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 disabilities, LGBTQIA+ people and ethnic minorities (African descents and indigenous population) are taken into specific 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 grassroots 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 media 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.