



IOM VISION

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IOM, in partnership with strategic actors, is strengthening institutional and community capacities on preparedness and response for emergency or crisis situations, including public health emergencies, in order to reduce the risks and vulnerabilities of affected populations - including internally displaced persons (IDPs), former combatants, migrants and host communities - and supports sustainable recovery, community stabilization and peacebuilding at national and local levels. The humanitarian, recovery and peacebuilding response strategies are part of the IOM Colombia Country Programme for 2021-2024 - currently under review by the Government of Colombia (GoC) - in Strategic Area: 1) Stabilization, Peace with legality; Strategic Area 2; Migration as a development factor, and; Strategic Area 3) Technical Assistance for the acceleration of catalyst Sustainable Development Goals.

\$123,573,513
Funding Required

6,731,041
People in need

275,400
People Targeted

87
Entities Targeted

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IOM PROPOSED RESPONSE

OBJECTIVE	FUNDING REQUIRED	PEOPLE TARGETED
Save lives and respond to needs through humanitarian assistance and protection	53,356,566	140,000
Address the drivers and longer term impacts of crises and displacement through investments in recovery and crisis prevention	69,270,189	133,000
Strengthen preparedness and reduce disaster risk	446,758	2,400
Contribute to an Evidence Based and Efficient Crisis Response System	500,000	0

PRIMARY TARGET GROUPS

1. Internally displaced person
2. International migrant
3. Local population / community
4. Refugee
5. Former combatant / fighter

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED RESPONSE 2021

TITLE	FUNDING REQUIRED (USD) 2021
Save lives and respond to needs through humanitarian assistance and protection	
Health Support	21,331,075
Provision of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Emergencies	1,074,744
Basic Needs, including Food	6,701,363
Emergency Consular Assistance	272,544
Movement Assistance	507,679
Protection	17,024,176
Shelter, Settlements and Non-Food Items	6,444,985
Address the drivers and longer term impacts of crises and displacement through investments in recovery and crisis prevention	
Peacebuilding and peace preservation	9,710,392
Reparations	3,038,971
Community stabilization	2,631,278
Address the Socio-economic Impacts of Health Crises	3,473,887
Durable Solutions	27,366,680
Health System Strengthening	21,720,789
Mental Health and Psychosocial Support: Dialogue and Social Cohesion towards Recovery and Crisis Prevention	1,328,192
Strengthen preparedness and reduce disaster risk	
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Preparedness and Risk Reduction	446,758
Contribute to an Evidence Based and Efficient Crisis Response System	
Displacement Tracking	500,000
Total Funding Required	123,573,513

2021 - Colombia Crisis Response Plan 2021

CONTEXT ANALYSIS

Colombia has been deeply impacted by more than 50 years of armed conflict in the country. This has provoked the displacement of more than 8 million IDPs and resulted in large numbers of victims of abuse and violence, particularly survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) in need of reparation and reintegration support; fragile communities who lack income-generating opportunities and livelihoods; high levels of poverty and a lack of basic social services; and a heightened risk of human trafficking and recruitment of children by illegal armed groups and criminal gangs. After the signature of the Peace Agreement between the GoC and the FARC-EP, various initiatives were launched and continue to be implemented for the reintegration of former combatants, reparation of victims, capacity building and peacebuilding actions.

The delicate context in Colombia is further exacerbated by disasters (e.g. hurricane Iota severely affected the San Andres Archipelago and other departments of the northern region in late November 2020) in addition to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which has affected the health and wellbeing as well as livelihoods of many IDPs, migrants and host communities, especially from minority ethnic groups. The pandemic has exacerbated life-saving needs in health, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), and access constraints to basic goods and services have caused food shortages, resulting in food insecurity. Living conditions of migrants and refugees in Colombia have deteriorated following the COVID-19 preventive isolation measures, as many have lost their income and have reduced access to goods and services. In addition, border closures have resulted in the heightened use of unsafe land routes, posing increasing threats to their life and dignity. Therefore, while refugees and migrants with an irregular status faced challenges in accessing host communities' public services such as health, education and livelihood opportunities prior to the pandemic, such necessities have become inaccessible in many parts since March 2020, adding to refugees' and migrants' vulnerability. Since March 2020, IOM Colombia has carried out actions to reduce the impact of COVID-19 across health, WASH, shelter, food security and early recovery sectors; however, significant needs remain.

