

# VENEZUELA CRISIS RESPONSE

Situation Report HOPE WITHOUT BORDERS February 2021



## Latin America and the Caribbean REGIONAL OVERVIEW



## KEY RESPONSE MESSAGES

- ▶ Political, human rights and socio-economic developments in Venezuela continue to lead to the exodus of millions of refugees and migrants—nearly 5.5 million as of Feb. 5, 2021. More than 110,000 Venezuelans have opted to return to the country during the pandemic, despite border restrictions and increased risks.
- ▶ The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in Venezuelans migrating through unauthorized border crossings. Limited access to health services, including prevention and care for COVID-19; eviction; domestic violence; and difficulties maintaining and generating income lead to more social and economic problems. Xenophobia and stigmatization also are prevalent among host communities. Governments need to ensure humanitarian organizations have access to communities, migrants and refugees to provide basic assistance alongside the governments.
- ▶ The primary protection needs for Venezuelan migrants: Immigration Regularization, Documentation, Prevention of evictions, and birth registration. Regarding GBV survivors: Psychosocial support for survivors, case management, legal assistance, and practical in-kind assistance, livelihoods for survivors. About special services: Specialized services for survivors, psychosocial support, family reunification, and alternative care
- ▶ Promising political developments include: Thirteen countries confirmed their commitment, through the Quito Process, to safe, organized, and regular migration and international protection for Venezuelan refugees. They also reaffirmed the need for international cooperation to contribute to the countries' efforts in caring for Venezuelan migrants and refugees. Regionally, all actors agree that the budget need is a central challenge in the region; the RMRP has a 53% budget gap, as of Feb. 19, 2021.
- ▶ World Vision's 7-country response aims to raise US\$58 million to reach 700,000 people from January 2020 through December 2022.

## REGIONAL HUMANITARIAN NEEDS



\*Includes cases of unaccompanied and separated children, gender-based violence, people with disabilities, as well as human trafficking and smuggling prevention and response services.

## DONORS AND PARTNERS



## SOURCES:

OCHA HRP | RMRP 2021 | R4V Mid-Year Report June 2019 | R4V.info | COVID-19 RMRP 2020 | UNHCR Data Portal

## Latin America and the Caribbean REGIONAL OVERVIEW

### RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: MONTHLY (JANUARY 2021)



**65,475**  
People reached with some form of assistance\*, including 16,769 children



**22,741**  
People received multipurpose cash transfers



**2,003**  
People reached with protection services



**55**  
Children and educators reached with education services



**136**  
People reached with WASH services



**34,796**  
People reached with food security, nutrition, or livelihoods assistance or training



**5,622**  
People provided inclusion services



**NFI**  
**122**  
People reached with non-food items



**0**  
People reached with multi-sector assistance

### RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: CUMULATIVE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



**628,291**  
People reached with some form of assistance\*, including 258,838 children



**1,18,461**  
People received multipurpose cash transfers



**80,608**  
People reached with protection services



**48,095**  
Children and educators reached with education services



**28,913**  
People reached with WASH services



**21,442**  
People provided inclusion services



**5,296**  
People reached with multi-sector assistance



**NFI**  
**3,437**  
People reached with non-food items



**321,641**  
People reached with food security & nutrition assistance or livelihoods training

\*Protection, education, food security, nutrition, or WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene)

## COUNTRY OVERVIEWS

- Bolivia:** World Vision Bolivia, in coordination with partner organizations, has been supporting Venezuelan migrant families and refugee applicants who remain in the cities of La Paz and El Alto.
- Brazil:** The Pacaraima border crossing has been closed since March 18, 2020 to contain the spread of coronavirus. But migrants continue to enter Brazil through unofficial routes. This lack of documentation has increased Venezuelans' vulnerability, making it harder to access public services and find legitimate work. World Vision has highlighted the importance of prioritizing the guarantee of documentation to families with children and adolescents.
- Chile:** COVID-19 has exacerbated the risks, threats, and vulnerabilities faced by migrant and refugee families. They can be indicated as the people most affected by the pandemic, due to the lack of social protections and due to loss of income from work in informal sectors. We have also evidenced the overcrowding and the precarious living conditions in which they live, which includes evictions from homes due to inability to pay rent. Currently, Venezuelans represent the largest migrant group in the country, totaling more than 457,000 people.

