SUPPORT FOR LABOR MARKET INSERTION AND RECOGNITION OF TECHNICAL AND PROFESIONAL DEGREES OF VENEZUELAN MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES IN PERU

The ongoing political, human rights and socio-economic deterioration in Venezuela has led to the outflow of millions of Venezuelans into neighboring countries. USAID supports programs that are helping Venezuelan migrants and refugees secure sustainable livelihoods in their new host countries.

This project is implemented by World Vision Perú; it has the objective of helping Venezuelan professionals and technicians obtain local recognition of their degrees and certifications to be able to find work in their corresponding area of specialization. Since the Venezuelan migration crisis began in 2017, World Vision has been developing projects to support the Venezuelan migrant and refugee population through programs funded by USAID. This strategy is aligned with USAID priorities, including promoting self-reliance and assisting vulnerable populations through increased access to credit and financial services for refugees and migrants; in order to reduce barriers to formal employment for professionals.
HOW DOES THE ACTIVITY WORK?

The project has been testing a replicable model to facilitate the insertion of Venezuelan professionals and technicians into the formal workforce in Perú through a strategy of access to credit. This is developed by granting Venezuelans loans that they will use to pay the recognition fees for their professional and technical degrees and then connecting them with formal employment opportunities that correspond to their professional or technical training. The process will be thoroughly documented and, if effective, presented as a scalable model that could benefit the thousands of Venezuelan professionals and technicians residing in Peru.

RESULTS ACHIEVED

- 94 registered Venezuelan medical professionals.

- 100 technicians accessed their occupational certification of which 38 technicians have graduated from the logistics and E Commerce course; 30 technicians have graduated from the Maintenance and IT support course; and 26 technicians graduated from the course Management of digital campaigns and sales in social networks.

- As of November 2021, there are 111 professionals who have accessed credits for the recognition and / or registration of their professional titles.

- 194 professionals and technicians completed the program "Empower your professional talent by managing your emotions" focused on strengthening soft skills for employability.

PROJECT INFORMATION

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