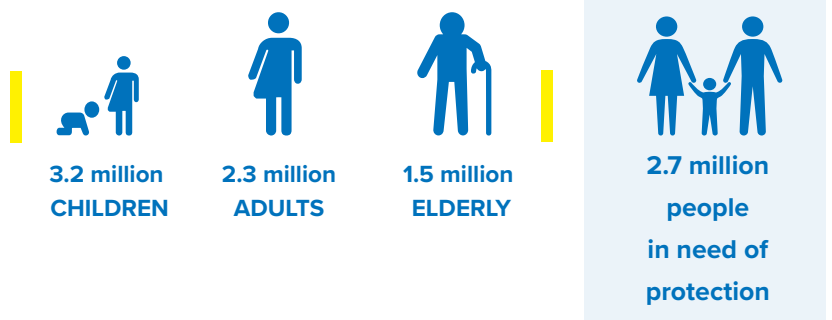




## EXPANDING HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS IN THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA

Over 4 million Venezuelans were forced to leave their country in recent years as daily survival became increasingly difficult, and in some instances impossible. Many have left their families behind. Those who remain in Venezuela are forced to contend with the consequences of an escalating humanitarian crisis, fuelled by food, water, electricity, gasoline and medicine shortages. Wide-spread insecurity and the presence of illegal armed groups are also threatening people's safety and contributing to an escalating internal displacement situation.

**An estimated 7 million Venezuelans are in need of urgent humanitarian assistance according to the Humanitarian Response Plan (August 2019), of which 2.7 million are in need of protection.**



The United Nations System in Venezuela is responding to the most pressing needs with a significant scale-up of its activities, in coordination with State institutions and other partners. UNHCR, with its presence in the country, is a key actor in this coordinated response as the lead agency of the Protection and Shelters/Non-Food Item(NFI)/Energy Clusters.

UNHCR is working through a community based approach to prevent displacement, mitigate protection risks and support resilience of affected communities. In 2019, UNHCR is seeking to expand its operational footprint to respond to the growing needs of the affected population in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. Given the needs, the situation requires a well-funded, comprehensive and coordinated effort from concerned governments and humanitarian actors.



## FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

**UNHCR's overall requirements for community-based protection and prevention activities currently stands at \$29.5 million. As of August 2019, requirements are only 25% funded, which means that UNHCR is facing considerable constraints to meet the most basic survival needs for those affected by the situation.**

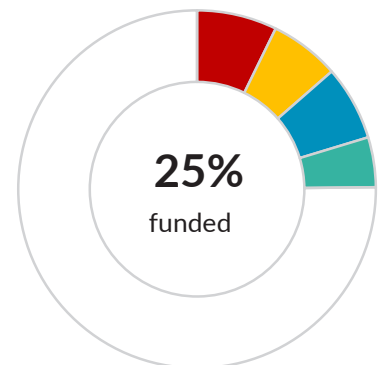
In the absence of critical financial support, the lives of hundreds of thousands of affected population in Venezuela, who have to cope daily with lack of food, water, medicines and basic services, will only worsen. Their conditions will continue to deteriorate, particularly for the most vulnerable, including the elderly, persons with serious medical conditions and children left behind, as the country's crumbling infrastructure and social services are increasingly unable to cope with the ever growing needs. This will lead to more people leaving Venezuela searching for safety and better opportunities abroad, thus exacerbating pressures on neighbouring host countries.

Only a well-funded, comprehensive and coordinated effort from governments and humanitarian actors will enable the country to address the urgent needs of people who require humanitarian assistance and prevent the escalation of the crisis.

### 2019 FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

**\$29.5 million**

as of 15 August 2019



- Tightly earmarked
- Earmarked
- Softly earmarked (indicative allocation)
- Unearmarked (indicative allocation)

## THE IMPORTANCE OF FLEXIBLE FUNDING FOR UNHCR'S SITUATIONS

Flexible financial support, particularly unearmarked funding, greatly facilitates UNHCR being able to kick-start an emergency response, bolster forgotten or under-resourced crises, and enable the fullest possible implementation of programmes. They enable UNHCR to plan and manage its resources efficiently and effectively, contributing to the collective success in every life that is transformed and saved.

As a proportion of its expenditure, the region which was allocated the highest percentage of flexible funding in 2018 was the Americas. Timely and significant allocations of flexible funding will continue to play a critical role as UNHCR expands its humanitarian response inside Venezuela, faced with a displacement crisis not seen in the region in decades.

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