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- Colombia:** Colombia has received the most Venezuelan migrants and refugees of any country. The country currently hosts more than 1.7 million Venezuelans, of which about 56% live with irregular status. This makes them more vulnerable to risks of exploitation and violence, and imposes more barriers to their integration into society. In this context, on Feb. 8, the Colombian Government announced the Temporary Protection Statute for Venezuelan Migrants (ETPV), which seeks to regularize the migratory status of Venezuelan migrants here. It guarantees their rights, ensures access to essential services (housing, health, education or formal employment), and recognizes this situation a driving force for the country's development.
- Ecuador:** The country has gradually opened up since September and refugee and migrant livelihoods remain a priority. Several partners have reactivated some programs by strengthening capacities for employment and entrepreneurship, as well as financial support for economic inclusion. Food-security assistance continues to expand, while several strategies have been registered for the payment of rents and the opening of temporary shelters in July and August. The pandemic also has widened the gap in access to education for Venezuelan children.
- Peru:** During the coronavirus pandemic, World Vision Peru has continued working to address needs of the most vulnerable migrant and refugees, including interventions in the following areas: Multipurpose cash; Non-Food Items, providing cleaning kits to feeding centers, and integration, through the USAID-funded project that helps doctors get their certification to practice in the country. The strategies are taking into account the current pandemic situation in which we live and seek to reduce the levels of vulnerability of the migrant population.
- Venezuela:** The Venezuelan economy is still in a downward spiral, mostly because output from the country's oil industry continues to decrease. Across the country, the dollar has now replaced the Bolivar as the main currency. The regional spillover of Venezuela's political conflict and economic collapse has caused ties between Colombia and Venezuela, to fray as well, amid border closures, a migrant exodus and a rapid increase of humanitarian needs all across the country.

## COUNTRY OVERVIEW

### KEY MESSAGES

- › The increasing number of people who are migrating from Venezuela to different countries of the continent shows the growth of humanitarian needs within the country. At the same time, the closure of borders due to the pandemic forces people to use illegal crossings that are putting their lives at risk.
- › People who have returned from other countries after a first move, have been faced with alarming humanitarian needs, which is forcing many returnees to re-migrate from the country even with their families.



### HUMANITARIAN NEEDS by sector in Venezuela

**7 M**  
 People need humanitarian assistance

**4.3 M**  
 People in need of water, sanitation, and hygiene services

**3.7 M**  
 People need urgent food assistance

**2.8 M**  
 People need urgent health services

**2.2 M**  
 People need access to education

**2.7 M**  
 People need protection services

### FUNDING NEEDS



Target **\$57.9 M (through 2022)**

Funding pledged/received Funding gap

### RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS MONTHLY: (AUGUST 2020)

**3,855**  
 People reached with some form of assistance

**3,855**  
 People received multipurpose cash transfers

### RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS CUMULATIVE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)

**6,187**  
 People reached with some form of assistance

**2,239**  
 Families reached with food and nutrition assistance

**1,955**  
 People provided with water, sanitation and hygiene services

**1,445**  
 People reached with protection assistance

**3,896**  
 People received multipurpose cash transfers

**52**  
 People reached with health services

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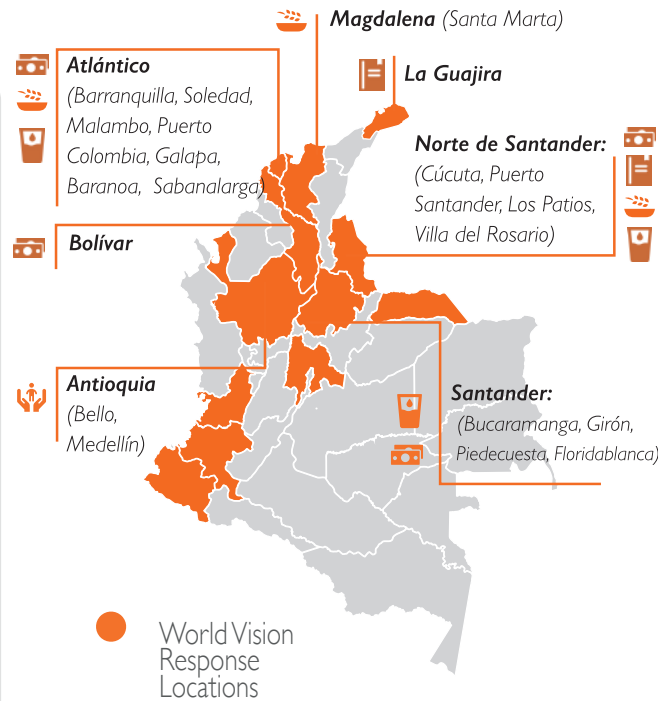
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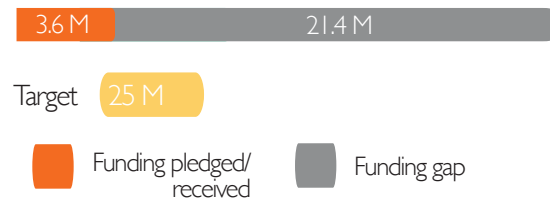
## COUNTRY OVERVIEW

