

In the first quarter of the year, UNHCR spearheaded the launch of a reintegration pilot project in the northcentral of Miranda, selecting three communities in the sprawling informal settlement of Petare, to the east of Caracas, to implement a number of activities designed to support the sustainable reintgration in society of those Venezuelans who have chosen to return to the country. UNHCR is also supporting a second reintegration pilot in the western state of Tachira that is being implemented under the leadership of IOM in two border communities in the Municipality of Junin and in an urban community in the city of San Cristobal.

UNHCR also accompanied a mission by the Resident Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator to the southwestern state of Amazonas which provided the opportunity to showcase some of its more recent projects: the Communal Center for Women in Puerto Ayacucho, 400 solar reflectors installed in the Municipality of Autana, the Centre for the Comprehensive Care for Victims of Human Trafficking and Gender-Based Violence (CAFIM) in Puerto Ayacucho, the local Agricultural Technical School (ETA) supported jointly with FAO and UNICEF as a pilot for income generating opportunities for students.

FIRST QUARTER 2023 IN FIGURES



BENEFICIARIES







24,565 PROTECTION



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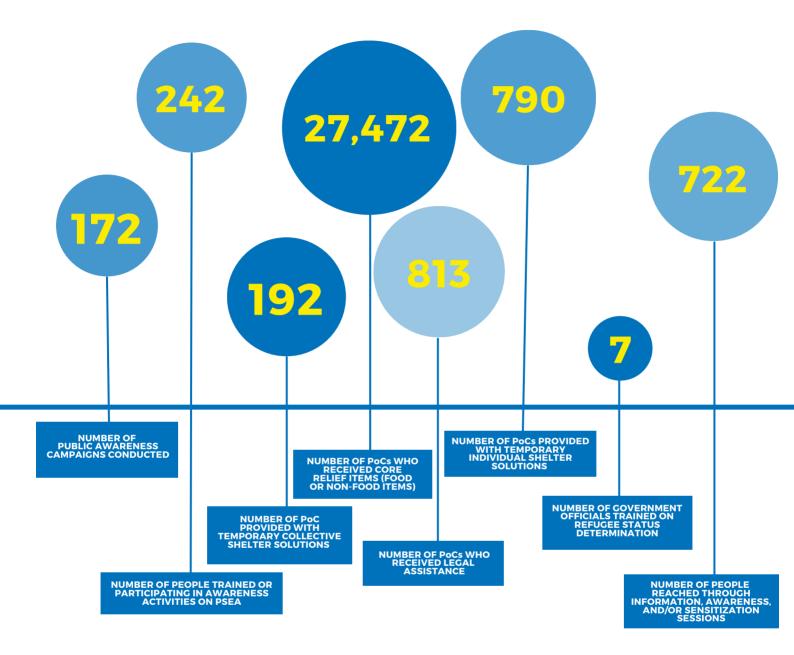


91,271

73,183

24

UNHCR INDICATORS



AGE GROUPS

0 - 17

18 - 59

+60

45,889 107,900 10,689

PROTECTION HIGLIGHTS

UNHCR, CONARE and the Office of Ombudsperson signed the Tripartite Cooperation Agreement FY2023. Bilateral workplans between UNHCR and each of those State bodies were also agreed. As per the operation's protection and solutions strategy, workplans are focus on facilitating access to rights of asylum seekers, refugees, Venezuelan returnees, persons at risk of displacement caused by natural hazards or armed conflict/organised crime, and persons at risk of statelessness, as per each institution's mandate.

In line with UNHCR Global Action Plan to End Statelessness (2014-2024)'s actions 7 an 8 related to ensuring birth registration for the prevention of statelessness and to issuing nationality documentation to those with entitlement to it respectively, UNHCR Venezuela in coordination with the Civil Registry, the Office of the Ombudsperson, the National Children's Protection Council, local indigenous authorities, supported four outreach registration and documentation brigades where 255 indigenous children from States Apure (144), Bolivar (26) and Delta Amacuro (85) benefited from late birth registration procedures, and were issued with birth certs accordingly.

HRP CLUSTERS LED BY UNHCR

SHELTER ENERGY & NFIS CLUSTER

By the end of the first quarter, the Shelter, Energy and NFI Cluster reached 7,567 direct beneficiaries through partner organizations and 36,599 indirect beneficiaries through interventions in institutions and community spaces providing essential services to the population, such as temporary shelters, education, health and community centers.

Project proposals for HRP in 2023 were strategically and technically reviewed by the Cluster. 38 project proposals from 31 organizations were approved for the Shelter, Energy and NFI sector.

PROTECTION CLUSTER

In the first quarter of the year, more than 165,000 people have been reached with specialized protection services provided by 73 partner organizations. 3,654 were people with some type of disability and 10,660 people from the indigenous population. The service mapping is kept up to date with 899 active services.

The Cluster Protection Strategy was published, and it is focused on the prevention and response to all forms of violence, access to rights and services, the centrality of protection and durable solutions, and the Strategy on Trafficking in Persons, which includes the activities that respond to the identified needs for prevention, assistance to victims and capacity building to institutions.

PRESENCE

77 Communities

41 Municipalities

13 States



RESPONSE

UNHCR works in close coordination with the National Commission for Refugees (CONARE) to ensure that international protection is provided to refugees and durable solutions are available. UNHCR has supported the organisation of asylum-seeker registration and RSD outreach activities by the CONARE, the establishment of a registration/case management system (SIGESREF), individual documentation for asylum-seekers and joint capacity-building activities with other government institutions, among other initiatives. At the same time,

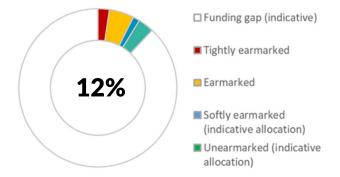
Within the framework of the Humanitarian Response Plan and its leadership role in the Protection Cluster and the Shelter, Energy and NFI Cluster, UNHCR supports the UN inter-agency response in the country, by providing humanitarian and protection assistance to affected populations. UNHCR is also supporting 315 community promoters, 19 community committees, women networks and 14 youth networks. Community projects led by members of community structures have included projects to address protection, nutrition, health, water and sanitation and education needs.

UNHCR also supports the provision of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) prevention and response services through the Safe Spaces Network and in coordination with the GBV Area of Responsibility of the Protection Cluster, to ensure persons on the move have access to confidential case management, counselling, psychosocial support, medical aid and legal services.

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