

# REGIONAL PLATFORM MEETING REPORT

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Coordination Platform for Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela

## Refugee and Migrant Response Plan

Following the official launch in Geneva on 14 December, the Regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plan (RMRP) was presented during the third meeting of the Regional Inter-Agency Coordination Platform. In 2019 the RMRP offers:

1. A **strategy** to address the needs of 2.2 million refugees and migrants in 16 countries, aligned with governments' responses and in coordination with development actors.
2. A coordinated **operational response** benefitting to refugees and migrants but also host communities in four key areas of intervention: direct emergency assistance, protection, socio-economic and cultural integration, and capacity strengthening of host governments.
3. A **coordination mechanism** to ensure synergies between 95 partners, avoid duplications, and minimize gaps.
4. A **funding mechanism** to enable resource mobilization and provide a comprehensive overview of the needs and response, stipulating financial requirements of US\$ 738 million.

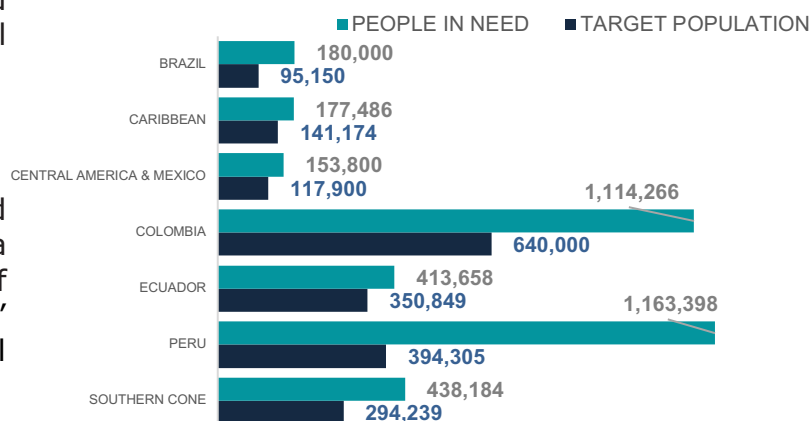
## Population planning

The RMRP assumes that the same context and dynamics will continue to prevail in Venezuela throughout 2019 and that the current rates of arrivals will persist. Based on the governments' figures as well as current minimum daily arrival figures, it is estimated that the **projected**

**population** of refugees and migrants from Venezuela by the end of 2019 will be 5.3 million. Some 3.6 million refugees and migrants from Venezuela in Latin America and the Caribbean, will be in need of assistance.

This number of **persons in need** (PiN) includes those in the country of destination, those undertaking pendular movement, and returnees. Refugees and migrants in transit are excluded from the PiN figures, despite being among the beneficiaries, in order to avoid the same person being counted on several occasions while in transit. The estimation of PiN has been calculated country-by-country, based on existing analyses of needs and assessments, and validated during dedicated country-level workshops by all partners.

The RMRP directly **targets** 2.2 million refugees and migrants with assistance. In addition, it is estimated that over half a million host community members will benefit from some form of assistance. RMRP partners analyzed their operational and outreach capacities to estimate prioritized targets based on a realistic assessment for scaling up the response in 2019.

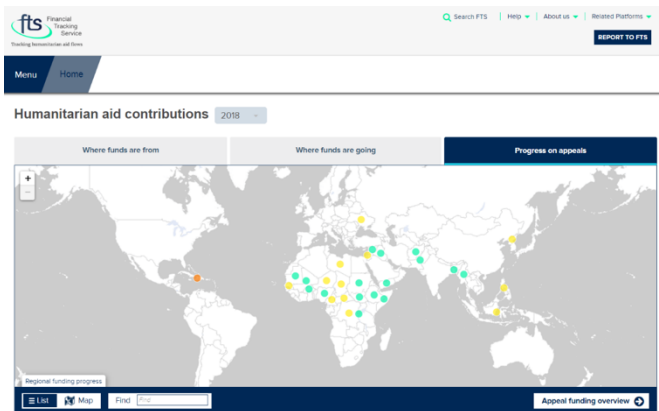


"THIS PLANS IS A CALL TO THE DONOR COMMUNITY, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND DEVELOPMENT ACTORS WHO CAN PLAY A KEY ROLE IN THIS SITUATION, TO INCREASE THEIR SUPPORT TO REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN THE REGION AND HOST COMMUNITIES WHICH HAVE KINDLY OPENED THEIR ARMS TO THEM."

**Eduardo Stein, Joint IOM/UNHCR Special Representative for Venezuelan refugees and migrants, during launch of RMRP, 14 December 2018.**

## Operationalizing the RMRP

In advance of the operationalization of the RMRP from January 2019 onwards, the Regional and National Platforms are in the process of developing a **monitoring framework**, including standard operating and reporting procedures. In order to develop a flexible system that is adapted to the contexts and capacities at national/sub-regional level, further consultation with RMRP partners is anticipated. Furthermore, a hybrid **financial tracking mechanism** is foreseen. The model foresees the use of (1) the Financial Tracking System (managed globally by UNOCHA); and (2) a simple online reporting tool designed by the Regional Platform for organizations which are not integrated in the global Financial Tracking System.



Globally, this is the first RMRP that is linked to a dedicated **coordination mechanism**. Operationalizing the RMRP therefore requires the strengthening of the Regional and National Platforms, as well as the collaboration with UNSDG-LAC, the Resident Coordinators, and the UN Country Teams.

Lastly, in order to operationalize the appeal, a coherent **fundraising and communications strategy** is underway.

This strategy will ensure an aligned and coordinated position towards donors and media, in addition to agency specific efforts to mobilize resources. This also includes an extensive engagement with international financial institutions and the private sector.

The first Platform meeting in 2019 anticipates further consultations on the monitoring framework as well as the engagement and participation of counterparts from National Platforms.

## Quito Process

In line with the principles set out in the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, the RMRP seeks to complement and strengthen the national and regional responses of governments, including particularly with the Quito Plan of Action.<sup>1</sup> The Quito Plan, endorsed by eight countries in the region, outlines main priorities of regional collaboration and harmonization efforts in the areas of access to territory, regularization, documentation, data management and information exchange, access to rights and services, social protection, and labour integration.

The Platform and the Joint Special Representative are expected to provide key contributions to the implementation of the Quito Plan in terms of technical assistance, information management and exchange, resource mobilization, and humanitarian diplomacy. International financial institutions such as the World Bank (WB), the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), and the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF) are already engaged in this process, providing support to assess the fiscal impact and develop national response plans. These institutions are also contemplating the use of specific financial facilities to support governments.

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<sup>1</sup> Action Plan of the Quito Process on Human Mobility of Venezuelan citizens in the Region (November 2018), available at: [https://www.cancilleria.gob.ec/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/plan\\_de\\_accion\\_de\\_quito.pdf](https://www.cancilleria.gob.ec/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/plan_de_accion_de_quito.pdf)