### KEY MESSAGES

- › The Temporary Protection Statute for Venezuelan Migrants (ETPV) provides protection to more than 900,000 irregular Venezuelan migrants who entered the country before January 31, 2021 and will allow access to essential services and favor the integration of hundreds of Venezuelan families who are seeking opportunities in Colombia. The measure seeks to grant a ten-year temporary protection status to the Venezuelan population in the country. Humanitarian agencies celebrate this historic decision and recognize that the implementation of this measure will require collaboration between NGOs and government. The Interagency Group on Mixed Migratory Flows (GIFMM), with the participation of 73 organizations in Colombia, including World Vision, reiterates its commitment to the measure and to meeting the needs of Venezuelan refugees and migrants in the country.
- › During December 2020, Colombia released the first version of the National Vaccination Plan against COVID-19, which initially plans to vaccinate 20 million people. The vaccination plan includes only the migrant population with regular status. However only about 44% of the 1.7 million Venezuelans enjoy regular status here. It is important NGOs and government work together to ensure the welfare of the most vulnerable Venezuelans.



### FUNDING NEEDS



## HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

**2.94 M**  
People in need of shelter

**4.13 M**  
People in need of humanitarian assistance

**3.44 M**  
People in need of protection services

**2.82 M**  
People in need of water; sanitation, and hygiene services

**3.86 M**  
People in need of inclusion services

**3.2 M**  
People in need of food assistance and nutrition services

**2.17 M**  
Children in need of education

**3.52 M**  
People in need of urgent health services

**100+ K**  
People returning to Venezuela due to COVID-19 crisis

**752 K**  
People need nutrition assistance.

### SOURCES:

International Affairs Office, R4V Platform, UNHCR, COVID-19 RMRP 2020, GIFMM, RMRP 2021

## SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

### CASH BASED PROGRAMMING

'Unconditional electronic cash has been provided to vulnerable families for different purposes.

### EDUCATION

'Unschooling migrant children have participated in World Vision's Non-Formal Primary Education Space 'Espacio de Educación Primaria No Formal' located in the transitional centers in Norte de Santander. In addition, children in transit have access to recreational and educational activities in the 'Protective and Friendly Space'.

### PROTECTION

'World Vision set up a Protective and Amicable Space for Children in the Healthcare Center 'Tienditas' (CAST). In addition, protection and traveling kits have been handed out to migrant children at the healthcare center. Also, we distributed information about protection and attention mechanisms.

### FOOD SECURITY

Food vouchers have been delivered to families affected by the migratory crisis and the sanitary emergency.

### WASH

World Vision, together with its partners, distributed hygienic kits to vulnerable families affected by the crisis.

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## RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: MONTHLY (JANUARY 2021)



**48,054**  
People reached with some form of assistance



**33,883**  
People reached with food security, nutrition, or livelihoods assistance or training



**1,139**  
People received protection assistance



**12,863**  
People received multipurpose cash transfers



**33**  
Children and their families received education assistance



**136**  
People received water, sanitation, and hygiene services

## RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: CUMULATIVE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



**431,651**  
People reached with some form of assistance



**291,136**  
People reached with food security, nutrition, or livelihoods assistance or training



**35,539**  
People received protection assistance



**1,191**  
People reached with inclusion services



**22,146**  
Children and their families received education assistance



**58,429**  
People received multipurpose cash transfers



**116**  
People reached with multi-sector assistance



**23,024**  
People received water, sanitation, and hygiene services



**70**  
People provided with shelter

COUNTRY OVERVIEW

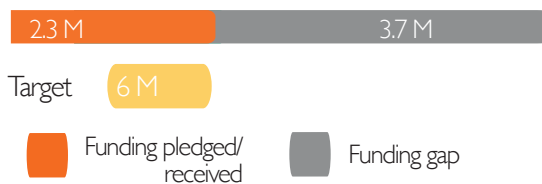
KEY MESSAGES

World Vision Ecuador advocates the guarantee of the rights of migrant children and adolescents, separated or unaccompanied, by making four requests to the Ecuadorian State and its authorities:

- Include in public policies and actions to attend to the health emergency the large number of migrant and refugee children and adolescents;
- Implement concrete and specific actions to protect their rights, from housing to your right to daily maintenance, prioritizing your family ties;
- Regularize their immigration status and grant the necessary administrative measures for this purpose, while their stay in the country lasts; and;
- Avoid the eviction of migrant families from rental rooms for lack of payment and include families in situations of human mobility in the state's humanitarian care programs.



