Situation

4 million refugees & migrants

- Cross-border pendular movements (3.1m alone in Colombia)
- In transit (incl. caminantes)
- In destination
- Returnees (500,000 Colombians, Guyanese, others)

-> 1.8m with regular stay arrangements
-> 618,000+ asylum-seekers

Needs / risks:
Regular access to territory and regular stay arrangements (with protection safeguards);
Access to health, shelter, education and livelihoods; Protection from refoulement, exploitation, recruitment, smuggling/trafficking, SGBV, family separation, violence (esp. for vulnerable groups)

Projections
Ongoing influx of approx. 5,000 ind./day.

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Solidarity under increased pressure

Tradition of Solidarity

• Tradition of Cartagena
• Open doors policy
• 1.9M have different forms of regular stay (MERCOSUR, ad hoc permits, humanitarian visas, UNASUR)
• Refugees and migrants generally have freedom of movement, social rights, work permits, access to public services
• Inclusive national Development Plans
• Quito Plan of Action

BUT

Pressure, xenophobia & restrictions

• Economic shock (fiscal impact of influx: 1.6B COL, 300M PER)
• Basic services strained (health, education, shelter)
• Border / hosting areas overwhelmed
• Increasing populist rhetoric in national politics ahead of 2019/2020 elections
• Increasing levels of xenophobia / Venezuelans as scapegoats
• Incidents of violent protests
• Restrictions/Migratory control measures: visas, passports, costs
• Incidents of detentions and deportations
Regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plan - RMRP

**PROJECTED POPULATION FIGURES**
- Based on governments' figures and current minimum daily arrival figures (approx. 5,500)
  - **Planning:** 5.3 million
  - **People in Need:** 3.6 million

**TARGET POPULATION FIGURES**
- Including refugees and migrants, and an estimated over 0.5M host community members that will benefit from some form of assistance
  - **Target:** 2.2 million

**Graph:**
- People in Need vs. Target Population (in thousands)
- Countries: Brazil, Caribbean, Central America & Mexico, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Costa Rica
Regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plan - RMRP

40+ members (UN agencies, NGOs, Red Cross Movement, international financial institutions, donors)

8 Regional Working Groups (incl. Support Spaces, GBV, Communication with Communities, Information Management, Communications, Integration, CBI, Education)

8 National/Sub-regional Platforms with 180+ national and local actors

Objectives
1) Emergency assistance
2) Protection
3) Social, economic & cultural integration
4) Strengthen national capacities

16 countries + 95 appealing partners

2.2M direct beneficiaries + 580K host community members

Regional Platform aligned with, and complementary to, government-led initiatives (ie Quito Process)
Regional & National Inter-Agency Coordination Platforms

Regional Inter-Agency Coordination Platform

United Nations
UNHCR
UNICEF
UN Women
UNAIDS
 rushes Programme
World Health Organization
IOM
UNDP

Non-Governmental Organizations
Oxfam
World Vision
Save the Children
CRS
Handicap International
Refugees International

Red Cross – Red Crescent Movement
ICRC
International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

International Financial Institutions
IDB
WORLD BANK
CERF

Civil Society
CEJIL
Oxfam

Donor entities
UNHCR
UNICEF
UN Women
UNAIDS
WTO
World Health Organization
IOM
UNDP

Sub-Regional Platform Southern Cone
National Platform Chile
National Platform Argentina (incl. Paraguay & Uruguay)

Sub-Regional Platform Caribbean

National Platform Peru (GTRM)

National Platform Colombia (GIFMM)

National Platform Brazil

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Impact of the Platform / RMRP

Operational

• Common figures, messages and advocacy amongst >180 implementing actors
• Coherent needs-based response across 16+1 countries / 1.5 continents
• Information – Web portal R4V http://r4v.info
• Awareness – Campaigns against xenophobia (1 regional / 7 national) with reach of more than 75M
• Operational response: Support Spaces Network with 80 spaces / 1300 service points across 4 countries 100K+ refugees and migrants attended per month

Political

• JSR: Access to key actors / Advocacy
• Quito Process: Regional coherence through Plan of Action (in-line with NY Declaration + GCR/GCM)
• Maintenance of open-doors policies

Institutional

• Common identity (R4V) across the continent
• Recognition of principal coordination mechanism
• UNHCR-IOM demonstrating complementarity

Financial

• 23.9% funded by August 2019 (175m USD)
• International Financial Institutions
• Governmental development plans
Impact of the Platform / RMRP (cont.)
Mid-Year Achievements (excerpt on Education)

Regional
Securing of 7m USD from Education Cannot Wait Fund to support education activities in Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, to support 84,500 children (Venezuelan and host community)

Brazil
In Roraima: 15 Child Friendly Spaces benefitting >10,000 children; 10 Temporary Education Centers for >4,000 children.
Average # of children benefiting from non-formal education activities: 2,753/month.
107 teachers trained on integration of Venezuelan children in formal education system.

Colombia
7,927 children reached with EiE activities and 14,141 children benefitted from improved learning spaces

Caribbean
286 Children enrolled in online accreditation programs (T&T)

Southern Cone
Focus in Argentina, Uruguay and Chile: Integration of refugees and migrants into host communities (solidarity events; graduation models and referrals to education services)
In Paraguay: 2,377 persons participated in integration activities.
**Platform / Quito Process**

**Quito Process**
- **Regional Framework:** Declaration (11c) + Plan of Action (8c)
- **Regional Approach:** Harmonization, Exchange best practices, Inclusion
- **Articulation:** UNS / Cooperation / IFI

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**Development**  --------------------------  **Humanitarian**

**Regional Platform**
- **JSR**
- **RMRP**
- **Regional products**

**Incl. Development Actors**
- **WB:** impact studies (COL, ECU, PER)+ national plans (COL) + GCFF (COL, ECU?)
- **IDB:** Grant Facility to support countries with Inflows (9 countries)
Quito Process

Regional Framework:
• Quito Declaration (Sept 2018, 11 countries) and Action Plan (Nov 2018, 8 countries)

Main Priorities:
• Harmonisation of legal stay arrangements / regularization
• Access to social and economic rights (health, education, labour market)
• International cooperation
• Dialogue with Venezuela for specific issues (documentation, health)

Role of UNHCR-IOM Joint Special Representative (JSR) & Regional Platform (RP):
• JSR: facilitate coordination, liaise with international cooperation, dialogue with Venezuela
• RP: operational & technical support, visibility, resources

Quito IV (4-5 July)
• Broad and diverse participation (signatory countries, Caribbean engagement, international cooperation, UN System, World Bank, IADB, civil society)
• Reaffirmation of regional coordination and human mobility
• Endorsement of technical working groups and Follow-up Mechanism – Road Map Regional Mobility Card, education, health, labor, child protection, human trafficking/smuggling, national asylum systems
• Proposal to strengthen international support (“Friends of the Quito Process”)
• Continuity of process reaffirmed (Colombia, Paraguay)
RESPONSE FOR VENEZUELANS

Coordination Platform for Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela

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