In addition, the arrival of refugees and migrants from Venezuela (with an estimated 1.7 million staying in Colombia and 845,000 Colombians and binational returnees), and Venezuelans in transit and crossing the border in pendular movements, has had a significant impact on the country given that these populations have arrived in territories with economic needs and where local institutions have limited response capacity. Despite the efforts of the GoC to support the regularisation of these populations, 56% are in an irregular situation, which increases their exposure to risks like sexual exploitation, trafficking and smuggling, recruitment and use of children by armed actors, GBV, family separation, and incidents with irregular armed groups.

COORDINATION

IOM has been coordinating its crisis response activities with the Government of Colombia, including the Presidency of the Republic, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Migration Colombia (National Migration Authority), among others. In addition, IOM has been closely coordinating with the UN Country Team and the Humanitarian Coordination Teams. In Colombia, IOM leads the Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) working group, co-leads the Early Recovery cluster, and actively participates in the Protection, Health, Education, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Food Security and Information Management working groups. IOM is contributing to the Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) and Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) exercises. For the coordination of COVID-19 response in Colombia, IOM has been working in line with national priorities registered in the Humanitarian and Socio-Economic Response Plans for COVID-19. Furthermore, health response has been coordinated with the Ministry of Health, Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). The UN System and GoC signed the UNSDCF (2020-2023) in March 2020, and IOM in Colombia is contributing to 11 out of the 13 established outcomes of the Cooperation Framework. Three areas were prioritised: Peace with Legality, Migration as a factor for development, and Catalyst SDGs. IOM and UNHCR co-lead the second area, and IOM leads the working group for the outcome "Reincorporation of former combatants in the Peace area". Regarding coordination related to the response to migration flows from Venezuela, since 2017, inter-agency operational activities to respond to the needs of refugees and migrants from Venezuela in the region have scaled up. In Colombia, the Inter-agency Group on Mixed Migration Flows (GIFMM), led by UNHCR and IOM, composed of 73 members, including United Nations Agencies, national and international NGOs and the Movement of the International Red Cross, coordinates the response for refugees and migrants from Venezuela, Colombian returnees and host populations at the national level, in close coordination and under the leadership of the GoC.

IOM CAPACITY

IOM's main country office is located in Bogotá, with 8 sub-offices, 9 project offices around the country, as well as 16 field liaisons in strategic areas where projects are taking place. IOM's current projects are being implemented in 28 out of 32 provinces of the territory. IOM in Colombia has been supporting GoC efforts over the past 20 years in several areas that include preparedness and emergency response, recovery, community stabilization and peacebuilding. In terms of emergency preparedness, IOM supports government institutions with the development of guidelines and procedures as well as capacity strengthening activities in the areas of shelter management (CCCM), protection, and prevention of the risk of human trafficking, among others. IOM also provides humanitarian assistance to IDPs affected by armed conflict and disasters, as well as populations affected by floods and droughts. Humanitarian assistance in the country includes the provision of humanitarian transport assistance, shelter, food/nutrition, non-food items (NFI), and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS). As part of the response to migration flows from Venezuela, IOM has complemented the government's response by providing humanitarian assistance, access to services and economic integration to migrants, refugees and host communities, strengthening institutions in charge of migration policies. Since 2018, IOM has reached more than 192,000 beneficiaries with NFI support, 51,000 with temporary accommodation, 15,000 with humanitarian transportation, more than 59,000 received protection services and 2,256 received training for work. Regarding peacebuilding and community stabilization, IOM has been i) supporting the GoC in the implementation of Policy for Victims, the development of strategies to facilitate the reparation processes, ii) strengthening the mechanisms of transitional justice, and iii) assisting institutions to implement processes of disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration, as well as strategies for the prevention of child recruitment by non-state armed groups. In the health sector, IOM assisted institutions to improve access of migrants, Colombian returnees and the host community to health services and has provided primary health services. As part of the COVID-19 response, IOM strengthened institutional capacities in 65 municipalities, delivering 900,000 personal protection kits, provided infrastructure and equipment to nine hospitals, promoted access to health services for migrant and vulnerable populations, and carried out respiratory symptomatic screenings to 46,138 Venezuelan migrants, Colombian returnees and host communities to detect possible cases of COVID-19. Finally, IOM, jointly with UNHCR and the Ministry of Health, are advocating for the inclusion of migrant populations among the target beneficiaries of vaccination campaigns for COVID-19.

