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# SOCIOECONOMIC INTEGRATION OF VENEZUELAN MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES UNDER DECENT WORK CONDITIONS

The International Labor Organization (ILO) is leading efforts towards the socio-economic integration of Venezuelan migrants and refugees. USAID is supporting ILO's programs in Ecuador and Peru.

## HOW DO WE CONTRIBUTE?

ILO contributes to the implementation of the National Decent Employment Policy of Peru and the National Human Mobility Plan in Ecuador, as well as the fulfillment of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular goal 8.8., referring to “protecting labor rights and promoting a safe and risk-free work environment for all workers, including migrant workers, particularly migrant women and people in precarious jobs”. ILO's contribution is also aligned with the United Nations Cooperation Framework for Sustainable Development 2019-2022 of Ecuador, in its direct effect 3 related to policies and norms that favor the diversification of the productive structure, the generation of decent work and of sustainable livelihoods, and the economic inclusion of people, with equal opportunities for women and men.

## RESULTS ACHIEVED

- Technical assistance to the Ministry of Labor and Employment Promotion of Peru for the design of the Labor Migration Policy and the National Program for Employability for two pilot interventions: i) Labor training in digital skills, and support for job placement, for 26 young people from Venezuela and Peru in Bootcamp mode and ii) Pilot job skills certification for 270 people from Venezuela and Peru in sales and cleaning services.
- Technical assistance, in conjunction with the UNDP and the participation of the World Bank, to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru for the design of the National Strategy for the Socioeconomic Integration of the Migrant and Refugee Population of Venezuela.
- Technical assistance to the Government of Manabí in Ecuador for the development of public policy on human mobility; and to the Local Development Agencies of Guayaquil, Cuenca, Quito and Santo Domingo in professional certification services.
- Strengthened capacities of Regional Governments in Peru through diagnosis of needs for the adaptation of Public Employment Services aimed at the socioeconomic integration of migrants and refugees in Piura, Lambayeque and La Libertad.
- Technical assistance, in association with UNHCR, to the National Superintendence of Higher Education, SUNEDU, to strengthen the capacities of 16 Universities and 6 Professional Associations for the application of standards and revalidation procedures.
- Technical assistance to the National Superintendence of Migration of Peru, associated with UNHCR, to identify the barriers in the legal recognition of documents of migrants and refugees.
- Comprehensive accompaniment for the qualification of 50 health professionals and 100 nursing technicians, for the exercise of their profession in Peru.
- Improved business skills of 1,150 migrants, refugees and vulnerable nationals in Ecuador and Peru through the *Emprende Segur@ 2020* Program. 878 participants joined in 2021.
- Creation and formalization of the Association of Art Workers and Migrant and Refugee Cultures of Venezuela.
- Adaptation and implementation of the First Fair Contracting Course in Ecuador (in association with IAEN) and in Peru (in association with ESAN).
- 97 professionals from Ecuador and 57 from Peru, belonging to various public and private institutions, were certified as trainers in the ILO methodologies, GET Ahead, for the economic empowerment of women; IMESUN, for the creation and improvement of enterprises and Financial Education.

## PROJECT INFORMATION

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