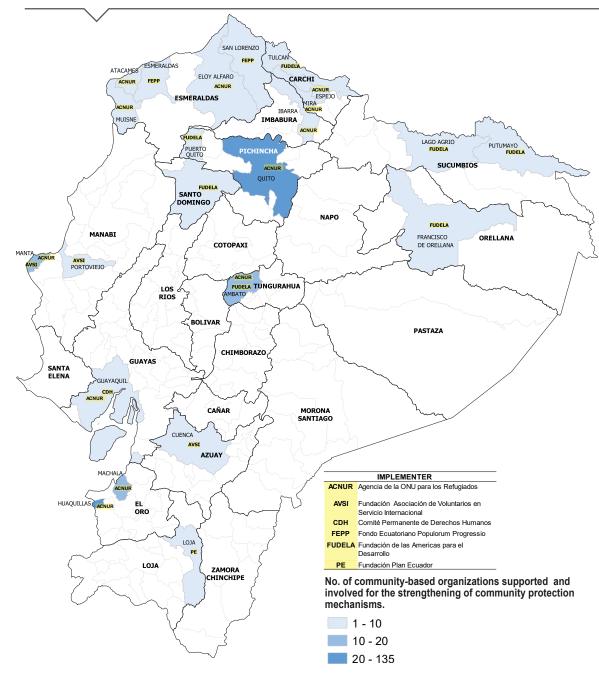


## **Community-based protection**

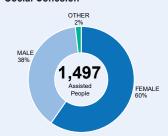
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UNHCR Ecuador updated its CBP strategy to respond to the protection needs for the young, urban and vulnerable population of concern, by promoting socioeconomic inclusion and mitigating xenophobia and discrimination. Some profiles with specific risks, such as women, children, youth, persons with discapacities, LGBTIQ+ people and ethnic minorities (African descents and indigenous population) are taken specifically account. In the first trimester of the year, specific local CBP, GBV and CP strategies have been designed and consolidated in locations with UNHCR presence, with strategies tailored to each sub-office. In addition, UNHCR has reinforced its direct presence in communities and its direct collaboration with grassroot organizations, promoting the socioeconomic inclusion of PoCs and self-management of the communities.

More than 340 community-based organizations have been mapped throughout the country, some of them led by refugees and women. These alliances will further consolidate the social cohesion work UNHCR is promoting, with a holistic approach to durable solutions as well as an engagement in local social medias to mitigate xenophobia against our population of concern. 262 Community-based organizations and networks have been supported in 2022, with 427 women participating in the decision-making structures of these supported organizations. 1,497 PoCs have also been directly involved in initiatives promoting social inclusion through peaceful coexistence projects. Furthermore, 496 PoCs have been consulted through participatory assessments, ensuring that our projects and programming is adapted to their needs, capacities, and priorities. Finally, the access to information through digital channels has also been consolidated, with 69,365 visits to our Help platform and 5,144 users of our UNHCR chatbot tool.

## Social Cohesion





1,497

No. of Persons of Concern participating in Peaceful Co-existence Projects.



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No. of community organizations involved in Peaceful Co-existence Projects.

## Resilience and Self-Management



496

No. of Persons of Concern engaged in participatory assessments



583

No. of Persons of Concern participating in the decision-making structures of the community organizations supported.



262

No. of community-based organizations and local networks supported for the strengthening of community protection mechanisms.



42

No. of women participating in the decision-making structures of the community organizations supported.

## **Access to Information through Digital Channels**



5,144

No. of people using the UNHCR



69,365

No. of visits to the platform help.unhcr.org