SAVE LIVES AND RESPOND TO NEEDS THROUGH HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION

Funding Required

\$53,356,566

People Targeted

140,000

People Targeted Description

Migrants, refugees, Government counterparts, communities, IDPs, people affected by disasters and vulnerable groups such as children, pregnant women, female-single-headed household, older persons, persons with disabilities, indigenous communities, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) communities, and persons affected by COVID-19.

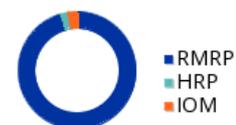


HEALTH SUPPORT

IOM aims to improve access to life-saving primary health care services for migrants and refugees from Venezuela and host communities, and vulnerable populations. IOM will aim to address health concerns relating to tuberculosis (TB), COVID-19, HIV/AIDS, non-communicable diseases, mental, health and psychosocial support, and sexual and reproductive health, through:

- Assistance to local hospitals for strengthened primary health services, including sexual and reproductive health assistance and services for survivors of GBV and trafficking in persons (TiP), through the provision of human resources, personal protection elements and furniture and equipment, and training of professionals on the provision of migrant-friendly primary health care services.
- Community-based mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) for individuals or families, in line with the IOM Manual on Community-Based Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergencies and Displacement.
- Provision of information on preventative hygiene and respiratory measures,

Funding Required
\$21,331,075



symptoms and care for COVID-19.

- Facility-based and community strengthening for COVID-19 surveillance.
- Strengthening of community networks with materials and capacity building to support the prevention of the spread of COVID-19.



PROVISION OF WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE IN EMERGENCIES

IOM will implement the promotion and education on hygiene for migrants, refugees, hosting communities and minority ethnic groups, through the:

- Provision of awareness-raising activities.
- Distribution of hygiene supplies, such as handwashing, hygiene and biosecurity kits and infrastructure, including toilets and water tanks, in spontaneous settlements, centres for migrant assistance, and schools, all in alignment with national COVID-19 prevention guidelines.
- Maintenance and repair of water supply systems (cleaning and maintenance of wells, maintenance and repair of pumps with solar panels).
- Delivery of water, provision of water filters at the household level and training on its correct use and the cleaning and maintenance of pumping systems, all in alignment with national COVID-19 prevention guidelines.

Funding Required
\$1,074,744



BASIC NEEDS, INCLUDING FOOD

To support the basic needs, including food needs, of the affected population, IOM plans to:

- Improve the access to food for migrants and refugees in need at the border and urban areas. This includes the provision of food kits and hot meals. Assistance will be provided through in-kind distributions and cash-based interventions, such as food vouchers and prepaid cards.
- Improve or construct food preparation spaces, and distribute children lunch boxes for when they go back to school.
- Multipurpose cash-based interventions will also ensure paying for rent, energy bills and households' items, as well as public transportation, is possible.

Funding Required
\$6,701,363



EMERGENCY CONSULAR ASSISTANCE

IOM will support the Governments' assistance to Colombian returnees from Venezuela through:

- Supporting the provision of civil registration and other identification documents required by Colombian returnees.

Funding Required
\$272,544



MOVEMENT ASSISTANCE

IOM plans to strengthen humanitarian transportation assistance in order to ensure migrants and refugees' safe, voluntary and dignified movements, through:

- Supporting humanitarian border-to-border transport for refugees and migrants in transit to third countries through the provision of transportation services and/or purchase of tickets.
- Provision of local transportation, including buses, vans, cars, and transport vouchers/cash, to allow refugees and migrants to access basic services.

Funding Required
\$507,679



PROTECTION

IOM's emergency interventions will prioritise vulnerable groups, such as children, pregnant women, female-single-headed household, older persons, persons with disabilities, indigenous communities, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) communities who face significant risks while on the move and in receiving countries, among others. The safety, dignity and well-being of all crisis-affected persons, especially women and girls, and their equitable access to services will be prioritised, integrated and coordinated across all sectors of the response. To achieve this IOM will:

Funding Required
\$17,024,176



- Strengthen Communication with Communities and Accountability to Affected Population structures.
- Strengthen and expand child protection mechanisms through capacity building of stakeholders, awareness on rights and self-protection among children, the provision of specialized child protection services and access to restitution.
- Implement capacity building, sensitization and awareness-raising activities to facilitate the prevention, identification, response, and protection of GBV/TIP survivors and the prosecution of perpetrators.
- Provide comprehensive and integrated assistance to survivors and those at risk of GBV /TIP.



