

The Government of Colombia announced on 8 February 2021 the Temporary Protection Status (TPS) that enables the regularization of over 2.3 million Venezuelans and their access to rights and services over the course of 10 years in the country. A complementary measure to international protection, the TPS is intended to offer Venezuelans the opportunity to integrate locally and to contribute to the country's economy.

A year and a half after its roll-out, the official figures are the following:

2,477,588

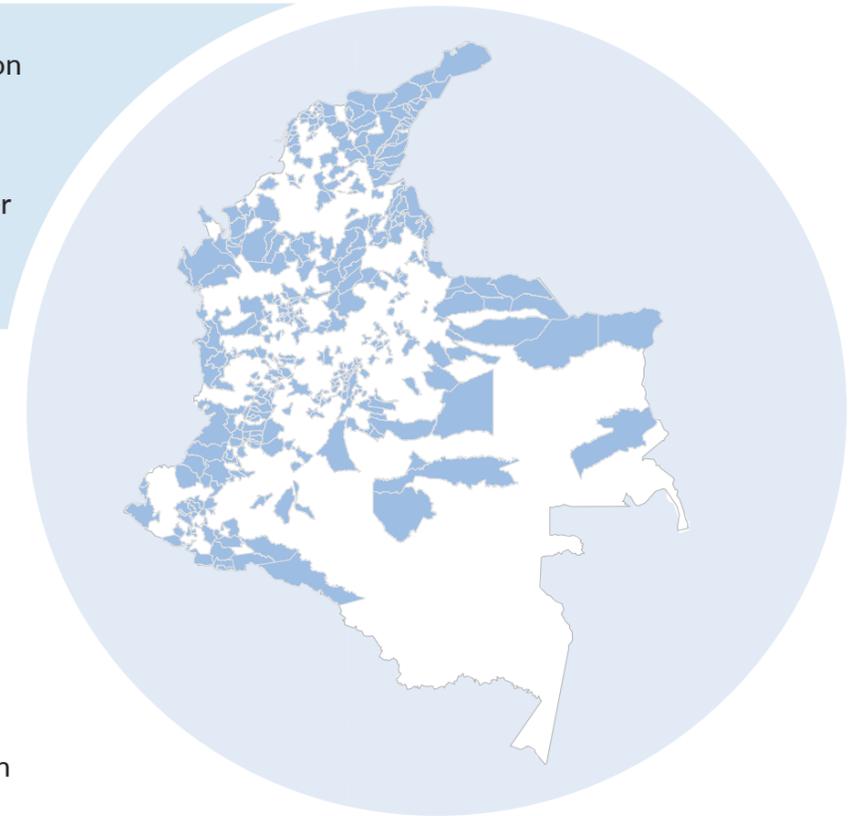
VENEZUELAN IN COLOMBIA

Date: February 2023. Source: Colombia Migration.



UNHCR, with a long-standing presence in Colombia, has supported the TPS implementation through an [action plan](#) seeking to improve access to rights for the Venezuelan population, particularly in remote areas.

In 2021 and 2022, UNHCR and its partners carried out actions in 30 departments and over 430 municipalities in the country ([see report](#)).



► PILLAR 1. PROTECTION OF RIGHTS

UNHCR has supported both the registration and the delivery of Temporary Protection Permits (TPP) to Venezuelans, through:



2 MILLION

Temporary Protection Permits (TPP) plastic cards printed and distributed with the support of UNHCR and UNDP, donated to Colombia Migration border control agency.



15 MOBILE UNITS

donated to Colombia Migration to facilitate the biometric registration in remote areas with hard-to-reach communities.



11,350 CIVIL SERVANTS

trained on TPS regulation, registration and documentation, international protection, and access to rights to strengthen protective environments.

260 COMMUNICATION PIECES

elaborated on the TPS and in support of the [Visibles](#) campaign of Colombia Migration.

