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4. Due to their earmarking at a related region, sub-region, country or theme, the other softly earmarked contributions listed are those which can potentially be used for the

Sweden
Private donors Australia

listed below. This allocation respects different levels of earmarking. Adjustments relate to programme support costs and carry-over.

earmarked for the Venezuela Situation shown above are combined with an indicative allocation of the softly earmarked and unearmarked contributions

Indicative allocation of funds and adjustments

Sub-total

Colombia
26.7 million |

Italy
24.4 million |

Netherlands
17.3 million |

Private donors Germany
5.0 million |

Private donors Spain
3.8 million |

Private donors

UNHCR's overall requirements for its comprehensive response inside and outside the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela currently totals $158.2 million, of which $134 million is included in the inter-agency RMRP.

UNHCR's overall requirements are only 34% funded (June 2019), meaning the response is facing considerable constraints to meet even the most basic survival needs of those affected by the situation. This puts in jeopardy critical activities covering essential protection, such as granting access to territory, strengthening asylum systems, registration, child protection, and the prevention of and response to sexual and gender-based violence.

THE IMPORTANCE OF FLEXIBLE FUNDING FOR UNHCR's

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Flexible financial support allows UNHCR to place it anywhere within a given situation, in line with the Office’s priorities, from where people in need are forced to flee, to where they find refuge. Importantly, flexible funding needs to be timely for UNHCR to plan in the most efficient manner, allocating to priorities first.

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UNHCR and partners are scaling up preparedness and operational activities to respond to the growing needs of the people from the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

**Regional response**
Countries in the region have demonstrated remarkable generosity towards Venezuelans. Their solidarity is reflected in the adoption in November 2018 of the Quito Plan of Action on Human Mobility of Venezuelan citizens in the region. Signed by eight countries, it marked a significant step forward in harmonizing regional policies and practices, scaling up and coordinating the humanitarian response, and improving access to host States and rights.

The Joint Special Representative of UNHCR and the UN Migration Agency (ICM), Eduardo Stein, was appointed in September 2018 to promote a coherent and harmonized regional approach to deal with the protection needs of refugees and migrants from the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, in coordination with national governments, international organizations and other relevant stakeholders. The joint Special Representative is supporting the Quito Process as well as mobilizing additional States and actors to participate in this regional initiative.

**Responding to the needs of people displaced from the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela**
Complementary to the Quito Process, the Regional Inter-Agency Coordination Platform—under the co-lead of UNHCR and IOM—was established for the Venezuela situation to ensure a coherent and consistent operational response across the region and to complement the efforts of receiving governments. To that end, in December 2018, the platform launched the Regional Response Plan for Refugees and Migrants (RMRP). Developed by 95 partners across the region, the RMRP is as a strategic and operational blueprint, provides a coordination model, and is a funding mechanism to respond to the needs of displaced Venezuelans and the communities that receive them.

The Regional Response Plan for Refugees and Migrants is grounded in four strategic areas of intervention

- **Direct humanitarian assistance**
  - Cross-border assistance
  - Direct humanitarian aid
- **Socio-economic and cultural integration**
  - Promoting access to host States and rights
  - Promoting the integration of refugees and migrants
- **Protection**
  - Promoting access to host States and rights
  - Protecting refugees and migrants
- **Strengthening capacity of host States**
  - Supporting government registration and protection of vulnerable groups
  - Supporting government registration and protection of vulnerable groups

The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

**Regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plan**
In 2019, 95 partners will need $738 million to assist 2.2 million refugees and migrants from the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and 500,000 members of host communities across 16 countries. UNHCR’s requirements in the RMRP are $134 million.

**Growing tensions in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and their impact on the most vulnerable**
Conditions inside the country continue to deteriorate. Although a political impasse predominates, growing tensions may very well result in further unrest. Land and maritime borders with Colombia and ABC islands (Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao) were closed. The current situation interrupts essential commercial activities as well as the access of hundreds of thousands of Venezuelan citizens who would otherwise cross into Colombia on a daily basis to satisfy their basic needs, and secure education, health and other services.

**Response in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela**
Despite security, operational and financial constraints, UNHCR has been able to maintain the implementation of its community-based projects in health, education, protection, water and sanitation for 54 prioritized host communities where refugees live. Nearly 775,000 people, including Colombian refugees and the Venezuelan host population, have already benefited. It requires a robust field presence to address priority needs as they evolve along political and security developments.

UNHCR is a key actor in the ‘scale-up strategy’ put in place by the United Nations System in Venezuela in liaison with state institutions and others to address the most pressing needs in the country. UNHCR supports the implementation of the ‘scale-up strategy’ through community-based projects in the aforementioned sectors; supports the United Nations Country Team coordination mechanism; and also offers its logistics capacity, extensive field presence, and operational capacity to host other UN agencies that wish to deploy personnel to the field in locations where UNHCR has offices.

UNHCR currently leads the Protection Working Group and is deploying Shelter and Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) experts to support the ‘scale-up strategy’s’ design. UNHCR stands ready to assume the inter-agency leadership roles in areas where it has the expertise and capacity.