COLOMBIA
UNHCR COLOMBIA'S SUPPORT TO THE TEMPORARY PROTECTION STATUS
(March 2021 to September 2022)

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:

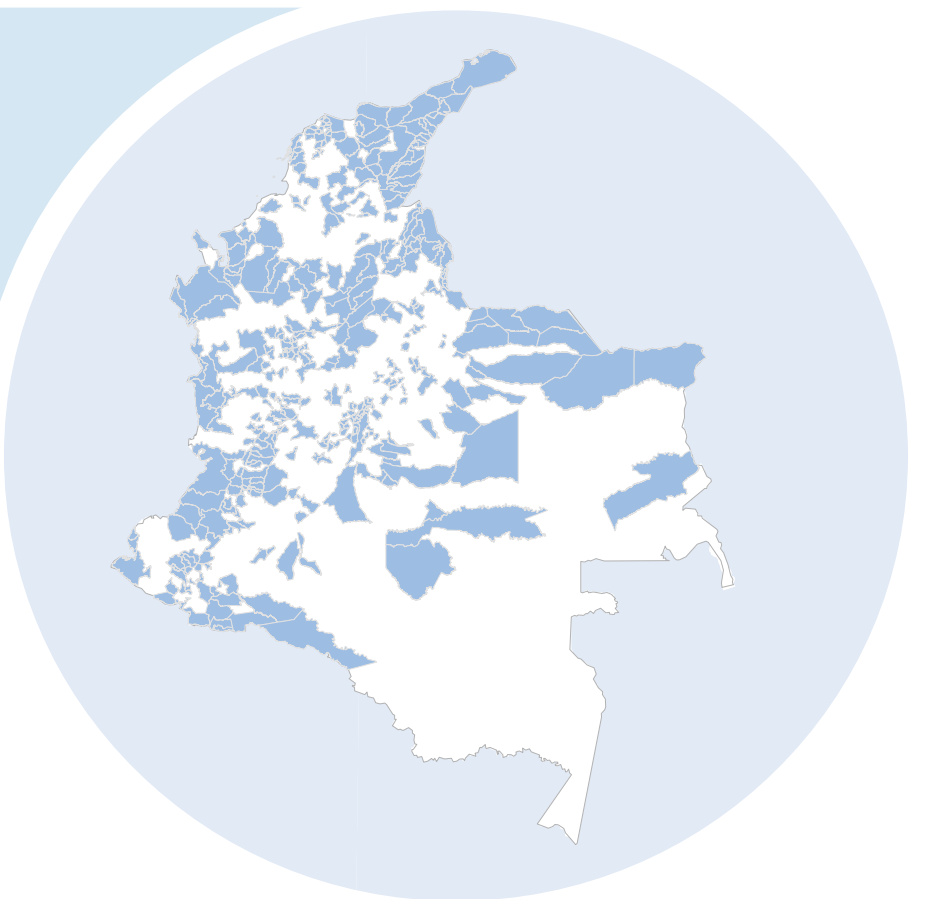
2,477,588
VENEZUELANS IN COLOMBIA

- PROFILING SURVEY FINALIZED: **2,351,351**
- BIOMETRIC REGISTRATION FINALIZED: **1,963,864**
- TEMPORARY PROTECTION PERMITS APPROVED: **1,632,817**
- TEMPORARY PROTECTION PERMITS DELIVERED: **1,492,275**

Date: 24 November 2022. 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.

9,400 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 pilar is focused on guaranteeing access to the TPS to all Venezuelans, ensuring that no one is left behind, through the following means:

566,094 PEOPLE REGISTERED IN PRIMES
which is UNHCR´s Population Registration and Management software between January 2021 and September 2022

41,600 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.

372,669 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.

240,580 PEOPLE RECEIVED LEGAL ASSISTANCE
including 20,990 children and adolescents who received child protection specialized services.

67 INFORMATION AND ORIENTATION POINTS (PAOs)
active in 19 departments and 40 municipalities in the country, including 7 PAO mobile units to reach the Venezuelan population in hard-to-reach communities.

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180,512
PEOPLE ACCESSED THE INTERNET
to register for the TPS and access humanitarian response through 146 internet hotspots made available by UNHCR and partners.

103,200
PEOPLE RECEIVED PSYCHOSOCIAL ASSISTANCE

86,700
PEOPLE AFFILIATED TO THE NATIONAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

61,000
PEOPLE RECEIVED MULTIPURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE

29,100
PEOPLE BENEFITED FROM GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (GBV) PREVENTION AND RESPONSE SERVICES

29,800
PEOPLE BENEFITED FROM SHELTER SOLUTIONS
(individually or collectively) in coordination with partners in at least 30 municipalities.

11,450
PEOPLE RECEIVED TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE
to allow them to access protection services, documentation, basic goods, and other services.

288,930
NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFIs) DELIVERED

180
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.

4.5 MILLION PEOPLE
REACHED WITH MESSAGES ADDRESSING MANIFESTATIONS OF XENOPHOBIA

2,280 WORKSHOPS
of which 430 specifically on accessing TPS, and 1,850 on rights, protection, gender-based violence, integration, health, and others.

1,079,500
SOCIAL MEDIA VISITS
to UNHCR accounts in Instagram, Twitter and Facebook with content specifically related to TPS.

PILLAR 4. SOLUTIONS

49,500
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.

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