

Venezuelan Migration Response

July 2017 – February 2021



The Americas and Caribbean region has been experiencing migration flows from Venezuela with humanitarian consequences for migrants, including refugees, their families and communities. The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (the Movement), comprising the National Societies, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), with its large network of volunteers and staff, and its engagement at the local, national and international levels, is at the forefront of providing critical humanitarian services to migrants regardless of their immigration status. Operating as one Movement, our work is guided by the principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality and independence. The Movement leverages its collective and complementary capacities and areas of expertise to respond to and support National Societies in a wide ranging, multidisciplinary response that addresses the needs of the most vulnerable and at-risk populations. The Movement strives to provide assistance and protection to migrants, to defend their rights and dignity, improve their ability to seek opportunities and sustainable solutions, and promote their social inclusion and integration in host communities.

At a Glance¹



6,900+
volunteers
engaged



7.2m+
total services
delivered



17
National Societies
responding

with the support of the IFRC, American Red Cross, British Red Cross, Canadian Red Cross, German Red Cross, Italian Red Cross, Netherlands Red Cross, Spanish Red Cross and Swedish Red Cross (and all other Participating National Societies supporting the IFRC Emergency Appeals), and in coordination and collaboration with the ICRC

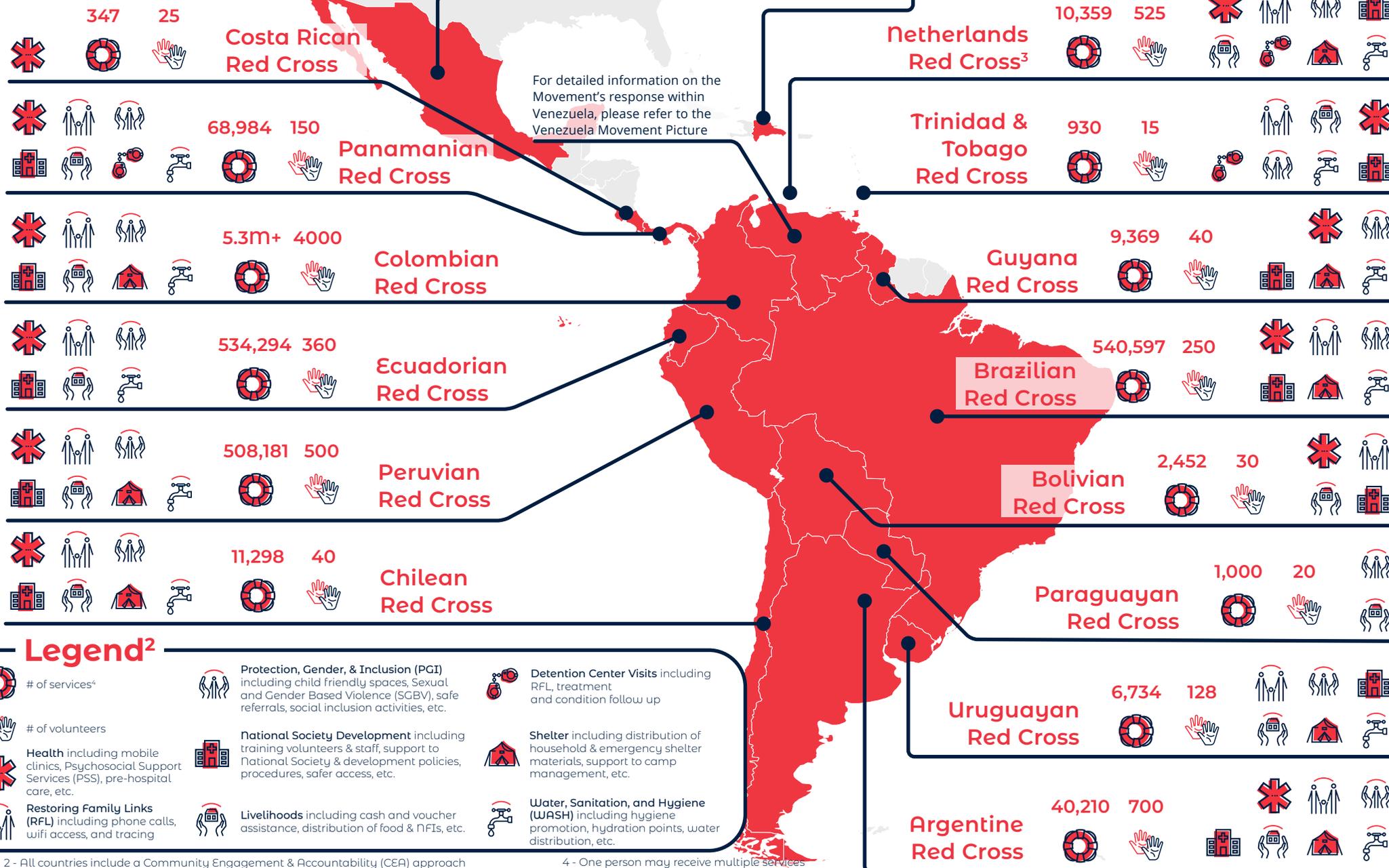


¹ - Venezuela information available in separate Movement Picture

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The map depicts services provided by National Societies supporting the Venezuela Migration Response, including support from all Movement partners. The map also includes ICRC independent activities.



For detailed information on the Movement's response within Venezuela, please refer to the Venezuela Movement Picture

Legend²

- # of services*
- # of volunteers
- Health including mobile clinics, Psychosocial Support Services (PSS), pre-hospital care, etc.
- Restoring Family Links (RFL) including phone calls, wifi access, and tracing
- Protection, Gender, & Inclusion (PGI) including child friendly spaces, Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV), safe referrals, social inclusion activities, etc.
- National Society Development including training volunteers & staff, support to National Society & development policies, procedures, safer access, etc.
- Shelter including distribution of household & emergency shelter materials, support to camp management, etc.
- Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) including hygiene promotion, hydration points, water distribution, etc.
- Detention Center Visits including RFL, treatment and condition follow up
- Livelihoods including cash and voucher assistance, distribution of food & NFIs, etc.

2 - All countries include a Community Engagement & Accountability (CEA) approach

3 - Services provided in Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao & Sint Maarten

4 - One person may receive multiple services

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The table below depicts the sectors and technical areas of expertise that Movement partners have provided or will provide to countries across the region affected by the Venezuela migration response.

Country	IFRC	ICRC	American Red Cross	British Red Cross	Canadian Red Cross	German Red Cross	Italian Red Cross	Netherlands Red Cross	Spanish Red Cross	Swedish Red Cross
Argentina										
Bolivia										
Brazil										
Chile										
Colombia										
Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao & Sint Maarten										
Dominican Republic										
Ecuador										
Guyana										
Mexico										
Panama										
Peru										
Trinidad and Tobago										
Uruguay										

Health
 Restoring Family Links
 PGI
 Livihoods
 National Society Development
 Detention Center Visits
 Shelter
 WASH
 Financial Support
 Technical Support



Clairet Mata, 27, arrived in Colombia over a year ago. With almost no money to spare after the journey, Mata is raising a child without the support of her parents or other relatives, which has been particularly difficult. Being so far from her loved ones is taking an emotional toll on her.

“Some days I don’t feel like waking up,” says Mata. “My mother had her birthday on November 18 and I couldn’t stop crying that day. I’m not used to being separated from her.”

Thankfully, Mata has found a way to communicate more frequently with her parents and sister by using the family contact services at CASA, a center run by the Colombian Red Cross that helps migrants and other vulnerable people in Bucaramanga. She also started using the free psychological services offered by CASA. During one of her sessions she was able to discuss what she was going through and received practical tools on how to manage symptoms of anxiety and depression.

“The psychologist taught me breathing exercises to control anxiety,” Mata said. “She also taught me that when I am feeling bad I should focus on what is immediately ahead of me.” Mata explains that this has helped her try to do more activities with her son now, like going to the park or watching movies together.

“Being here on my own has shown me that I can be very resourceful,” says Mata. “It has also taught me that no matter what happens to us we have to keep moving forward.”