

GIFMM: Multisector Subgroup

The Multisector Subgroup coordinates assistance and services to refugees, migrants and host communities through interventions on shelter and settlements, non-food items, humanitarian transportation and telecommunications.

PEOPLE IN NEED 

1.56 M

TARGET POPULATION 

0.23 M

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS 

\$ 50.92 M USD

PARTNERS AT NATIONAL LEVEL 

24

Shelter and settlements

One of the main needs for Venezuelan refugees and migrants is access to safe accommodation, both while they are in transit towards their destination and when they have settled in Colombia.

Depending on where they are along this process, they require support to find emergency shelter, facilitate their access to safe rental accommodation or ensure their rights to housing, land and property.



The “Weaving Identity” workshop held in Pastoral Social/Caritas Colombiana’s Refugee and Migrant Attention Center in Maicao, Guajira, supports immersion in local culture. © SNPS/CC [2019].

Safe accommodation offers protection, health and privacy and lays the groundwork for refugees and migrants’ integration in local communities.

Shelters offer protection against risks related to sleeping rough, including sexual violence, theft and exposure to the elements, as well as providing access to essential services, such as electricity, safe drinking water, showers, food and case management. These services are indispensable for individuals who face particularly high risks if they do not have a safe place to spend the night, such as unaccompanied women and children, people with medical conditions or living with disabilities and LGBTI individuals. Shelter exit strategies promote self-sufficiency and local integration.

In the medium term, rental support helps refugees and migrants access dignified accommodation and create their own space to provide rest and protection for their families. Additionally, resources invested in rental support go directly to Colombian landlords, supporting host communities.

In the long term, informal settlements in many urban areas across the country are also receiving population arriving from Venezuela. Support to key neighborhoods with improvement projects and insertion in urban planning processes benefits all their inhabitants, regardless of their nationality.

Non-food items (NFIs)

Besides safe accommodation, refugees and migrants from Venezuela require **non-food items to ensure their dignity and satisfy basic needs**. During transit, the provision of blankets and clothing items offers protection against the elements, while support through provision of mattresses, linens, solar panels and kitchen kits promotes dignified living conditions.

Humanitarian transportation

In 2019 more than 410,000 Venezuelan refugees and migrants crossed Colombia with a regular legal status. Others travelled to municipalities in different regions of the country for work, family or protection-related reasons. In many cases, the lack of resources forces people into choosing between purchasing food, paying for accommodation or buying a bus ticket, and walking exposes them to risks along the way, such as family separation, theft and exposure to the elements. This is particularly dangerous for some populations, such as persons living with disabilities, older adults and unaccompanied women and children.

Humanitarian transportation has the triple purpose of facilitating the population's mobility, protecting their resources and offering protection from risks along the way.

Telecommunications

After arriving to Colombia and during their transit towards their destination, refugees and migrants need to communicate with their families, friends and support network to keep them updated about their situation, remain in touch and organize their trip. **GIFMM members' activities providing telecommunications services through telephone calls and access to the internet are a key tool in ensuring access to information and protecting family unity.**

Multisector: main partners at the national level

ACTED | Caritas Germany | Caritas Switzerland | Colombian Red Cross | DRC | PADF | iMMAP | IOM | JRS Colombia | JRS LAC | Lutheran World Federation | Malteser | Médecins du Monde | NRC | OFICA | PAHO/WHO | Pastoral Social | Samaritan's Purse | Solidarités International/Première Urgence Internationale | SOS Children's Villages | Techo | UN Habitat | UNHCR | ZOA

Multisector 2020

24 departments

\$50.92 M requested:

\$38.16 M shelter and settlements
(including 0.2 M for telecommunications)

\$9.98 M non-food items

\$2.78 M humanitarian transportation

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