



RESPONSE FOR VENEZUELANAS

Coordination Platform for
Refugees and Migrants
from Venezuela



Impact of COVID-19 – May 2020

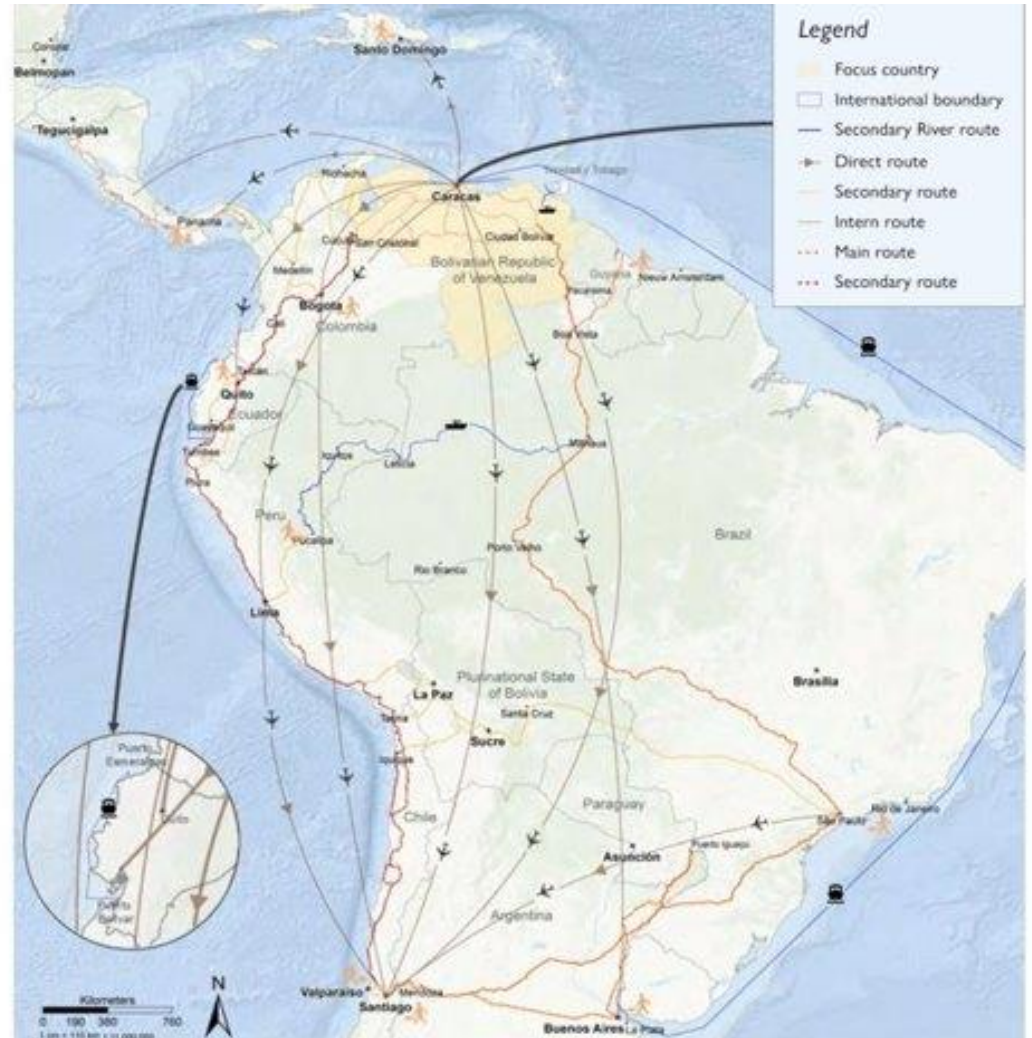
Main impact of COVID-19 on Venezuelan refugees and migrants

For the **5,1 million** Venezuelan refugees and migrants the main impacts have been:

- Loss of **livelihoods** and **housing**
- Prompted **returns in adverse conditions**
- Increase in **street begging and bottlenecks**
- along borders, raising **health risks**
- No inclusion in **national systems responses**
- Lack of adequate **quarantine facilities**
- Increasing **xenophobia and discrimination**



