

SUMMARY

Political, human rights, and socio-economic developments in Venezuela continue to be detrimental to vulnerable children and their families. Already, 5.6 million people have fled the country seeking food, work, protection, and a more stable life. And about 7 million people inside Venezuela need humanitarian assistance. World Vision, with your support, is helping to meet their immediate, life-saving needs (such as food, clean water, and shelter) and provide long-term sustainable solutions (such as integration into host communities, and livelihoods support).

Since January 2019, our Venezuela Crisis Emergency Response has reached more than 692,000 Venezuelans and host-community residents in Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela. More than a third of those reached were in the first half of this fiscal year 2021 (FY21) alone—236,730 children and adults.

Food security and nutrition: Since 2019, World Vision has reached more than 330,000 refugee and migrant families with emergency food, cash assistance, and nutrition services. This, despite delays to operations, such as program adaptations due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Livelihoods: World Vision helped to improve employability and entrepreneurship for Venezuelan refugees and migrants, reaching 28,769 people through training thus far. For example, in Chile, our women’s entrepreneurship program continues to expand. Participants attend 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.

Capacity building: In Venezuela, we trained 139 people from local nongovernmental organizations in humanitarian response.



Five-year-old Ami (pictured above) shares a joyful smile. Her family received emergency supplies (such as food vouchers) and housing assistance from World Vision after traveling 1,864 miles from Venezuela to the Ecuadorian border. Poor living conditions and protracted hyperinflation in Venezuela left the family unable to buy food or afford health services for Ami, who is deaf.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE UPDATE

692,140 PEOPLE, INCLUDING 311,859 CHILDREN AND YOUTH, were reached through our Venezuela Crisis Emergency Response since January 2019. In the first half of FY21, 236,730 people received some form of humanitarian assistance.



330,334

people were reached with food security and nutrition assistance since 2019. Families received or purchased food, and learned proper nutrition for infants and young children.



49,331

people were reached with water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services since 2019. Families gained access to safe water, and hygiene and sanitation kits, helping limit the spread of diseases such as COVID-19.

KEY LEARNINGS

World Vision helps to influence local, national, regional, and global agendas through advocacy. We identify key external audiences and share the realities of vulnerable people affected by the Venezuela crisis. We have addressed issues such as xenophobia toward Venezuelan migrants and refugees, developing anti-xenophobia campaigns. “Sometimes people want to hit you, mistreat you, even kill you because you are Venezuelan,” said Romulo Herrera, 34, a Venezuelan immigrant living in Peru. “But thanks to [World Vision’s] support, I am here today.” Our advocacy work also includes child protection. In Colombia, we created a protective space for children in a healthcare center and partnered with a church to coordinate Child-Friendly Spaces.



Child-Friendly Spaces have become a widely used approach to support the well-being of children during emergencies. In these safe spaces, World Vision provides children the opportunity to play, learn, and receive psychosocial care. In Bolivia, Brazil, and Colombia, migrant and refugee children now have access to Child-Friendly Spaces, thanks to your generous support of our Venezuela Crisis Emergency Response.

LIFE-OF-PROGRAM UPDATE



PLANS FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS

World Vision will continue to work to restore a sense of future and hope for children and families affected by the Venezuelan crisis. We will come alongside children who remain in the country, as well as those who live in precarious conditions throughout the region. We also will continue supporting their families as they recover and rebuild their lives.

For example, in Venezuela alone, World Vision plans to (1) scale up food assistance to reach an additional 16,000 people, (2) partner with the World Food Programme to provide emergency food in schools, and (3) launch a year-long livelihoods pilot, reaching an estimated 800 people.

THANK YOU

We thank God for you and your partnership in ministry. Motivated by our love of Jesus, we continually monitor developments across the Venezuela crisis so we can respond to the greatest needs of vulnerable children and their families. Together, we protect lives, restore dignity, and renew hope.

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done. —Proverbs 19:17 (NIV)

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