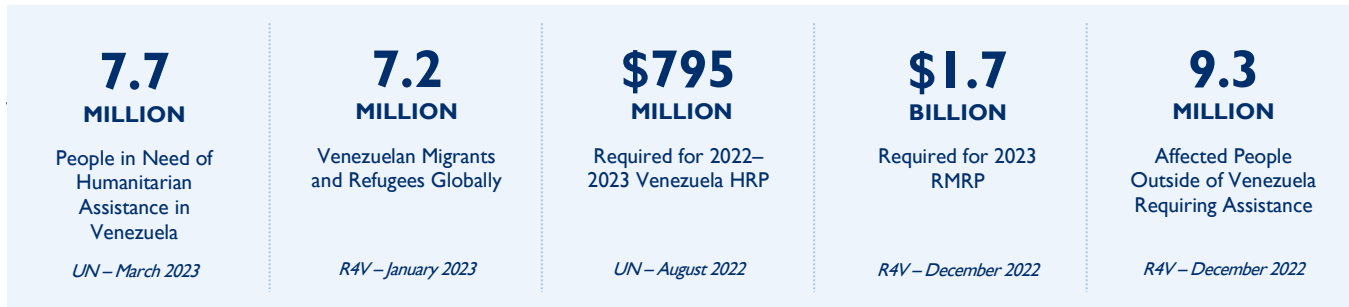


Venezuela Regional Crisis – Complex Emergency

MARCH 17, 2023

SITUATION AT A GLANCE



- U.S. Ambassador to the UN Linda Thomas-Greenfield announces more than \$171 million in additional humanitarian assistance and development funding to support people affected by the ongoing crisis in Venezuela, as well as affected migrants, refugees, and host communities across the region, on March 17.
- R4V releases the 2023–2024 RMRP on December 1, requesting \$1.7 billion to address the needs of more than 3.4 million refugees, migrants, and host communities requiring assistance.
- The GoE launches the third and final phase of its new migrant regularization process on February 17.



TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN FUNDING

For the Venezuela Regional Crisis Response in FY 2023

USAID/BHA¹ \$84,335,967

State/PRM² \$56,082,000

For complete funding breakdown with partners, see detailed chart on page 5

Total \$140,417,967

¹ USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/BHA)

² U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

USG Announces More Than \$171 Million in Additional Humanitarian Assistance and Development Funding for the Venezuela Regional Crisis

On March 17, U.S. Ambassador to the UN Linda Thomas-Greenfield announced more than \$140 million in additional U.S. Government (USG) humanitarian assistance and more than \$31 million in development funding to support individuals adversely affected by the crisis in Venezuela and Venezuelan migrants and refugees and host communities across the region at the 2023 International Conference in Solidarity with Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants and their Host Countries and Communities in Brussels, Belgium. Of the newly announced funds, USAID/BHA is providing more than \$84 million for food, health, protection, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) assistance for vulnerable Venezuelans in country, as well as support for humanitarian coordination efforts. The funding also includes emergency food assistance—such as cash transfers, food kits, and food vouchers—for Venezuelan migrants and refugees in neighboring countries. USAID’s Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean is providing approximately \$31 million in development funds to facilitate the socioeconomic integration of Venezuelan migrants in Colombia and Ecuador and support civil society organizations, independent media outlets, human rights organizations, and other democratic actors in Venezuela. Furthermore, State/PRM is providing more than \$56 million to support life-saving assistance—including access to health care and protection services for vulnerable groups, including LGBTQI+ individuals, indigenous peoples, women, and youth—for Venezuelans and host communities throughout the Caribbean and South America. The USG has provided more than \$2.8 billion to help address development, economic, health, and humanitarian needs resulting from the Venezuela regional crisis since 2017; this includes nearly \$1.4 billion from USAID/BHA and nearly \$1.1 billion from State/PRM.

R4V Releases 2023–2024 Regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plan

The Regional Inter-Agency Coordination Platform for Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela (R4V)—co-led by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)—released its 2023–2024 Regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plan (RMRP) on December 1. For the first time, the plan has a two-year scope to strengthen the bridge between immediate attention to humanitarian and protection needs and medium-to-long-term integration and development activities, bolstering the coherence of relief and development activities. The RMRP requests approximately \$1.7 billion in FY 2023 and \$1.6 billion in FY 2024 to support humanitarian, protection, and socioeconomic integration activities for approximately 228 R4V partners in 17 countries across Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) from January 2023 to December 2024. The two-year plan aims to target more than 3.4 million of the most vulnerable migrants and refugees across the region and supports integration efforts of host nations. To address the increasing number of migrants and refugees in the region, the RMRP aims to improve access to essential goods and services—including education, food, health care, humanitarian transport, legal assistance, and other protection services. In addition, relief actors via the RMRP plan to mitigate protection risks for migrants and refugees by improving access to effective asylum procedures and regularization and documentation programs, as well as bolstering the capacities of states to receive refugees and migrants. The RMRP aims to improve the living standards of at-risk populations by delivering socioeconomic integration activities—such as education, housing, remuneration and equal wages, and social security—and ensuring the inclusion of migrants and refugees in the implementation of host government policies and programs.

