

# Humanitarian Snapshot

## USAID/BHA in Latin America and the Caribbean

Fiscal Year (FY) 2023

### REGIONAL PROFILE

Countries across Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) are prone to extreme weather events and natural hazards, including drought, earthquakes, and hurricanes, that can lead to disasters and compound existing vulnerabilities. Furthermore, persistent insecurity and prolonged economic and political crises continue to affect Colombia, Haiti, and Venezuela. In FY 2023, USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/BHA) provided nearly \$476 million in emergency response activities in 13 countries, and nearly \$51 million to support standalone early recovery, risk reduction, and resilience (ER4) activities in 11 countries and the region aimed to address the root causes of food insecurity and support communities' disaster preparedness and recovery.



The LAC region comprises Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

### HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN FY 2023

In FY 2023, complex emergencies, disasters caused by natural hazards, food insecurity, and ongoing migration flows continued to drive humanitarian needs across LAC. Regionwide, climate change has intensified the impact of natural hazards, resulting in casualties, destruction of property, and displacement. For example, in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua the effects of climatic shocks, including recurrent drought, have exacerbated household food insecurity and reduced livelihood opportunities. In Haiti, chronic poverty and organized criminal group violence prompted displacement and severe protection needs in FY 2023. Similarly, rising non-state armed group activity in Colombia resulted in incidents of confinement, displacement, and gender-based violence. Additionally, as of September 2023, protracted and severe economic and political conditions had prompted 7.7 million Venezuelans to flee, primarily to Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru, generating humanitarian need among vulnerable Venezuelans and host community members.

FY 2023 Regional Funding Total **\$527,270,545**

### TOP RECEIVING COUNTRIES IN FY 2023

Venezuela	\$148,000,000
Haiti	\$126,536,407
Colombia	\$106,500,000
Peru	\$26,356,016
Guatemala	\$20,397,696

### USAID/BHA PRIORITIES

In FY 2024, across the region USAID/BHA will continue to provide life-saving emergency assistance and support capacity-building for disaster preparedness and response. In Haiti, USAID/BHA partners will respond to the significant needs generated by the complex emergency, with a particular focus on alleviating food insecurity, addressing acute protection needs, and enhancing coordination between relief actors. In the Caribbean, USAID/BHA partners aim to strengthen local partners' operational capacity in disaster response and preparedness, to facilitate effective response to natural disasters and build community resilience to climatic shocks. In Central America, USAID/BHA will continue to prioritize food security, livelihood, and protection assistance across El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, and Nicaragua. In South America, USAID/BHA partners will continue to support the provision of food assistance to Venezuelan migrants, refugees, and host communities in Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru; support humanitarian organizations inside Venezuela to implement a robust humanitarian response; and provide multi-sector assistance to internally displaced persons in Colombia.

Additional information on USAID/BHA's activities can be found at [usaid.gov/humanitarian-assistance/where-we-work](https://www.usaid.gov/humanitarian-assistance/where-we-work)