SHELTER, SETTLEMENTS AND NON-FOOD ITEMS

As part of the response to migrants and refugees from Venezuela, IOM will implement the following activities in coordination with national and local authorities:

Funding Required
\$6,444,985



- Provide accommodation assistance in temporary accommodation centres to migrants and refugees on the move.
- Distribute non-food items (NFIs) through in-kind or cash assistance, according to the target populations' needs including hygiene kits, amongst others. Brochures and other information materials will be distributed along with the kits to promote personal hygiene.
- Strengthen technical capacities of local partners and public officials to effectively manage temporary accommodation centres, including on cross-cutting themes such a GBV and protection against sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA).

ADDRESS THE DRIVERS AND LONGER TERM IMPACTS OF CRISES AND DISPLACEMENT THROUGH INVESTMENTS IN RECOVERY AND CRISIS PREVENTION

Funding Required
\$69,270,189

People Targeted
133,000

People Targeted Description

Migrants, refugees, indigenous communities, government counterparts, communities, health professionals, as well as local and national entities. The activities will also benefit survivors of violence, former combatants, local populations who have access to the System of Truth, Justice and Reparation, and children and youth benefitting from GBV prevention projects.



PEACEBUILDING AND PEACE PRESERVATION

Despite the many gains, peace and stability are negatively affected by the recidivism of former combatants, institutional weakness and recruitment of children and adolescents by non-state armed groups. Aligned with government-led processes, IOM will contribute to peacebuilding through:

Funding Required
\$9,710,392

- Supporting former combatants with income generation activities and gender-based violence (GBV) prevention activities.

- Technical assistance to the entities comprising the Comprehensive System of Truth, Justice, Reparation and Non-Repetition (SIVJNR) and promotion of victims, and former combatants' participation.
- Strengthening follow-up capacities of territorial entities regarding commitments within the peace agreement.
- Supporting the Office of the Attorney General in the promotion of participation and increased access of victims of armed conflict to the Special Jurisdiction for Peace.
- Strengthening capacities of parents, caregivers, teachers, directors and community representatives to protect children and adolescents.



REPARATIONS

The persistence of human rights violations, due to the continuity of warlike actions requires the adoption of measures by the State in the areas of assistance, attention, reparation, prevention and protection. IOM programming contributes to the improvement of support to victims through:

Funding Required
\$3,038,971

- Technical assistance to territorial entities and organizations in the implementation of the victims' law.
- Strengthening the capacities of the Ministry of Interior when it comes to planning, managing and monitoring the implementation of the victims' policy and the assistance and reparation processes at the local level, through information systems.
- Strengthening existing national and local GoC instruments and institutions for the effective delivery of MHPSS, which is one of the GoC measures of reparations to survivors of violence. Key civil society organizations will be identified and strengthened so that their initiatives enhance and complement IOM efforts at the local level.
- Implementation of a comprehensive, context-specific, mental health and psychosocial community resilience strategy in coordination with national and local GOC and community, in contribution to the measures of reparation of the government for survivors of violence.
- Promotion of job trainings and skills for employability, entrepreneurship, and for the creation and strengthening of local rural and urban enterprise, to contribute to the social and economic stabilization of survivors of violence, as well as host communities.



COMMUNITY STABILIZATION

As rural areas have been affected by violence many communities have lost trust in authorities. IOM programming for community stabilization includes:

Funding Required
\$2,631,278

- Technical assistance to police officers to improve their capacities on violence prevention within rural communities and enhance the communities' trust in institutions.
- Supporting the self-construction of longer-term, sustainable houses for indigenous IDPs through the provision of materials (including wood), working uniforms, construction tools and the delivery of solar panels. This activity will be complemented with trainings to beneficiaries on construction provided by the Government.
- Implementing food security projects for indigenous IDPs through the establishment of home gardens and the provision of technical assistance.
- Preventing gender-based violence in indigenous IDPs through awareness-raising and the implementation of workshops with the community.
- Strengthening of indigenous traditional authorities on conflict resolution through workshops and technical assistance.



