



## Situation<sup>1</sup>

- Municipal elections were scheduled for 16 February, but were suspended due to technical problems with the automated voting system, and rescheduled for mid-March. Partners’ operations continued without disruption in the month of February and no significant changes in policies towards refugees and migrants from Venezuela are expected from the new municipal administrations.
- In an effort to better respond to needs faced by Venezuelan refugees and migrants, the National R4V Platform established four working groups in the following sectors: protection (including Gender-Based Violence and human trafficking), local integration, health and communication.

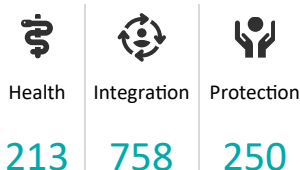
## Response

- While Venezuelans generally have access to the Dominican public health system, especially primary health care, needs persist with regards to secondary, more complex and longer term treatments, especially in remote or rural areas. In view of this, partners have been supporting the organization of medical brigades in order to meet the health care needs of Venezuelans and host community members living outside of the capital city.
- On 28 February, 182 individuals, both from the Venezuelan community and the host community, received medical services provided by volunteer Dominican doctors during a medical brigade in Boca Chica supported by partners. Government institutions and partners also provided information on access to rights, asylum, regularization procedures, and prevention and response to gender-based violence.
- More than 78 Venezuelans received legal assistance related to access to asylum, residency, naturalization and other legal procedures. Venezuelans with international protection needs were also accompanied to appropriate institutions in order to register their asylum applications.
- On 5-6 February, more than 500 students from a school attended by Dominicans and dozens of Venezuelan boys and girls in Boca Chica, enjoyed the tales of “A heroine without borders”, a story featuring the adventures of a Venezuelan character that raised the importance of tolerance, peaceful coexistence and the dangers of



*Workshop on parenting skills for Venezuelan mothers in Santo Domingo*

- bullying. At the end of the story, activities were carried out to identify similarities between traditional Dominican and Venezuelan games.
- On 13 February, partners organized a workshop for 15 Venezuelan mothers on parenting skills for single-parent households. In addition to responding to a recognized need within the Venezuelan community of providing a safe space for single mothers to share challenges and receive information, the workshop also allowed for the identification of Venezuelan households in need of additional protection assistance.

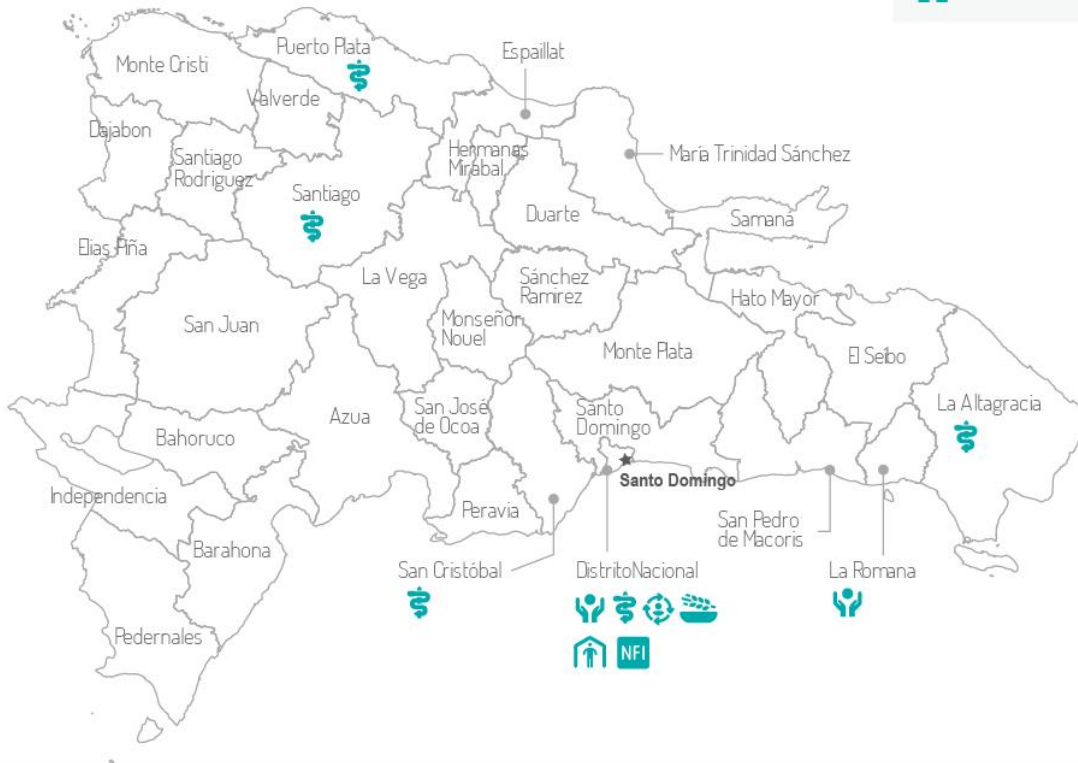


<sup>1</sup> This report covers the situation in the DR before the COVID-19 pandemic and future reports will reflect partners response efforts.  
\* Estimated population by end of 2020 | \*\* From 01/02/2020, methodology based on any sector maximum | \*\*\* Source: FTS Website

## Operational Overview - Who does What and Where

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

8 ORGANIZATIONS



ORGANIZATIONS, BY SECTOR  
\*Sectors cover all regions.



## Activities by Sector