FUNDING NEEDS



SOURCES:  
 RV4 2019, RV4 Mid-Year Report June 2019, RMRP 2021, COVID-19 RMRP 2020.

HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

573 K  
 People in need of protection services

682 K  
 People in need of humanitarian assistance

257 K  
 People in need of shelter

502 K  
 People in need of water; sanitation, and hygiene services

56 K  
 People need nutrition assistance.

458 K  
 People who are food insecure

143 K  
 Children in need of education

427 K  
 People in need of urgent health services

582 K  
 People in need of inclusion services

## SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

### CASH-BASED PROGRAMMING

World Vision Ecuador is assisting families through cash transfers for food and multipurpose cash in two coastal provinces—Manabí and Los Ríos.

### PROTECTION

WVE is implementing the project "Protection of Venezuelan migrant girls, young women and women and their children in Portoviejo", which aims to provide prevention and protection from gender-based violence in WAYCS (Center of Services for Children, Adolescents and Women) to Venezuelan migrant girls, adolescents and women and to increase their resilience.

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## RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: MONTHLY (JULY 2020)



**1,762**  
People reached with some form of assistance



**1,762**  
People provided with food and nutrition assistance

## RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: CUMULATIVE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



**16,433**  
People reached with some form of assistance



**13,468**  
People received food and nutrition assistance



**2,131**  
People received multipurpose cash transfers



**754**  
People received water, sanitation, and hygiene services



**80**  
Children and their families received education assistance

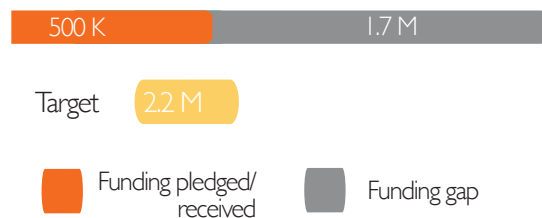
## COUNTRY OVERVIEW

### KEY MESSAGES

- Of the nearly 5.5 million Venezuelans who have left their country, Peru has received 1,043,460 of them (GRTM, 2020). Compared to 2019, the number of migrants in Peru has increased by 82.3% (GRTM, 2020). The overall needs of the population have increased as well, particularly regarding access to food, medical care and WASH supplies, documentation and regularization, and protection services for pregnant women, persons with disabilities, and unaccompanied or separated children.
- World Vision Peru implements the second phase of the OFDA project (with USAID funds) with emphasis on cash transfers, livelihoods and child protection.



### FUNDING NEEDS



## HUMANITARIAN NEEDS



**1.31 M**  
People in need of humanitarian assistance



**966 K**  
People who are food insecure



**858 K**  
People in need of urgent health services



**810 K**  
People in need of protection services



**721 K**  
People in need of shelter



**580 K**  
People in need of water, sanitation, and hygiene services



**414 K**  
Children in need of education



**211 K**  
People need nutrition assistance.



## SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

### CASH-BASED PROGRAMMING

WV Peru is currently implementing cash-transfer programming with three major partners/donors: OFDA, IOM and WFP. This benefits thousands of families in Lima and other areas of the country.

### FOOD SECURITY/LIVELIHOODS

In January, in the hot meals program, the OFDA 2 project implemented in partnership with CARE served 26,132 hot meals to 1,543 people through 23 soup kitchens.

### PROTECTION

In January, WVP completed socio-emotional support service for the first group of households with their own connectivity. This benefited 120 children and adolescents. Likewise, we began planning the service for the second group of beneficiary households—378 children and adolescents.

