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# ILO's Response to the Venezuelan Displacement Crisis

## Overview

- Some 4.6 million Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Latin America and the Caribbean find themselves in a situation of protracted displacement since 2015.
- With no foreseeable changes in the situation in Venezuela, refugees and migrants will likely remain in the host countries for several years.

## Greater Support is needed to Foster Socioeconomic Integration

Although humanitarian assistance remains crucial to respond to immediate needs, the severe impact of COVID-19 to the region's economies further escalated the need to focus on medium- and long-term solutions to ensure socio-economic integration of displaced Venezuelans and peaceful coexistence with citizens in their host communities.

In spite of these urgent needs, with only **8 percent** of the funding requirements being met, the Socioeconomic and Cultural Integration Sector remains the most underfunded of all the thematic Sectors in the [Response for Venezuelans Coordination Platform \(R4V\)](#).

## The Socioeconomic Integration Strategy

Jointly drafted by ILO and UNDP, the [Regional Strategy for the Socioeconomic Integration of Venezuelan Migrants and their Host Communities](#) was launched in March 2020 and endorsed by both the interagency R4V Platform and the intergovernmental [Quito Process](#). The strategy is articulated around seven pillars:

1. **Regularization and Socioeconomic Profiling;**
2. **Vocational Training and Skills Recognition;**
3. **Access to Employment;**
4. **Entrepreneurship;**
5. **Financial Inclusion;**
6. **Access to Social Protection;**
7. **Social Cohesion.**



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## Socioeconomic Integration in practice

For the past two years, the ILO has been working with its partners to improve the capacity of public policies to respond to the needs of both Venezuelans and host communities. ILO supports the generation of economic opportunities by facilitating access to quality jobs, skills development and recognition, and entrepreneurship programmes. At the same time, it aims at ensuring sustainable livelihoods and access to social protection by facilitating regularization, socioeconomic profiling and advocating for the inclusion of refugees and migrants in national COVID-19 recovery strategies.

ILO's support so far has spanned across Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guyana, Honduras Mexico and Peru, and has been delivered in partnership with IOM, UNCHR, WFP, UNDP, as well as civil society organizations.

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## Forecast Needs and Resource Requirements

The ILO's financial requirements to respond to the needs of Venezuelans and host communities in 2021-2022 are estimated at **US\$23 million**.

► ILO's resource requirements

Country	Sector	Requirements
Chile	Integration	\$63,000
Colombia	Integration	\$2,331,000
Dominican Republic	Integration	\$1,700,000
Ecuador	Integration	\$1,812,000
Peru	Integration	\$5,483,183
Peru	Protection	\$1,100,000
Peru	Education	\$1,000,000
Peru	Integration	\$5,198,750
Regional	Integration	\$4,200,000
Regional	Common Services	\$160,000
Uruguay	Integration	\$500

Specific details on ILO appeals by country and sector can be found on [OCHA's Financial Tracking System](#).

By securing necessary resources, ILO will be able, for example, to:

- Expand the **entrepreneurship** programme [Emprende Segur@](#), which has already successfully benefitted over 2,000 in Colombia, Ecuador and Peru;
- Strengthen the region's Vocational Training Institutes capacities to ensure Recognition, development and certification of **skills**;
- Support Public Employment Services in matching job seekers to **employment** opportunities;
- Increase access to **social protection** and COVID-19-compliant occupational safety and health measures;
- Promote **social cohesion** through interventions by raising the visibility of [Venezuelan workers' contribution to the mitigation of COVID-19](#).

► ILO's added value

As the UN agency mandated to promote decent work and social justice, ILO co-leads with IOM the R4V interagency Sector on Socioeconomic and Cultural Integration of Venezuelan refugees and migrants. Intervention models draw on the ILO's extensive experience with promoting livelihoods and socioeconomic integration of displaced communities, such as Syrian refugees and displaced population in the Horn of Africa, among others.

Thanks to its technical expertise and tripartite structure, which includes employers' and workers' organizations alongside governments, ILO is uniquely equipped to engage all relevant actors of the world of work, thus allowing greater inclusiveness and sustainability of its programmes.

Building on its rights-based approach and constitutional mandate to protect migrant workers, ILO's intervention model prioritizes social inclusion of at-risk groups, ensuring that decent livelihood opportunities provide a way out of informality and vulnerability.

► Many Venezuelan refugees and migrant workers have become essential workers ensuring key services such as medical attention, delivery of food, medicines, and other goods during the pandemic.

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