

The Southern Cone



REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS
IN THE SUBREGION

167,746



PEOPLE REACHED WITH SOME
FORM OF ASSISTANCE*

2,704



FUNDING SITUATION**

FUNDED: **NOT AVAILABLE**
REQUIREMENT: USD 31,969,522

Situation

- In spite of recent political changes in the Southern Cone countries - fragile socio-economic environment and overloaded migration and asylum systems - open door policies have remained in place for Venezuelan refugees and migrants in the sub-region.
- In **Bolivia**, positive steps were made to facilitate the stay and transit of refugees and migrants, especially for children without documentation, and in January and February some 54 Venezuelans were recognized as refugees in the country.
- **Luis Lacalle Pou** was sworn in as **President of Uruguay** after winning **November's runoff** by a close margin against the Broad Front's Daniel Martinez. Pou has the support of five centre-right parties, including his National Party, as well as a majority in Congress. His government has included attracting migrants among its top priorities.
- Partners monitored the border area between **Yacuiba (Bolivia)** and **Salvador Mazza (Argentina)** in order to prevent irregular and unsafe transit, as this has been spotted by partners as a new transit/entry point of migrants and refugees from Venezuela.



Venezuelan men assisted in La Paz, Bolivia ©UNHCR / J.di Benedictis /2020

Response



ARGENTINA: 100% Diversidad, ADRA, CAREF, FCCAM, Fundación Mirares, IOM, Red Cross Argentina, UNHCR.

BOLIVIA: Caritas Bolivia, Caritas Suiza, IOM, Munasim Kullakita Foundation, Red Cross Bolivia, Scalabrini Foundation, UNHCR, World Vision.

PARAGUAY: IOM, Semillas para la Democracia, UNHCR.

URUGUAY: APEJUVENUR, Casa del Migrante, El Paso, Idas y Vueltas, IOM, Manos Veneguayas, SEDHU, UNHCR.

- During January and February, partners in **Argentina** have already assisted more than 900 Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Puerto Iguazu, Buenos Aires, La Quiaca, San Salvador de Jujuy and Posadas, many of them families in very vulnerable conditions, pregnant women and children under 10 years old, with precarious documentation. Partners also reinforced their presence in the bus terminal of Puerto Iguazu in order to try to reach as many refugees and migrants as possible.
- In **Uruguay**, partners also provided legal orientation and advice to refugees and migrants from Venezuela in urban centres and border areas, as well as to some others in terms of labour, and provided assistance so they could obtain residence permits. Partners also distributed food vouchers for the most vulnerable cases.
- In **Bolivia**, partners distributed multipurpose cash assistance as well as food and hygiene kits to refugees and migrants.
- In **Paraguay**, partners provided food and hygiene kits as well as shelter to newly-arrived refugees and migrants from Venezuela in Asunción and Ciudad del Este.
- Following the workplan to elaborate the Regional Protocol for Child Protection in the framework of the Quito process, partners consulted authorities and civil society organizations in order to incorporate their inputs into the Protocol's draft.



PEOPLE REACHED*



Food
Security

494



Health

143



Hum.
Transp.

233



Integration

410



NFI

385



Protection

897



Shelter

597



CBI

657