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## RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: MONTHLY (JANUARY 2021)



**11,485**  
People reached with some form of assistance



**9,806**  
People received multipurpose cash transfers



**184**  
People received protection assistance



**913**  
People provided with food and nutrition assistance



**582**  
People reached with inclusion services

## RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: CUMULATIVE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



**67,354**  
People reached with some form of assistance



**51,004**  
People received multipurpose cash transfers



**9,740**  
Families received food and nutrition assistance



**4,425**  
People received protection assistance



**1,092**  
People reached with inclusion services



**683**  
People received water, sanitation, and hygiene services



**47**  
People reached with multi-sector assistance



**63**  
Children and their families received education assistance

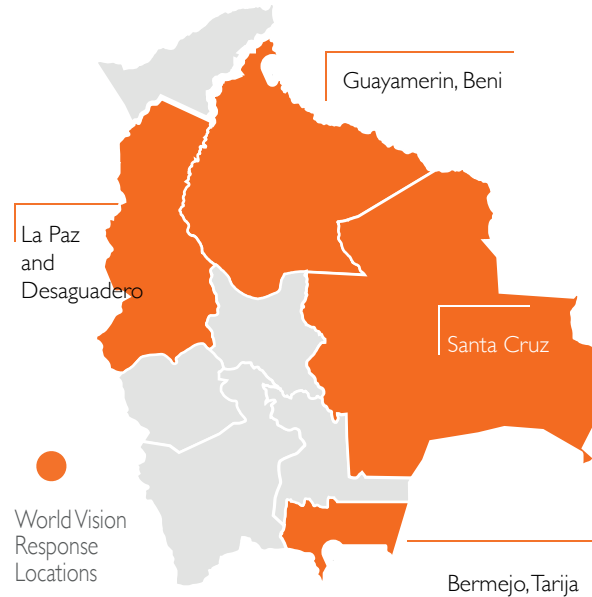


**200**  
People reached with non-food items

## COUNTRY OVERVIEW

### KEY MESSAGES

- There is a flow of people passing through the border point of Desaguadero en route to other countries. Some families decide to stay in Bolivia and request support from organizations like World Vision.



### SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

#### NON-FOOD ITEMS

- Delivery and supply of seasonal items such as jackets, blankets, personal hygiene kits

#### PROTECTION

- World Vision is providing comprehensive care of children in a Child-Friendly Space.

#### HEALTH

- World Vision is supporting basic health care and first aid efforts implemented through the Bolivian Red Cross.

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### RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: MONTHLY (JANUARY 2021)



118

People reached with some form of assistance



118

People reached with non-food items

### RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: CUMULATIVE

(JANUARY 2019 - PRESENT)



1,753

People reached with some form of assistance



174

People reached with protection assistance



1,579

People reached with non-food items

WORLD VISION  
DONORS AND PARTNERS



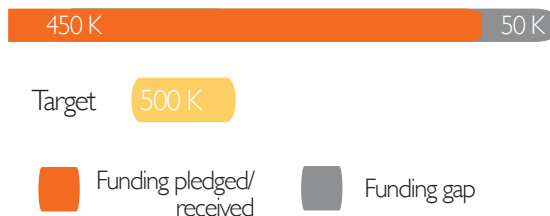
## COUNTRY OVERVIEW

### KEY MESSAGES

- ▶ The new Law on Migration and Foreigners is in its final phase of approval. It replaces the current law in force since 1975. This regulation creates, among other elements, the National Immigration Service and establishes 13 types of visas for temporary residence (including a family reunification visa and another for humanitarian reasons). It will also require that these visas be requested at the Chilean consulates abroad.
- ▶ One of the groups most affected by the pandemic in the country has been people with irregular migration status. The pandemic has increased protection risks, especially among children. People in our programs who are in an irregular situation have not been able to access the cash transfer programs crucial to providing economic security to families in times of COVID-19.
- ▶ In the Tarapacá region, in the town of Huará, a border territory with Bolivia, during the last month there has been a sustained increase in people entering Chile through unauthorized passages. This unprecedented situation in the country has led to the installation of spaces that offer shelter, clothing and food to migrants before transferring them to be tested for COVID-19 in health facilities in Iquique.



### FUNDING NEEDS



### HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

**370 K**  
People in need of humanitarian assistance

**316 K**  
People in need of protection services

**294 K**  
People in need of inclusion services

**216 K**  
People in need of water, sanitation, and hygiene services

**169 K**  
Children in need of education

**158 K**  
People in need of shelter

**123 K**  
People who are food insecure

**110 K**  
People in need of urgent health services

SOURCES:  
OCHA HRP, R4V, COVID-19 RMRP 2020, RMRP 2021

## SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS



### INTEGRATION

The women's entrepreneurship program continues to expand throughout the country. This innovative program works 100% remotely. In it, participants connect to online classes, receive personalized technical advice to develop or strengthen their businesses and receive a monetary contribution for the purchase of materials, supplies and tools that they receive directly at home.