ADDRESS THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF HEALTH CRISES

Funding Required

Given the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 on income and food security of vulnerable populations, including IDPs and ethnic groups, IOM will provide support through:

\$3,473,887

- Delivery of food kits for affected populations.
- Promotion of employability and income generation activities, including the production of high demand products like Personal Protection Equipment (PPE).
- A communication campaign to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- Delivery of non-food items to promote food security, namely tools and supplies for agriculture for affected populations.
- Delivery of water and water filters for affected ethnic groups.
- Technical assistance to strengthen the capacities of civil society organizations to better respond to the needs of their communities.
- Training in soft psychosocial MHPSS skills like Psychological First Aid, Active listening, Intercultural communication, basic mental health and psychosocial support to benefit affected communities.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

IOM will promote the socio-economic integration of displacement affected refugees and migrants from Venezuela, ensuring equal and tailored labour opportunities for men, women and youth, to support the progression towards durable solutions. IOM will equally support access to various levels and types of education for children and youth, with particular attention to girls. IOM plans to carry out the following activities:

Funding Required
\$27,366,680

- Facilitate access to income-generating activities through the provision of seed capital and relevant trainings (such as business start-up and financial literacy).
- Enhance the inclusion of migrants and refugees from Venezuela in the formal local labour market by creating new and strengthening current partnerships with the private sector and public employment services, to promote corporate social responsibility and the ethical recruitment of refugees and migrants from Venezuela.
- Provide technical assistance to local governments to develop and implement rural development initiatives.
- Enhance social cohesion among migrants, refugees and host communities through the promotion of cultural events, and implementation of anti-xenophobia and anti-discrimination campaigns.
- Facilitate access to the education system through enrolment support and the provision of school kits.



HEALTH SYSTEM STRENGTHENING

In order to strengthen the health system in the country, health professionals, as well as local and national entities, require capacity-building activities, including improved capacity to respond to the specific COVID-19 needs of migrants and refugees, as well as host communities. In this regard IOM will:

Funding Required
\$21,720,789

- Provide technical assistance to national governments to improve their health-care services in relation to the regional Venezuelan crisis, including training of health professionals on migrant-friendly services such as assistance for communicable and non-communicable diseases, sexual and reproductive health, management of information and provision of equipment and supplies to hospitals.
- Strengthen local entities' capacities to develop prevent, control and respond to COVID-19, through trainings, and the provision of medical equipment and personal protection elements.
- Strengthen capacities of community networks, community health workers and organizations when it comes to health surveillance.



MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT: DIALOGUE AND SOCIAL COHESION TOWARDS RECOVERY AND CRISIS PREVENTION

Despite the many gains, peace and stability is negatively affected by the recidivism of former combatants, institutional weakness and recruitment of children and adolescents by non-state armed groups. Additionally the persistence of human rights violations, due to the continuity of the warlike actions implies the adoption of measures by the State in the areas of assistance, attention, reparation, prevention and protection to survivors of violence. IOM, will contribute to peacebuilding and reparation for survivors of violence through:

- Training in MHPSS skills. i.e. Psychological First Aid, Active listening, Intercultural communication, basic mental health and psychosocial support.
- Implementation of comprehensive, context-specific, mental health and psychosocial community resilience strategy in coordination with national and local GOC and community, in contribution to the measures of reparation of the Government to survivors of violence.

Funding Required

\$1,328,192



STRENGTHEN PREPAREDNESS AND REDUCE DISASTER RISK

Funding Required

\$446,758

People Targeted

2,400

People Targeted Description

Migrants, refugees, government counterparts and host communities.



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE IN PREPAREDNESS AND RISK REDUCTION

IOM aims to promote improved hygiene practices and sanitation through the provision of activities, supplies and infrastructure, including:

- Trainings to strengthen hygiene and water management programs capacity.
- Providing equipment and adapting water and sanitation infrastructure; including, construction of wells, installation of filters, improvement of handwashing points to prevent and contain the spread of COVID-19 among migrants, refugees and host communities.

Funding Required

\$446,758



CONTRIBUTE TO AN EVIDENCE BASED AND EFFICIENT CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM

Funding Required

\$500,000

People Targeted Description

Government counterparts and partners.



DISPLACEMENT TRACKING

IOM will track and monitor population mobility through DTM to regularly and systematically capture, process and disseminate information to provide a better understanding of the movements and evolving needs of the Venezuelan population.

Funding Required

\$500,000

