

DELIVERING HUMANITARIAN ACTION IN THE AMERICAS AND CARIBBEAN REGION



IPPF works to ensure people are free to make choices about their sexuality and well-being, in a world free from discrimination. The Federation is active in over 140 countries. In the Americas and the Caribbean, our dynamic network includes affiliates in 29 countries to advance gender equality and sexual and reproductive rights and justice. The network comprises Member Associations (MAs), associate members and collaborative partners. Staff, youth advocates, and volunteers provide essential, rights-based healthcare and education to over 4.2 million people every year.

We are leading service providers, advocates, activists, and vocal defenders of sexual and reproductive rights and justice in challenging political and social environments. Every day, we serve our communities in all their diversity, including women, adolescents and young people, girls, people with disabilities, migrants, LGBTIQ+ people, indigenous and rural people, Afro-descendants, people living with HIV, and sex workers.

About the Venezuelan Migration Emergency

The massive migration of Venezuelans out of their home country has been considered as “one of the largest migration emergencies worldwide” (UNICEF, 2020). As of March 2023, there are more than 7,2 refugees and migrants from Venezuela living outside their country and thereof 6,1 million are in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Migrants and refugees include those that have settled in the destination countries, those that are in transit, those that cross the borders on a regular basis to meet certain needs or to work and are called pendular migrants, those that are returning and the host communities.



The Venezuelan migration emergency has converged with local vulnerabilities in host communities and thus has triggered public health challenges, including the provision of SRH services for young women and girls, which have worsened as a result of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The closure of some borders prior to the pandemic (for instance the Colombian borders) and the visa requirements from some countries have led migrants to increasingly pursue migration journeys by foot, that include the crossing of the Darien gap between Colombia and Panama, that have exposed them to even greater levels of peril and vulnerability.

IPPF regional response to the Venezuelan Migration Emergency

IPPF Member Associations and Collaborative Partners in Colombia, Peru and Ecuador have implemented humanitarian responses in collaboration with the Inter-agency coordination platform for refugees and migrants from Venezuela in their countries. A response that was deployed from April 2021 until March 2023 provided essential life-saving SHR services to all groups of migrants and the host communities in four Colombian states close to the northern Venezuelan border ('Without borders project'). Three responses were deployed in Colombia, Peru and Ecuador for a period of 4 to 6 months during 2022 that focused on providing essential life-saving SRH services to the 'in transit migrants' and refugees along several points of a route that goes from Venezuela through Colombia, Peru and Ecuador.

Due to our network of MAs and partners that are already deeply rooted in local communities, IPPF's Humanitarian Programme works effectively within the Humanitarian, Development and Peace Nexus. Our MAs, and in this case Profamilia (Colombia) and Inppares (Peru) and our CP, work closely with a wide range of stakeholders to strengthen SRH service delivery in crisis situations and support national preparedness through capacity building and advocacy. For IPPF, localization is the model and the focus of our humanitarian work. IPPF has found that the key success of the triple nexus has been the creation of partnerships that enable development initiatives to support preparedness and response work. Our approach to this aims to combine humanitarian and development activities with advocacy. IPPF's humanitarian programmes are agile and responsive to changing contexts and allow for capacity sharing and collaboration between humanitarian, development and peace actors, which helps implementers move out of their comfort zones.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

'Without borders'

Between April 2021 and February 2023, the 'without borders' project in Colombia provided essential SRH and contraceptive services.

The vital services provided based on the MISP were mostly services such as contraception and family planning, nursing and general medical consultations, pregnancy care with laboratories and medication, STI and HIV screening, access to safe abortion and psychology consultations focusing on the identification and prevention of gender-based violence. The project prevented 6,156 unwanted pregnancies, provided protection to 33,497 couples.

95% of the population served are Venezuelans facing poverty and lack of health insurance. The remaining 5% were Colombians from the host communities living in situations of vulnerability and facing barriers to access essential sexual and reproductive health services. Profamilia provided high quality and rights-based services through its clinics and mobile brigades that were adapted according to the contexts of the communities.

'WITHOUT BORDERS' IMPACT DATA



14,900

TOTAL
BENEFICIARIES
REACHED



89%

WOMEN & GIRLS
REACHED WITH
SRH SERVICES



77,000

TOTAL SRH
SERVICES
PROVIDED



2,289

UNSAFE
ABORTIONS
AVERTED



These Information and Education Communication materials were adapted according to the contexts of the communities.



The Venezuelan 'walkers' in Colombia, Peru and Ecuador

The Venezuelan 'walkers' project was carried out in Colombia (in seven attention points), in Peru (in four attention points), and in Ecuador (in three attention points) across some of the 'in-transit migrant' routes.

In addition to the statistics in the table, our partners provided 830 women with emergency prenatal care, 11,943 STI and HIV diagnosis, and prevention services and products, as well as care and services to 46 survivors of SGBV from October 2021 to October 2022.



'THE WALKERS' IMPACT DATA



4,885

**TOTAL
BENEFICIARIES
REACHED**



21,521

**SRH SERVICES
PROVIDED**



6,077

**CONTRACEPTIVE
PRODUCTS DIST**



338

**SAFE ABORTION
SERVICES
PROVIDED**