### CASH-BASED PROGRAMMING

With UNHCR, we deliver multi-purpose electronic coupons, allowing refugee and migrant families to access what they need most. The system works 100% digitally, which allows us to easily reach different cities throughout the country.



### PROTECTION

Specialized attention to extremely vulnerable migrants allowed us to strengthen the protection of families in Arica and Santiago. They receive psychological first aid and guidance on various topics to improve access to public services and minimize the need to resort to negative survival mechanisms.

## RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS

### MONTHLY: JANUARY 2021



778

People reached with some form of assistance



680

People reached with protection assistance



72

People received multi-purpose cash transfers



4

People reached with non-food items



22

Children & their families reached with education assistance

## RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS

### CUMULATIVE:

### JANUARY 2019- PRESENT



20,700

People reached with some form of assistance



4,058

People reached with food and nutrition



10,229

People reached with protection assistance



2,908

People received multi-purpose cash transfers



1,658

People reached with non-food items



939

People reached with water, sanitation, and hygiene services



568

Children & their families reached with education assistance



276

People reached with shelter



38

People reached with multi-sector assistance

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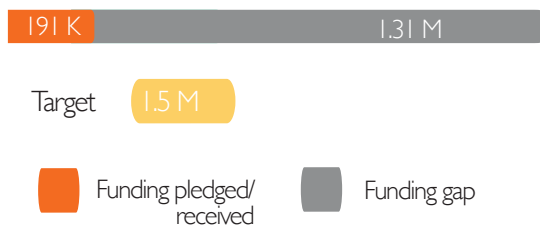
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### KEY MESSAGES

- › After the Christmas and New Year festivities, Brazil has experienced an increase in the number of cases of COVID-19, generating an increase in the population's demands on the health system and consequently a collapse in care, especially in the northern states of the country. World Vision, together with other organizations, sought to help prevent and reduce the spread of the virus. In the cities of Boa Vista and Pacaraima, we mapped the 100 partners and locations where alcohol gel stations will be installed. Communication pieces were also created to disseminate awareness and information material.
- › In the state of Amazonas, which is undergoing a lockdown, WV worked with the government to donate oxygen cylinders, hygiene and cleaning kits and alcohol gel to public health units. We also submitted a letter to the Minister of Health seeking dialogue so that the state ensures everyone's right to public health services.



### FUNDING NEEDS



### HUMANITARIAN NEEDS



**283 K**  
People in need of protection services



**152 K**  
People in need of water, sanitation, and hygiene services



**98.9 K**  
People in need of shelter



**379 K**  
People in need of humanitarian assistance



**109 K**  
Undernourished people



**145 K**  
People are food insecure



**74.5 K**  
Children in need of education



**157 K**  
People in need of urgent health services



**142 K**  
People in need of inclusion services

#### SOURCES:

Federal Police; Government of Brazil; Regional Platform for Refugees and Migrants Platform, Socio-economic and vulnerability, July 2019 profiling of Persons of Concern in Pacaraima, Boa Vista and Manaus, OCHA HRP, RV4 2019, RV4 Mid-Year Report June 2019, COVID-19 RMRP 2020, RMRP 2021.

## SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

### EDUCATION

We continued non-formal education activities with an emphasis on understanding rights and developing skills for 800 children and adolescents in the cities of Boa Vista and Pacaraima.

### NUTRITION

Due to the difficulty of entering the labor market and the suspension of emergency aid offered by the federal government until December 2020, the increase in the number of families at risk of food security was increased. Therefore, World Vision made it possible to distribute 1,000 basic food baskets serving 4,000 beneficiaries.

### INTEGRATION

According to the International Labor Organization (ILO), Brazil ended the year 2020 with around 13 million unemployed. 2019 ended with an unemployment rate of 12.1% and in 2020 the index dropped to 12%. In this context, 3,240 individuals participated in training activities for self-employment or ventures promoted by World Vision and its partners.

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## RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: MONTHLY (JANUARY 2021)



**5,040**  
People reached with some form of assistance



**5,040**  
People provided inclusion services

## RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS: CUMULATIVE (JANUARY 2019- PRESENT)



**84,213**  
People reached with some form of assistance



**30,241**  
People reached with protection assistance



**25,238**  
Children and their families reached with education assistance



**19,033**  
People provided inclusion services



**5,095**  
People reached with multi-sector assistance



**3,513**  
People reached with water, sanitation, and hygiene services



**1,000**  
Families reached with livelihoods assistance



**93**  
People received multi-purpose cash transfers