GoE Expands Migrant and Refugee Access to Registration

The Government of Ecuador (GoE) launched the third and final phase of its new migrant regularization process on February 17 to expand the protections provided to migrants and refugees in Ecuador, where more than 502,000 Venezuelans were residing as of January 2023, according to R4V. Since the program's launch on September 1, 2022, the GoE has registered more than 132,000 migrants, the majority of whom are Venezuelan. The GoE registration process enables individuals to qualify for an initial 180-day residency permit, apply for a two-year temporary residency visa, and receive protection from deportation, State/PRM reports. State/PRM partners IOM and UNHCR are providing ongoing support to the GoE throughout this process.

KEY FIGURES



\$76.8 Million

In FY 2023 USAID/BHA emergency food assistance in Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela



\$10 Million

In dedicated State/PRM support for life-saving health care programming



\$5.3 Million

In USG WASH support in Venezuela and neighboring countries

U.S. GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

FOOD SECURITY

USAID/BHA assistance aims to address acute food insecurity among vulnerable Venezuelans inside Venezuela, as well as migrants, refugees, and host community members in Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. In Venezuela, USAID/BHA is funding non-governmental organization (NGO) and UN partners to provide hot cooked meals, school meals, and in-kind food assistance. In countries hosting migrants and refugees, USAID/BHA-funded emergency food assistance includes cash transfers, food kits, food vouchers, hot cooked meals, and complementary nutrition support. In total, these programs aim to reach approximately 1.5 million people in Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru and more than 750,000 people in Venezuela. USAID/BHA also contributes to coordination and capacity-building activities for food security actors to improve humanitarian programming for the Venezuela regional crisis.

HEALTH

State/PRM has provided approximately \$10 million to UN partners to support essential health interventions for Venezuelans throughout the region—including in Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru—in FY 2023. State/PRM partners are supporting access to essential health care services and supplies for women and children, providing vaccines to children, and working with host governments to include Venezuelan refugees and migrants in national health systems. Meanwhile, USAID/BHA is supporting UN partners and NGOs to provide life-saving health care services to Venezuelans in need of assistance. With USAID/BHA support, partners are providing essential primary and mental health care, training community health workers to address urgent health needs, and building capacity of community-level health systems.

WASH

USAID/BHA and State/PRM continue to support WASH programming to address the needs of Venezuelans and prevent the spread of communicable diseases. With support from State/PRM, R4V partners aim to reach more than 600,000 people with WASH assistance across the region in

FY 2023. To date in FY 2023, USAID/BHA has provided more than \$1.2 million and State/PRM has provided more than \$4.1 million in funding to several relief agencies to implement critical WASH activities. Supported activities include ensuring sufficient access to safe drinking water for consumption and household hygiene needs, distributing personal protective equipment and training local health care workers to prevent transmission of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and other diseases, conducting hygiene awareness sessions, distributing hygiene kits, rehabilitating WASH infrastructure in schools and health facilities, providing sustainable flood-resilient WASH systems, and installing handwashing stations at community kitchens.



\$93 Million

In USAID/BHA funding in Colombia for economic recovery and livelihoods between FY 2019 and FY 2022

ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND MARKET SYSTEMS

USAID/BHA partners in Colombia are providing household financial instruction and literacy training for Venezuelan migrants and refugees, with an emphasis on improving food security outcomes. Partners are also offering small-scale business management and market analysis training, assistance with financial services, job search support, saving groups, and skill-building activities. Through previous FY funding, USAID/BHA provided approximately \$93 million to the VenEsperanza Emergency Response Consortium—comprising International Rescue Committee (IRC), Mercy Corps, Save the Children Federation (SCF), and World Vision—to cover the basic needs of Venezuelan migrant households. The VenEsperanza program provided emergency cash assistance to more than 256,000 households in Colombia’s Barranquilla, Cundinamarca, La Guajira, Magdalena, Nariño, and Valle del Cauca departments and Bogotá Capital District between August 2019 and March 2022.

