



# EU SUPPORTS VENEZUELAN REFUGEES, MIGRANTS AND HOST COMMUNITIES



**4.5 million people have left Venezuela due to political instability, insecurity and economic collapse.** This is the fastest growing refugee crisis in Latin American history and has become one of the biggest displacement crises in the world. The European Union stands with the people of Venezuela and is at the forefront of the international mobilisation to solve the crisis in the country and support a political, democratic, peaceful and Venezuelan-owned solution.

## EU RESPONSE TO THE REFUGEE AND MIGRANT CRISIS

**€100 MILLION**

help Venezuelan migrants and refugees, as well as host countries and communities in the region.

EU ASSISTANCE  
AMOUNTS TO OVER

**€170 million**

(both inside and  
outside Venezuela)

**€70 MILLION**

address the needs of Venezuelans inside the country, such as emergency healthcare, access to safe water and sanitation as well as to education.

**€34 million**  
FOR HUMANITARIAN  
NEEDS

The EU provides Venezuelan refugees and migrants with emergency medical services, food assistance, shelter, legal information and support, protection initiatives, in particular against gender-based violence, trafficking in human beings, as well as education in emergencies. The EU has been among the first ones to give support to the border area close to **Cucuta's Simon Bolivar bridge** and actively helps people in need along the main migratory routes, including host communities.



**€46 million**  
FOR DEVELOPMENT

For example, the project **"Cities of Solidarity"** (€16 million) supports different local administrations in the region to facilitate acceptance of refugees and migrants within host communities and to improve their economic and social inclusion. Implemented together with UN-Habitat, UNHCR, and the IOM, the project is currently active in Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and the Dominican Republic and will be further extended to 10 additional cities in the region.



An **EU contribution of €10 million** to the Inter-American Development Bank's **"Fiscal and Public Investment Expenditure Strengthening for Municipalities"** programme makes it possible to leverage support totalling €147 million. It allows to scale up the programme's scope to focus on migrant-hosting communities and support local administrations in integrating migrants into the labour market and setting up a housing rental assistance fund.

**€15 million**  
FOR STABILITY  
AND PEACE

Key areas of EU support are the identification and documentation of migrants and refugees, the reduction of tensions or risk of violence, countering trafficking in human beings, and fighting xenophobia and discrimination.



## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE



The EU provides **technical assistance** to administrations in migration management, social protection and employment challenges in the region. In Peru EU technical assistance using Member States expertise supported the improvement of asylum services; in Brazil it supported the Public Defender's office to better protect migrant children; in Ecuador it helped the Ministry of Foreign Affairs face migration challenges.

## EU WORKS FOR A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE CRISIS

Together with regional partners, the EU established the **International Contact group** in January 2019 with the objective to create the conditions for and provide support to a political process that can lead to the peaceful restoration of democracy.



## EU SUPPORTS THE QUITO PROCESS



Governments in the region, under the Quito process, are working to harmonise regional policies and practices, scale up and coordinate their humanitarian response, improve access to host countries and communities, and address human rights and protection issues.



## DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION WITH LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES

**€3.6 billion**



The European Union is the largest provider of development cooperation to Latin American and Caribbean countries. Between 2014 and 2020, the EU has allocated around **€3.6 billion** in grants for bilateral and regional programmes, focusing on priority areas such as:



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