This document summarizes the prioritized strategic actions in terms of protection and solutions that UNHCR Colombia will continue to develop during 2024, and is based on UNHCR's policies and current strategies of the Operation in Colombia.

UNHCR protects people forced to flee their homes as well as stateless persons. We deliver life-saving assistance in emergencies, safeguard fundamental human rights, and help find long-term solutions so they can find a safe place to call home.

#### **KEY FIGURES** (cut-off date December 2023)

# ANALLIA III ANALAILA 2,9 Million Venezuelan refugees





**520 Thousand** People in transit through the Darien<sup>4</sup>

STRATEGIC ACTIONS



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Internally displaced persons since the 2016 Peace agreement<sup>2</sup>

#### **CROSS-CUTTING ACTIONS**



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I. Protection monitoring, and evidence generation.

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II. Advocacy, communication and visibility.

<sup>1</sup> Migración Colombia: Overview of Venezuelans in Colombia - December 2023.

<sup>2</sup> Victims' Unit - National Registry of Victims - December 2023.

<sup>3</sup> Estimates of the Interagency Group of Mixed Migration Flows (GIFMM) - 2023.

<sup>4</sup> Servicio Nacional de Fronteras (SENAFRONT) Panamá - January to December 2023.

https://www.acnur.org/pais/colombia

III. Interagency coordination and cooperation with key stakeholders.

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### **PRIORITIZED ACTIONS**

### Protect

- Expand the network of Information and Orientation Centers (PAOs).
- Provide legal assistance.
- Work with the Government at national and local level, as well as public institutions, on the protection, assistance, and solutions needed by internally displaced persons and refugees.
- Promote access to protection through documentation (Temporary Protection Status for Venezuelans and asylum system).
- Expand support to the Public Ministry (Attorney General's Office, National Ombudsperson's Office and Local Ombudsperson's Offices).
- Support local authorities in the emergency preparedness and humanitarian response: displacement and confinement.

#### 🛱 Assist

- Support individuals with specific and heightened protection risks, including children and survivors of gender-based violence.
- Provide shelter to vulnerable people.
- Distribute CRIs and NFIs to vulnerable people engaged in mixed movements.
- Provide psychosocial support.
- Ensure access to rights and services: education, health.

#### Empower

- Enhance accountability to affected populations and continue to improve communication with communities.
- Promote community leadership.

#### 🔮 Resolve

- Promote socioeconomic inclusion through access to employment and entrepreneurship.
- Support the legalization of informal settlements, as well as returns and relocations in a sustainable way.
- Expand resettlement programs and complementary pathways.

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Data Portal - UNHCR Colombia Webpage - Twitter Updated: May 2024.



Information and Orientation Center in Popayan. PAOs are physical spaces where people forced to flee and stateless people can access reliable and secure information. Popayán, Cauca. ©UNHCR

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In commemoration of Children's Day in Medellín, Colombian and Venezuelan children participated in recreational activities and shared moments of joy and camaraderie. Medellín, Antioquia. ©UNHCR

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Environment and Climate Action Innovation Fund winning project from UNHCR: "Beautiful East, the mountain that feels". A community cultivating knowledge and harvesting intergenerational links through construction of community gardens. Medellín, Antioquia. ©UNHCR

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Wendys Arenas, Venezuelan entrepreneur, makes dolls and items for home decoration. Her entrepreneurship is the result of her own effort and resilience. With the support from UNHCR, Wendys attended finance and sewing workshops, received supplies for her workspace and managed to empower herself to turn it into a livelihood for her and her family. Bogotá D.C. ©UNHCR

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