State/PRM partners in Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru support economic recovery by strengthening livelihood opportunities and socioeconomic integration among vulnerable Venezuelans, providing training and resources to enable the adoption of sustainable entrepreneurship and employment strategies. State/PRM partners provide Venezuelans across the region with business development training; employment and vocational training; language training; registration and technical assistance for work permits; technical skills certifications; business development training; and the provision of seed capital and cash assistance via bank transfers, prepaid cards, and mobile money platforms.



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Number of USG partners that have implemented protection services with FYs 2022 and/or FY 2023 funding

PROTECTION

In FYs 2022–2023, State/PRM and USAID/BHA supported 30 partners addressing protection concerns among the more than 10 million Venezuelans in need of protection assistance in Venezuela and across the region, particularly along the Colombia–Venezuela border and in the Caribbean, where protection services are especially limited. State/PRM-supported protection activities aim to increase access to and support the provision of protection services, including child-friendly spaces, community-based mental health and psychosocial support, gender-based violence

prevention and case management, and legal assistance. State/PRM partners also worked with the broader humanitarian community across the region to support advocacy efforts with local and national authorities and promote the delivery of protection services in areas with significant humanitarian access constraints.

CONTEXT IN BRIEF

- Deteriorating economic and political conditions in Venezuela have decreased households' access to food, health care, and livelihoods; contributed to increasing humanitarian needs; and triggered an outflow of Venezuelans into countries across LAC, primarily to Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. As of January 2023, more than 7.2 million Venezuelans were living outside of Venezuela, according to R4V.
- The influx of Venezuelans continues to strain social services, especially in border areas of Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. Assessments indicate that food, education, health, protection, and shelter support continue to be among the most urgent humanitarian needs for at-risk populations, including Venezuelans, Colombian returnees from Venezuela, and host communities.
- In 2018, USAID activated the Venezuela Regional Crisis Response Management Team (RMT) in Washington, D.C., to coordinate USG regional humanitarian efforts and a Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) in the field to support the delivery of life-saving assistance across the region. Following more than 56 months of activation, USAID/BHA transitioned humanitarian activities from the Venezuela Regional Crisis DART and RMT to regional teams in Bogota, Colombia; San Jose, Costa Rica; and Washington, D.C., on December 13, 2022.
- In addition to providing support for ongoing response activities, USAID/BHA and State/PRM staff throughout the region and in Washington D.C. continue to monitor the humanitarian situation in close coordination with relevant donor governments, host governments, NGOs, and UN counterparts.

USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE IN FY 2023¹

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
FUNDING IN VENEZUELA FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE			
USAID/BHA			
Implementing Partners (IPs)	Food Assistance—Local, Regional, and International Procurement (LRIP); Health; Humanitarian Coordination, Information Management, and Assessments; Protection, WASH	Venezuela	\$32,200,000
	Program Support	Venezuela	\$100,000
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING IN VENEZUELA IN FY 2023			\$32,300,000
TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN VENEZUELA IN FY 2023			\$32,300,000

USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING IN LAC FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE IN FY 2023

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
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FUNDING IN ARGENTINA FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE			
STATE/PRM			
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Argentina	\$896,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN ARGENTINA IN FY 2023			\$896,000
TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN ARGENTINA IN FY 2023			\$896,000
FUNDING IN ARUBA FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE			
STATE/PRM			
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Aruba	\$174,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN ARUBA IN FY 2023			\$174,000
TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN ARUBA IN FY 2023			\$174,000
FUNDING IN BOLIVIA FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE			
STATE/PRM			
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Bolivia	\$490,000
UN Children's Fund (UNICEF)	Multi-Sector Assistance	Bolivia	\$312,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN BOLIVIA IN FY 2023			\$802,000
TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN BOLIVIA IN FY 2023			\$802,000
FUNDING IN BRAZIL FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE			
USAID/BHA			
Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)	Food Assistance—Food Vouchers, LRIP	Brazil	\$1,500,000
Caritas Brasileira	Food Assistance—LRIP, Nutrition	Brazil	\$500,000
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING IN BRAZIL IN FY 2023			\$2,000,000
STATE/PRM			
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Brazil	\$3,068,000
UNICEF	Multi-Sector Assistance	Brazil	\$2,248,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN BRAZIL IN FY 2023			\$5,316,000
TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN BRAZIL IN FY 2023			\$7,316,000
FUNDING IN CHILE FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE			
STATE/PRM			
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Chile	\$3,990,000
UNICEF	Multi-Sector Assistance	Chile	\$1,032,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN CHILE IN FY 2023			\$5,022,000
TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN CHILE IN FY 2023			\$5,022,000
FUNDING IN COLOMBIA FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE			
USAID/BHA			
UN World Food Program (WFP)	Food Assistance—Cash Transfers for Food, Food Vouchers, LRIP	Colombia	\$40,000,000
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING IN COLOMBIA IN FY 2023			\$40,000,000
STATE/PRM			
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Colombia	\$13,554,000

