



FOOD ASSISTANCE FACT SHEET VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE Updated May 26, 2020

The ongoing political and economic crisis in Venezuela has driven more than five million Venezuelans to flee the country since 2014. USAID's Office of Food for Peace (FFP) is responding to the complex crisis in Venezuela and neighboring host countries of Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru.

SITUATION

- Deteriorating economic and political conditions—characterized by hyperinflation—in Venezuela have decreased households' access to food, medicine, and health care; contributed to increasing humanitarian needs; and triggered an influx of Venezuelans into neighboring countries, including Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. In Venezuela, an estimated 2.3 million individuals are severely food insecure and in need of immediate assistance, according to a July–September 2019 UN World Food Program (WFP) Emergency Food Security Assessment conducted inside the country.
- As of May, more than five million Venezuelans had left Venezuela due to the ongoing political and economic crisis in the country, according to the Regional Interagency Coordination Platform for Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela (R4V). Nearly 900,000 Venezuelans have applied for asylum globally since 2014, and the R4V projects that by the end of 2020, nearly 6.5 million Venezuelans will have left the country.
- Fifty percent of the Venezuelan refugees and migrants worldwide—including more than 60 percent of Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Latin America and the Caribbean—are living in Colombia and Peru as of February 2020, the R4V reports. Recent assessments indicate that food; health care; and water, sanitation, and hygiene support are among the most urgent humanitarian needs of Venezuelans and affected host communities across the region.
- Government measures put in place to mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic across the region are significantly impacting vulnerable populations' incomes and access to essential goods and services, likely worsening food insecurity among Venezuelan refugees, migrants, and affected host communities, according to the R4V.

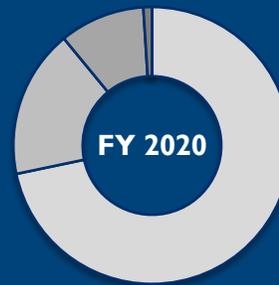


FOOD FOR PEACE CONTRIBUTIONS

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS PER FISCAL YEAR (FY)

	U.S. DOLLARS	METRIC TONS (MT)*
FY 2020	\$56.6 million	—
FY 2019	\$119.5 million	—
FY 2018	\$27.6 million	—

*Metric tonnage does not reflect funding for vouchers or cash transfers



- Food Vouchers 72%
- Local, Regional, and International Procurement 17%
- Cash Transfers for Food 10%
- Complementary Services 1%

RESPONSE

- FFP partners with WFP and non-government organizations (NGOs) in Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru to respond to food needs resulting from the Venezuela regional crisis, providing emergency food assistance to Venezuelans sheltering in and transiting through the region, as well as host community members. Additionally, FFP partners with NGOs in Venezuela to provide emergency food assistance to the most food-insecure Venezuelans affected by the crisis.
- To date in FY 2020, FFP has provided more than \$56.6 million in humanitarian food assistance in Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela, including the distribution of cash transfers for food and food vouchers which are redeemable in local supermarkets, one-time food kits for food-insecure populations in transit, and support for community kitchens feeding vulnerable Venezuelans and host community members.



Photo: A Venezuelan child sits down to enjoy a hot meal.