699 SIM CARDS AND COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

(230 SIM cards, 400 tablets, and 69 printers) distributed to partners and Venezuelan NGOs.

► PILLAR 2. ACCESS TO RIGHTS AND BASIC NEEDS

The second pillar is focused on guaranteeing access to the TPS to all Venezuelans, ensuring that no one is left behind, through the following means:



587,305

PEOPLE REGISTERED IN PRIMES

which is UNHCR's Population Registration and Management software between January 2021 and September 2022

56,702

PEOPLE PROVIDED WITH ORIENTATION AND INFORMATION

through the National Call Center (LAN), including the identification of the necessities of the population and the referral to services.

489,005

PEOPLE RECEIVED INFORMATION

through individual and collective methods regarding access to rights (asylum system), protection services, and/or migration regulation processes (TPS), among others.



29 LEGAL CLINICS

UNHCR extended the network of legal consultants, in collaboration with 29 Universities and partners.

267,364

PEOPLE RECEIVED LEGAL ASSISTANCE

including 20,990 children and adolescents who received child protection specialized services.

69

INFORMATION AND ORIENTATION POINTS (PAOs)

active in 23 departments and 53 municipalities in the country, including 7 PAO mobile units to reach the Venezuelan population in hard-to-reach communities.


466,507
**PEOPLE ACCESSED
THE INTERNET**

to register for the TPS and access humanitarian response through 146 internet hotspots made available by UNHCR and partners.


104,746
**PEOPLE RECEIVED
PSYCHOSOCIAL ASSISTANCE**
94,883
**PEOPLE AFFILIATED
TO THE NATIONAL
HEALTHCARE SYSTEM**
76,353
**PEOPLE RECEIVED
MULTIPURPOSE CASH
ASSISTANCE**
36,334
**PEOPLE BENEFITED FROM
GENDER BASED VIOLENCE
(GBV) PREVENTION AND
RESPONSE SERVICES**

36,676
**PEOPLE BENEFITED
FROM SHELTER SOLUTIONS**
 (individually or collectively) in coordination with partners in at least 30 municipalities.


11,651
**PEOPLE RECEIVED
TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE**

to allow them to access protection services, documentation, basic goods, and other services.

311,884
**NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFIs)
DELIVERED**
219
**MUNICIPALITIES CARRIED
OUT TPS CAMPAIGN
OUTREACH**

(pre-registration, registration, profiling, biometrics, and TPP delivery).

21 REMODELED
SUPPORT SPACES

in 11 departments with a new Support Space opened in Puerto Carreño, Vichada.


8 ACTIVE SAFE HOUSES

that offer protection services centered on psychological assistance and the assistance for survivors and people at risk of gender-based violence.

► PILLAR 3. PARTICIPATION AND EMPOWERMENT

60 COMMUNITY
VOLUNTEERS

trained and supported - with a monthly stipend and transportation costs - to provide information and facilitate access to the TPS, as well as activities to build trust with communities.

6.6 MILLION PEOPLE

**REACHED WITH MESSAGES ADDRESSING
MANIFESTATIONS OF XENOPHOBIA**
2,809 WORKSHOPS

of which 430 specifically on accessing TPS, and 1,850 on rights, protection, gender-based violence, integration, health, and others.

1,801,155
SOCIAL MEDIA VISITS

to UNHCR accounts in Instagram, Twitter and Facebook with content specifically related to TPS.

► PILLAR 4. SOLUTIONS
51,435
PEOPLE

who received guidance on how to access the labor market (employability, entrepreneurship, business development) as well as socioeconomic inclusion, among others.

#WorkingTogether

The strategy #WorkingTogether seeks to orient the refugee and migrant population about forms of labor recruitment, socioeconomic integration in Colombia, implications of the TPS in the labor environment, and access to financial services. Part of this strategy, the "The Orientation Guide for Labour access for Refugees and Migrants" was elaborated and distributed.