UNICEF	Multi-Sector Assistance	Colombia	\$3,438,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN COLOMBIA IN 2023			\$16,992,000
TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN COLOMBIA IN FY 2023			\$56,992,000
FUNDING IN CURAÇAO FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE			
STATE/PRM			
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Curaçao	\$170,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN CURAÇAO IN FY 2023			\$170,000
TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN CURAÇAO IN FY 2023			\$170,000
FUNDING IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE			
STATE/PRM			
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	The Dominican Republic	\$494,000
UNICEF	Multi-Sector Assistance	The Dominican Republic	\$978,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN FY 2023			\$1,472,000
TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN FY 2023			\$1,472,000
FUNDING IN ECUADOR FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE			
USAID/BHA			
WFP	Food Assistance—Cash Transfers for Food, Food Vouchers, LRIP; Humanitarian Policy, Studies, Analysis, or Applications	Ecuador	\$10,000,000
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING IN ECUADOR IN FY 2023			\$10,000,000
STATE/PRM			
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Ecuador	\$7,030,000
UNICEF	Multi-Sector Assistance	Ecuador	\$2,420,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN ECUADOR IN FY 2023			\$9,450,000
TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN ECUADOR IN FY 2023			\$19,450,000
FUNDING IN GUYANA FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE			
STATE/PRM			
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Guyana	\$146,000
UNICEF	Multi-Sector Assistance	Guyana	\$172,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN GUYANA IN FY 2023			\$318,000
TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN GUYANA IN FY 2023			\$318,000
FUNDING IN PARAGUAY FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE			
STATE/PRM			
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Paraguay	\$336,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN PARAGUAY IN FY 2023			\$336,000
TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN PARAGUAY IN FY 2023			\$336,000
FUNDING IN PERU FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE			
STATE/PRM			
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Peru	\$9,674,000

UNICEF	Multi-Sector Assistance	Peru	\$1,638,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN PERU IN 2023			\$11,312,000
TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN PERU IN FY 2023			\$11,312,000
FUNDING IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE			
STATE/PRM			
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Trinidad and Tobago	\$554,000
UNICEF	Multi-Sector Assistance	Trinidad and Tobago	\$262,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO IN FY 2023			\$816,000
TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO IN FY 2023			\$816,000
FUNDING IN URUGUAY FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE			
STATE/PRM			
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Uruguay	\$386,000
UNICEF	Multi-Sector Assistance	Uruguay	\$24,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN URUGUAY IN FY 2023			\$410,000
TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN URUGUAY IN FY 2023			\$410,000
REGIONAL FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE			
USAID/BHA			
	Program Support	Regional	\$35,967
TOTAL REGIONAL USAID/BHA FUNDING IN FY 2023			\$35,967
STATE/PRM			
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Regional	\$2,066,000
UNICEF	Multi-Sector Assistance	Regional	\$530,000
TOTAL REGIONAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN FY 2023			\$2,596,000
TOTAL REGIONAL USG FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2023			\$2,631,967
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING FOR VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2023			\$84,335,967
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING FOR VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2023			\$56,082,000
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA RESPONSE IN FY 2023			\$140,417,967
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING FOR VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FYs 2017–2023			\$1,387,457,484
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING FOR VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FYs 2017–2023			\$1,065,288,580
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR VENEZUELA RESPONSE IN FYs 2017–2023			\$2,452,746,064

¹ Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds. Funding figures reflect publicly announced funding as of March 17, 2023.

PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for disaster responses around the world can be found at [interaction.org](https://www.interaction.org).
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed, often in the affected region; reduce the burden on scarce resources, such as transportation routes, staff time, and warehouse space;

can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietarily, and environmentally appropriate assistance.

- More information can be found at:
 - USAID Center for International Disaster Information: cidi.org
 - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at reliefweb.int.

USAID/BHA bulletins appear on the USAID website at usaid.gov/humanitarian-assistance/where-we-work