

Ecuador

September 2023

Over 75,800** **refugees** and 9,500 asylum-seekers are currently registered in Ecuador as of end of September. 95% of them come from **Colombia**.

Ecuador hosts 474,945 Venezuelan refugees and migrants, **the fourth largest number** after Colombia, Peru and Brazil according to the GTRM.

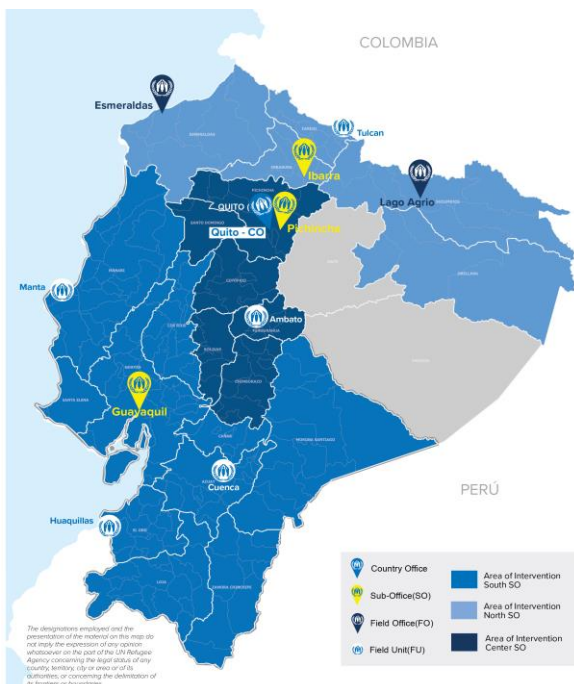
UNHCR works with authorities and partners to help refugees, asylum-seekers and their hosts **thrive in Ecuador**, not only survive.

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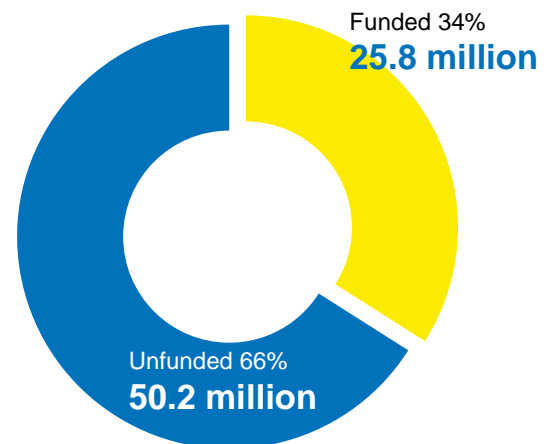
*Source: UNHCR Ecuador National Trends



FUNDING (AS OF 4 OCTOBER 2023)

USD 76 million

requested for the Ecuador operation



construye
un mundo
posible
para los
refugiados

Participa en el concurso de dibujo para poner tu diseño en una camiseta sobre cómo crear esperanza y un mundo posible lejos del hogar. Las camisetas serán vendidas para ayudar a recaudar fondos para apoyar a personas refugiadas y sus comunidades de acogida en Ecuador.



UN MUNDO POSIBLE
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UNHCR and AÉROPOSTALE launched an art contest to invite young people in Ecuador to draw what hope away from home means to them. Winning drawings will be stamped on t-shirts to be sold, and a percentage will be donated to UNHCR. [Find out more here.](#)

Working with Partners

UNHCR has one country office and three suboffices covering north, south, and central Ecuador. The UN Refugee Agency works with over 19 partners, with 22 partnership agreements, and supports the Ecuadorian Government in the delivery of protection and solutions to refugees and other displaced people, as well as those from the host community in a vulnerable situation. UNHCR also co-leads the interagency working group for refugees and migrants (GTRM), a platform coordinating the response to the needs of people forced to flee in Ecuador. Check out the latest [GTRM needs assessment](#) for more information.

Main Activities

Alongside the government, partner organizations, civil society, faith-based organizations, and communities, UNHCR undertakes protection and solutions activities, including:

International Protection

- UNHCR facilitates access to the asylum procedure for people in need of international protection through engagement with government and local authorities to strengthen their capacities. UNHCR and partners supported 48,928 refugees and others displaced with access to free and quality legal services (including orientation and representation) by the end of September 2023. UNHCR continues supporting the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in conducting registration and documentation brigades to remote areas to ensure access to procedures, and together with partners, helped thousands of refugees and migrants to register for the regularization process. So far in 2023, 2,589 people were able to benefit from these brigades in San Lorenzo, Esmeraldas, Lago Agrio, Machala, and Santo Domingo.
- UNHCR and partners continue providing support to the regularization process with counselling and guidance, communications with communities, cash for documentation, as well as brigades to support registration and any other related procedure. So far in 2023, 80,949 people have been supported in the process. UNHCR is also supporting with key technical staff withing Government to strengthen the process.

Community-Based Protection

- UNHCR and partners work to strengthen and support local integration and peaceful coexistence among locals and refugees. Moreover, UNHCR is training refugees and local communities to enhance community communications efforts.
- Refugees and locals work together to fight against the effects of climate change while contributing to preserving the environment, including through recycling, clean ups and other circular economy initiatives that help boost livelihoods among community members. Check out our [climate action strategy](#).

Access to rights: Education and Health

- UNHCR and partners work to reduce barriers to access the education system for people of concern through advocacy and specialized initiatives that tackle discrimination and xenophobia. Through the MYRP (ECW), UNHCR has delivered 2,654 educational kits to children or all ages by the end of September to promote their permanence in school.
- UNHCR advocates for the effective access of refugees to health and programmes, as well as mental health. UNHCR and partners have provided 14,150 people with mental health and psychosocial support, by the end of September 2023.

Responding to needs: Cash-Based Interventions, Shelter and NFIs

- UNHCR provides support to refugees and other displaced people through cash grants to meet the most basic protection needs. By the end of September, UNHCR has delivered cash support to 17,597 people.
- UNHCR and partners delivered 27,191 hygiene kits to displaced people across Ecuador.
- Shelters throughout the country continue to receive people in human mobility and to provide assistance. 10,565 people were able to access shelter services, safe and adequate housing and to community spaces by the end of September 2023.

Durable solutions, integration and self-reliance

- UNHCR continued promoting the socioeconomic inclusion of people forced to flee in Ecuador, including for entrepreneurs and job placement. Most recently, UNHCR, the UN Global Compact and Sin Fronteras Programme launched the second edition of the Inclusive Company Seal to recognize the private sector's efforts in promoting refugee inclusion.
- To promote integration and peaceful coexistence, [UNHCR launched Un Mundo Posible](#), an initiative to bring together refugees and locals in exploring ways to create a world where everyone can thrive. Within this framework, UNHCR and partner football club S.D. AUCAS held a friendly soccer match among members of their teams, refugees and host communities. [Find out more here](#).
- UNHCR works with international financial institutions to put forward the humanitarian-development nexus in support of refugees and their hosts. This includes conducting joint advocacy to ensure refugees are considered within key legislation.

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