

Ecuador

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Over 78,629** **refugees** and 7,300 asylum-seekers are currently registered in Ecuador as of end of October. 95% of refugees are from **Colombia**.

Ecuador hosts 444,778 Venezuelan refugees and migrants, **the fifth largest number** after Colombia, Peru, Brazil and Chile according to the GTRM.

UNHCR works with authorities and partners to help refugees, asylum-seekers and their hosts **build resilient communities in Ecuador**.

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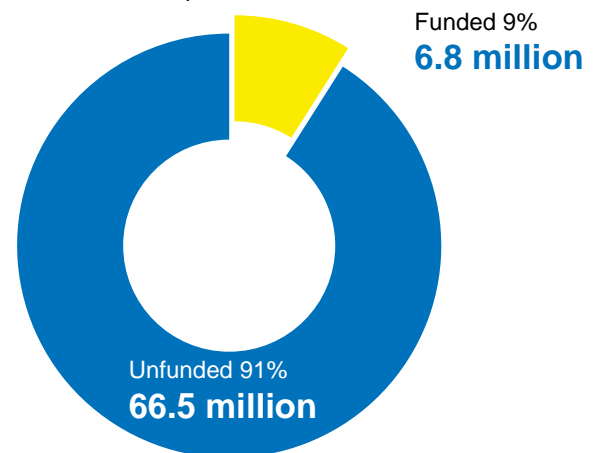
*Source: UNHCR Ecuador National Trends

**Source: Government of Ecuador by end of 2024

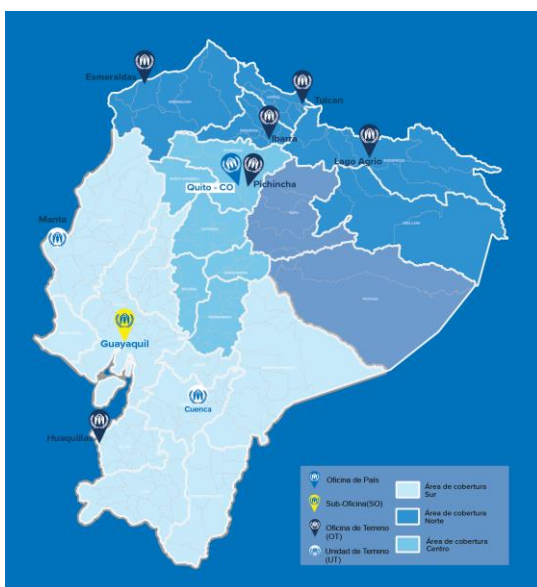
FUNDING (AS OF 28 FEBRUARY 2024)

USD 73.3 million

requested for the Ecuador operation



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Check out the [Un Mundo Posible](https://www.unmundo posible.org) website where you will find stories, information and resources to help build a world where displaced people and their hosts feel protected and included.

Working with Partners

UNHCR has one country office, once suboffice and two field offices covering north, south, and central Ecuador. The UN Refugee Agency works with 15 partners to support the Ecuadorian Government in the delivery of protection and solutions to refugees and other displaced people, as well as those from the host community in a vulnerable situation. UNHCR also co-leads with IOM the interagency working group for refugees and migrants (GTRM), a platform coordinating the response to the needs of people forced to flee in Ecuador. Check out the latest [GTRM needs assessment](#) for more information.

Main Activities

Jointly with the government, UN agencies, partner organizations, civil society, faith-based and refugee and migrant organizations, and communities, UNHCR undertakes protection and solutions activities, including:

International Protection

- UNHCR facilitates access to the asylum procedure for people in need of international protection through engagement with government and local authorities to strengthen their capacities. By end of February 2025, UNHCR and partners supported 2,474 displaced people with access to free and quality legal services (including orientation and representation).
- UNHCR and partners have supported 407 women and girls who have survived violence with specialized care by the end of February 2025.

Community-Based Protection

- UNHCR and partners work to strengthen and support local integration and peaceful coexistence among locals and refugees. Moreover, UNHCR is training refugees and local communities to enhance community communications efforts. By end of December, 520 people had been supported through community services and 88 have been supported with child protection services.
- UNHCR and partners implement a sport for protection strategy to help create resilience and prevent violence against children and adolescents across the country. In addition, [UNHCR launched a sports coalition](#) bringing together at least 17 teams, sports entities and athletes, among other collaborators, in support of the refugee cause.

Access to rights: Education and Health

- UNHCR and partners work to reduce barriers to access education for people forced to flee through advocacy and Respiramos Inclusión methodology that tackle discrimination and xenophobia.
- UNHCR advocates for the effective access of refugees to health and programmes, as well as mental health. UNHCR and partners provided 1,032 people with mental health and psychosocial support, by the end of February 2025.

Responding to needs: Cash-Based Interventions, Shelter and NFIs

- UNHCR provides support to refugees and other displaced people through cash grants to meet the most basic protection needs. By February 2025, UNHCR and partners had delivered cash support to 2,830 people.
- Shelters throughout the country continue to receive people in human mobility and to provide assistance. 928 people were able to access shelter services, safe, dignified, adequate housing and to community spaces by end of February 2025.

Durable solutions, integration and self-reliance

- UNHCR is engaging with the ministries of Human Rights, Sports and Education to put forward nation-wide initiatives to protect refugees and their host communities through their respective lines of action.
- UNHCR continued promoting the socioeconomic inclusion of people forced to flee in Ecuador, including for entrepreneurs and job placement. To date, 12 people have been provided with technical skills certifications.
- To promote integration and peaceful coexistence, [UNHCR launched Un Mundo Posible](#), an initiative to bring together refugees and locals in exploring ways to create a world where everyone can thrive. In 2024, UNHCR and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs launched a joint ToolBox to encourage inclusion and protection in all sectors. [See more.](#)
- UNHCR works with international financial institutions to put forward the humanitarian-development nexus in support of refugees and their hosts. This includes conducting joint advocacy. [Learn more here.](#)

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