



Overview: Mexico & Central America

Mexico and Central America have enacted varying travel and internal mobility restrictions to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. While these measures are a response to the ongoing global pandemic, they also have a direct effect on humanitarian situations, both internally and regionally.

The mobility restrictions, which in some cases are 24-hour shelter-in-place measures, are affecting livelihoods and food access, especially in Central America - food security authorities in El Salvador estimate that some 60,000 households may require food assistance due to the effects of COVID-19 on food access.¹ Authorities and humanitarian partners express similar concerns for Guatemala and Honduras.

Moreover, countries with migrant and refugee populations are now faced with additional response challenges, as many are now stranded in host countries with limited access to health services or the informal economies that often provide these groups with livelihoods.

UNHCR in Costa Rica indicate that reduced migration authority activity has halted asylum processes, rendering some 25,900 people awaiting processing without access to healthcare and leading to food security and shelter needs.² In Mexico, local media report that the National Migration Institute (NMI) estimate some 12,500 migrants stranded near the northern border with the United States and another 9,000 on the Guatemalan border, prompting overcrowding at migrant centres at both borders.

Key Figures: Impact of COVID-19 restrictions on existing crises

60K
FAMILIES IN SALVADOR WHO MAY REQUIRE FOOD ASSISTANCE
(UNCT El Salvador)

25.9K
ASYLUM SEEKERS IN COSTA RICA WITHOUT ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE
(UNHCR Costa Rica)

21.5K
MIGRANTS STRANDED ALONG BOTH OF MEXICO'S BORDERS
(National Migration Institute)

COVID-19 Travel & Lockdown Restrictions by Country

🚚 Cargo allowed
 🚚 Cargo status pending confirmation
 🔒 Partial lockdown
 🔒 Varies by area
 🔒 Total 24 hr. lockdown

MEXICO & CENTRAL AMERICA



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1. UNCT El Salvador Situation Report No. 2 - <https://bit.ly/34ECT59>, 2. UNHCR Flash Update: Costa Rica - <https://bit.ly/2RJwFp>

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

COVID-19 External and Internal Access Restrictions

As of 15 April 2020



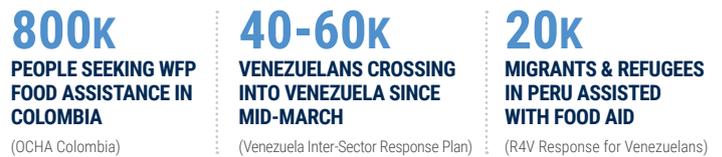
Overview: South America

Access restrictions in South America are affecting vulnerable populations both within and across borders. WFP in Colombia is fielding requests to respond to some 800,000 people with compromised food security and livelihoods.³ Lockdown measures in Venezuela, as in other countries, are affecting livelihoods and will likely increase economic vulnerability.

Host country lockdown measures have cut off Venezuelan migrants and refugees from accessing livelihoods via the informal economy, triggering an abrupt reversal - some reports indicate that between 40,000 to 60,000 have left Colombia for Venezuela since mid-March.⁴

Despite these restrictions, humanitarian partners continue to assist vulnerable populations. In Peru, IOM, UNHCR and OCHA, along with the UN Resident Coordinator and the National Civil Defence Institute (INDECI), delivered food kits to 20,000 migrants and refugees in Lima and Callao.⁵

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SOUTH AMERICA

Country & cargo clearance status	Restriction end date	Internal lockdown status & end date	APRIL		MAY	
			MON	TUE	MON	TUE
Uruguay	Indefinite	None	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒
Colombia	30 May	🔒 27 April	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒
Venezuela	11 May	🔒 11 May	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒
Bolivia	30 April	🔒 30 April	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒
Brazil	30 April	📍 Varies by Area	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒
Ecuador	30 April	🔒 20 April	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒
Argentina	26 April	🔒 26 April	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒
Peru	26 April	🔒 26 April	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒
Paraguay	19 April	🔒 19 April	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒
Chile	17 April	📍 Varies by Area	🔒	🔒	🔒	🔒

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3. OCHA Colombia Situation Report No. 1 - <https://bit.ly/34LF19R>, 4. OCHA Venezuela Inter-Sectoral Response Plan - <https://bit.ly/3cmB930>, 5. R4V COVID-19 Flash Update - <https://bit.ly/3bfg0b1>



Overview: The Caribbean

While most countries in the Caribbean have closed borders, some have determined that lockdown measures are not yet necessary. The border restrictions may present access challenges in a major emergency requiring international assistance. Haiti's deteriorated health infrastructure and food security vulnerabilities is cause for concern. With the Dominican Republic reporting nearly four times as many cases as any other Caribbean country or territory, IOM's estimate of 20,200 border crossings between Haiti and the Dominican Republic from 29 March to 5 April, including 2,550 returnees to Haiti ⁶, is prompting scaled up medical attention at the border.

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20.2K
BORDER CROSSINGS BETWEEN HAITI AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FROM 29 MARCH TO 5 APRIL
(IOM)

2.5K
HAITIAN RETURNES RECORDED CROSSING INTO HAITI FROM 29 MARCH TO 5 APRIL
(IOM)

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THE CARIBBEAN*

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			15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Antigua & Barbuda	Indefinite	16 April	[Total Closure]											[Total Closure]												
Bahamas	Indefinite	27 April	[Total Closure]											[Total Closure]												
Dominica	Indefinite	11 May	[Total Closure]											[Total Closure]												
Grenada	Indefinite	None	[Total Closure]											[Total Closure]												
Haiti	Indefinite	Indefinite	[Total Closure]											[Total Closure]												
St Kitts & Nevis	Indefinite	16 April	[Total Closure]											[Total Closure]												
St Vincent & the Grenadines	Indefinite	None	[Total Closure]											[Total Closure]												
Suriname	Indefinite	26 April	[Total Closure]											[Total Closure]												
Guyana	1 May	3 May	[Total Closure]											[Total Closure]												
Dom. Republic	30 April	30 June	[Total Closure]											[Total Closure]												
St Lucia	30 April	Indefinite	[Total Closure]											[Total Closure]												
Trinidad & Tobago	30 April	30 April	[Total Closure]											[Total Closure]												
Cuba	24 April	Varies by Area	[Total Closure]											[Total Closure]												
Jamaica	21 April	20 April	[Total Closure]											[Total Closure]												
Barbados	14 April	14 April	[Total Closure]											[Total Closure]												

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6. OCHA Haiti Flash Update No. 4 - <https://bit.ly/2K8QbNB>

* Table does not cover overseas territories and dependencies; confirmation of relevant information is pending.