

Venezuelan Migration Response

July 2017 – March 2020



The Americas and Caribbean region has been experiencing migration flows from Venezuela with humanitarian consequences for migrants, including refugees, their families and communities. The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (the Movement), comprising the National Societies, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), with its large network of volunteers and staff and its engagement at the local, national and international levels, is at the forefront of the provision of critical humanitarian services to migrants regardless of their legal status. Operating as one Movement, its work is guided by the principles of humanity and impartiality, neutrality and independence. The Movement leverages its collective and complementary capacities and areas of expertise to respond and support National Societies in a wide ranging, multidisciplinary response that pays special attention to the needs of the most vulnerable and at-risk populations. The Movement strives to provide assistance and protection to migrants, to defend their rights and dignity, improve their ability to seek opportunities and sustainable solutions and promote their social inclusion, as well as their interaction in the host communities.

At a Glance¹



5,800+
volunteers
engaged



4.9m+
total services
delivered



17
National Societies
responding

with the support of IFRC, German Red Cross, Spanish Red Cross, Canadian Red Cross & American Red Cross, in coordination & collaboration with ICRC

¹ - Venezuela information available in separate Movement Picture



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The map shows the totality of the Movement response in each country, both of the National Societies and includes the ICRC independent activities²



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Movement Partner	Countries Supporting	Sectors Supporting	Potential Sectors of Support
American Red Cross	Colombia	- Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) - Health - Protection, Gender, & Inclusion (PGI) - Restoring Family Links (RFL) - Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)	Cash transfer programming
Canadian Red Cross	- Colombia - Ecuador - Venezuela	- Health - Protection, Gender, & Inclusion (PGI)	- Cash transfer programming - Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) - National Society Development - Shelter - Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)
German Red Cross	- Colombia - Ecuador - Peru - Venezuela	- Health - National Society Development (NSD) - Protection, Gender, & Inclusion (PGI) - Restoring Family Links (RFL) - Shelter - Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)	Livelihoods
ICRC	- Argentina - Brazil - Bolivia - Colombia - Curaçao (Dutch Caribbean island) - Ecuador - Mexico - Panama - Peru - Trinidad & Tobago - Uruguay - Venezuela	- Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) - Detention - Forensic Services - Health - Livelihoods - Protection - Restoring Family Links (RFL) - Shelter - Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)	
IFRC	- Argentina - Brazil - Chile - Colombia - Ecuador - Guyana - Panama - Peru - Trinidad & Tobago - Uruguay - Venezuela	- Cash transfer programming - Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) - Health - Livelihoods and Basic Needs - Protection, Gender, & Inclusion (PGI) - Restoring Family Links (RFL) - Shelter - Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)	Disaster Risk Reduction
Spanish Red Cross	- Colombia - Ecuador - Peru	- Cash transfer programming - Health - Livelihoods - Protection, Gender, Inclusion (PGI) - Restoring Family Links (RFL) - Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)	- Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) - Reception centers - Shelter



"I have osteoporosis and need medications that I cannot get in [Venezuela]," says Lidia, who at the age of 76 left behind her country, her home and the entire life she and her family had built. Due to this, Lidia and her granddaughter, Cecilia, decided to migrate to northern Peru, where they will be reunited with their family.

Like many, their journey as migrants has not been an easy one. Though Lidia is in fairly good health, she experiences pain in her bones that does not allow her to walk for long periods of time, which has made the already five-day journey difficult. This is exacerbated by the fact that they don't have enough resources to buy her proper vitamins and calcium.

At a Red Cross health post in Peru, Lidia receives a medical check-up.

"I was afraid they would tell me that she was not well, but the doctor told me that she is better than me," Cecilia says with a hint of laughter.

Along with the medical check-up, the two also received water and hygiene kits at the health post. Lidia will also be able to call her youngest son, who is waiting for her in northern Peru.

"My little boy is going to jump with joy when he knows that I am well and that I will soon be with him," she says.

"I always thought I would die in Venezuela," says Lidia. "This trip is a test of what I am capable of doing for my family. We do not surrender, even at 76 years."