROJECTION 2021

121 K



PEOPLE IN NEED

105 K



PEOPLE TARGETED

84.5 K



TOTAL REQUIREMENTS

\$10.9 M



RMRP PARTNERS

12

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|-----------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| VENEZ. IN DESTINATION | 121 K | 95 K | 81.5 K |
| HOST COMMUNITY | - | 9.5 K | 3 K |

SITUATION

The Dominican Republic (DR) is host to the highest number of refugees and migrants in the sub-region, with 114,000 Venezuelans. This number is expected to rise to 120,944 by December 2021.

Many Venezuelans in the DR do not have regular migration status and face barriers in accessing basic services, financial institutions, and higher education. Lack of access to the formal labour market has led some Venezuelans to resort to risky coping mechanisms, including exchange of sex to meet their basic needs, exposing them to risks of exploitation and abuse. Venezuelans have the right to free primary and emergency healthcare and COVID-19 testing, but face challenges in accessing secondary and specialized health care, mental health and psychosocial support, and sexual and reproductive health.

The country has the largest number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the sub-region, and its tourism-reliant economy has been adversely impacted. The closure of borders and businesses poses acute challenges for Venezuelans to access the country and has left them

with limited livelihood options, rendering them vulnerable and in need of humanitarian assistance. Although the government provided financial support for informal workers and vulnerable families, approximately 87% of Venezuelans could not benefit from these programs due to their irregular status. Additionally, limited Venezuelan consular services prevent undocumented children from confirming Venezuelan nationality through jus sanguinis.

Over 60% of Venezuelans in the country are highly academically qualified, constituting an opportunity for Venezuelans to contribute and boost key economic sectors. Labour laws in the DR allow them to be employed without risk or fear of detention, but many potential employers lack knowledge of work visa sponsorship, and are unwilling to pay the substantial associated costs. Nevertheless, the newly elected government announced the need to show solidarity towards Venezuelans. R4V partners stand ready to support in case complementary pathways for regularization are adopted for this population.

RESPONSE PRIORITIES:

Provide and improve safe and dignified access to essential goods and services.

Prevent, mitigate and respond to protection risks by supporting a protection environment, particularly with protection for GBV, child protection and trafficking.

Support the implementation of a facilitated regularization mechanism, without the requirement to return to the country of origin.

Advocate for the inclusion of Venezuelans in national social protection programmes, and response plans to

DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC

Country Facts

Population: 10.45 M

Capital: Santo Domingo

Official language: Spanish

The Dominican Republic is the second-largest Caribbean country. Located in the northern Caribbean, it shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti to the west.

VENEZUELA

COVID-19, including mental health, psychosocial support and sexual and reproductive health.

Advocate for the strengthening and accessibility of the asylum system and prevent refoulement, non-admissions and detentions, ensuring access to the territory to Venezuelans in need of international protection.

Implement direct humanitarian assistance to Venezuelan refugees and migrants, including distribution of food, NFIs, CBI, hygiene, and medical supplies for most vulnerable individuals.

Expand livelihoods initiatives, such as business grants, vocational training and matching with employers, among others, and advocate for the facilitation of validation of diplomas.



Appealing Partners

Churún Merú Association, FUNCOVERD, IDDI, Duendes y Ángeles Foundation, Foundation of Venezuelan Emigrants (FEV), Globalízate Radio, ILO, IOM, UNHCR, UNFPA, UN Habitat, World Vision

POPULATION IN NEED AND TARGET, FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS AND NUMBER OF PARTNERS BY SECTOR

| | People in need | People targeted | Financial Requirements (USD) | Partners |
|--|----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|----------|
| Education | 5.86 K | 240 | \$380 K | 5 |
| Food Security | 31 K | 1.3 K | \$280 K | 1 |
| Health | 48.7 K | 4.3 K | \$883 K | 6 |
| Integration | 75.8 K | 625 | \$4.16 M | 8 |
| Protection* | 99.8 K | 82 K | \$1.4 M | 6 |
| Child Protection | 16.7 K | 50 | \$34 K | 2 |
| GBV | 19.3 K | - | \$232 K | 3 |
| Human Trafficking & Smuggling | 10 K | 80 | \$458 K | 2 |
| Shelter | 8.7 K | 4.3 K | \$762 K | 3 |
| WASH | 0 K | 0 K | \$8.7 K | 1 |
| Multipurpose Cash Assistance | | | \$2.05 M | 2 |
| Common services** | | | \$263 K | 4 |

*This includes Support Spaces | ** This includes AAP, Communication, Coordination, CwC/C4D, Fundraising, Information Management, PSEA and Reporting.