Migration Routes



Implementation challenges and mitigation measures in the response

Border closure and restrictions of movements limiting operational capacity



Negotiating humanitarian corridors and exceptions

Sanitary restrictions (social distancing and prevention)



Shifting to remote registration, verification, eligibility, etc. (CBI and Asylum)

Closure or limitations of shelters



Rent (CBI), Hotel network, Reorganizing/expanding health driven reception centers (RHU)

Lack of hygiene equipment and PPE, difficult procurement



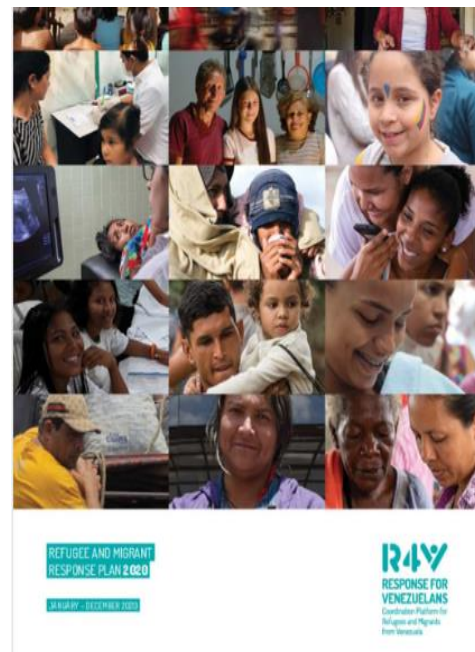
Negotiating local and mobilizing central procurement

Government Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic in the region

- **Brazil:** the Federal Government launched an emergency basic income program for workers in the informal sector as well as the self-employed, and extended benefits to Venezuelan refugees and migrants.
- **Colombia:** the Colombian government launched a 6-point plan to integrate refugees and migrants in the COVID-19 national response, guaranteeing access to the health system for all Venezuelan refugees and migrants.
- Governments of both **Panama** and **Colombia** have suspended evictions for their citizens, as well as Venezuelan refugees and migrants, during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Peru:** the President signed an executive decree authorizing a special service called SERVICER in which health care professionals, including Venezuelan refugees and migrants, can enroll and be employed.
- **Argentina:** following the Presidential proclamation on the State of Emergency, the Board of Medical Health Professionals has provided a provisional permit for Venezuelan doctors to support state efforts.

Review of the RMRP 2020

- Alignment with **Global Humanitarian Response Plan** – COVID-19
- **Total requirements: 1,41B** (incl. 439M COVID-19 related)
- **Reviewed by 151 partners, 8 national/sub-regional Platforms and 17 countries**
- **Dual focus:**
 - ✓ a) Review of existing activities
 - ✓ b) Covid-19-related activities
- RMRP Review was presented at **Regional Platform meeting on 14 May** with the participation of 260 attendees on virtual platform
- **R4V.info** updated with materials on the COVID-19 response



Towards Quito VI (Santiago)

- Chile has confirmed Quito VI. Transition Ceremony between PPTs COL – CHL will be held on **May 27**.
- Date: **July-September (tbc)**
- Agenda will focus on:
 - ✓ Protection (Child Protection, trafficking & smuggling, refugees, Family reunification, prevention Statelessness)
 - ✓ Social inclusion (Education, Health),
 - ✓ Labour insertion
 - ✓ Cooperation: **Friends QP**
- 6 Concept Notes already prepared by the Technical Groups and will continue to work in the preparation of concrete proposals, with the support of R4V
- Secretariat and Webpage Quito Process



International Donors Conference

- Conveners : **Spain – EU**, with the support from UNHCR – IOM
- Date: **Tuesday, May 26 (16h00 to 18h00 Brussels time)**
- Focus: **Impact of COVID (R&M, Host States – Communities)**

- **Objectives:**

1. International cooperation **for Governments** (capacity / health, inclusion)
2. Mobilize resources for the **revised RMRP** (Health, WASH, CBI, shelter, livelihoods, support host communities)
3. Strengthen coordinated response

- **Participants:** Governments, donors, IFI, UNS, civil society
- **Preparatory actions** (Invitations / CN / Outreach / Meetings)
- **Webpages** EU / Spain & **Live Streaming**





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