

UNHCR support to the Mass Registration of Venezuelans

August 2018

By mid-2018, more than **60%** of the Venezuelan population in Colombia was in an irregular situation, which created difficulties in understanding their needs, accessing services and formulating comprehensive public policies to respond effectively.

To fill this gap, the Government of Colombia carried out a **mass registration exercise of Venezuelans** (known as the RAMV) between April 6 and June 8 2018, with UNHCR and IOM support.

On 2 August, the Government granted the over 442,000 Venezuelans registered the **Special Stay Permit (PEP)**. This allows them to stay with full access to rights for 2 years, making Colombia the country with the largest number of Venezuelans provided legal status.

REGISTRATION RESULTS

442.462

Venezuelans registered

253.575

Families registered

26.82%

Children

7.68%

Ethnic Groups

1.11%

Registered in the health system

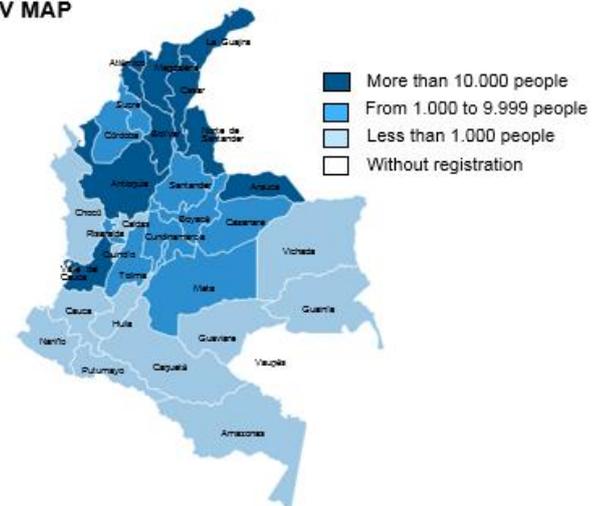
48.70%

Children in school (6-17)

89.40%

Expressed a desire to remain in Colombia

RAMV MAP

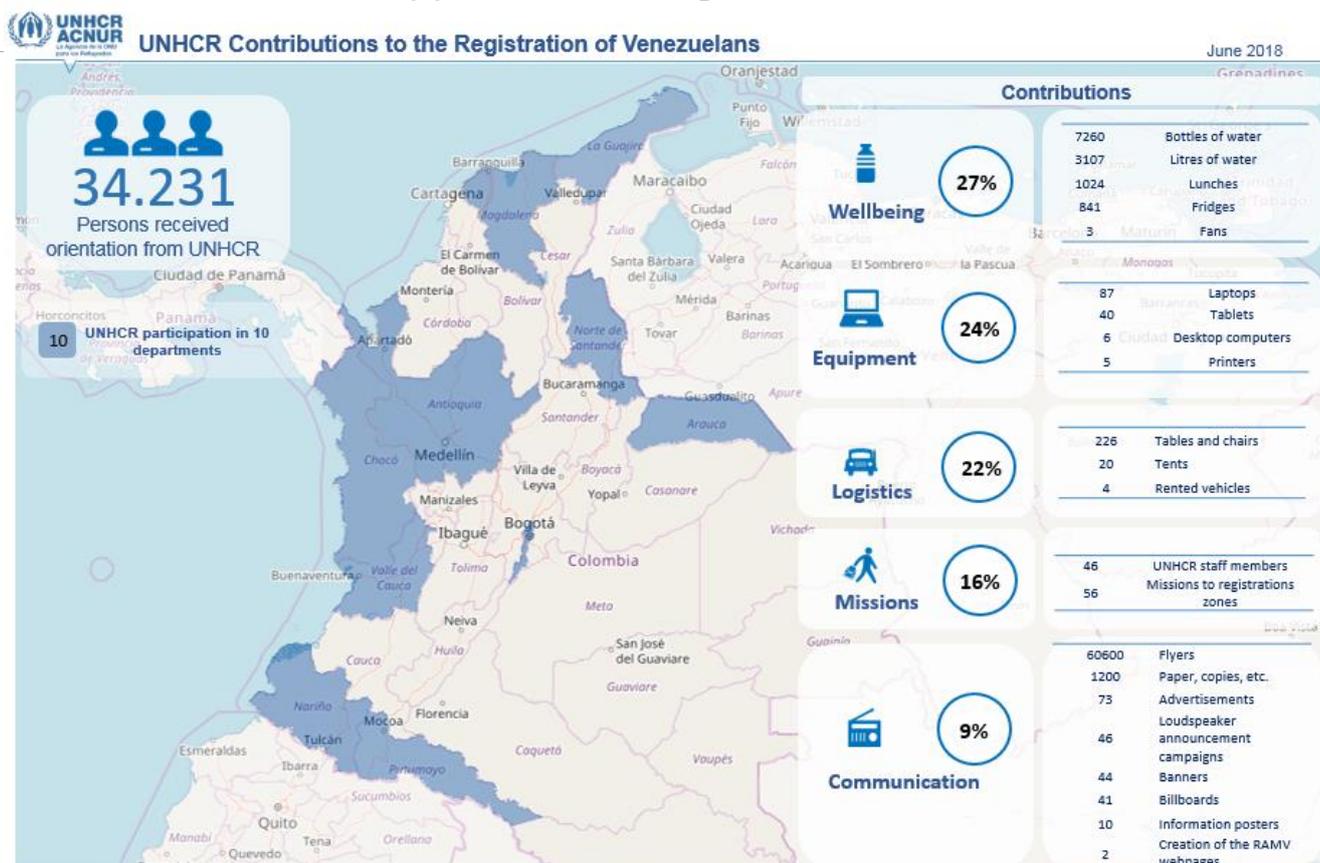


UNHCR, the Government of Guajira and the Norwegian Refugee Council support the Venezuelan community in Riohacha, Guajira. UNHCR/Sersale F.



UNHCR and IOM have offered guidance on the registration process throughout the country, including Soacha, Cundinamarca. UNHCR/Rodríguez Serna N.

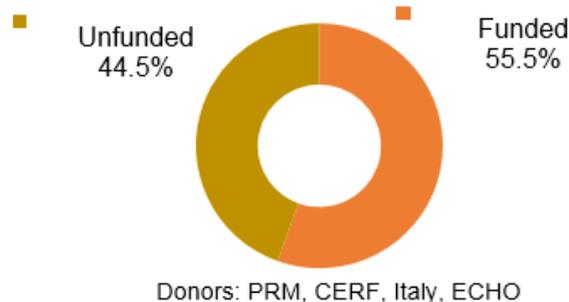
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Working with our partners

- UNHCR and IOM supported the planning, design and implementation of the RAMV in partnership with the President's Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Risk Disaster Management Unit, Office of the Ombudsman and Federation of Local Ombudsmen as well as other local authorities.
- At the local level, UNHCR worked closely with IOM, PADF, Pastoral Social, NRC and JRS.

Contributions for UNHCR Colombia's response to Venezuela situation



In addition to contributions earmarked for Colombia, UNHCR at the regional level has received funds from the Government of the Netherlands and Denmark, as well as private sector donors in various countries for its response to the needs of people displaced from Venezuela across South and Central America.

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