

# The Dangers of Forced Displacement: Chronic and Emerging Health Needs of Venezuelans in the Americas Region

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# Speakers

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**Kathryn Strifflino**  
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# Geography

AS OF FEB 2022 LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

## VENEZUELAN REFUGEES & MIGRANTS IN THE REGION

**R4V** Inter-Agency Coordination Platform for Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela

**4.99M**

APPROX. VENEZUELAN REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

**6.04M**

TOTAL APPROX. VENEZUELAN REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN THE WORLD



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# By the Numbers

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- Émigré population is not flattening. An anticipated 8 million to have left Venezuela by the close of 2022.
- Top five host countries, in descending order of displaced population, are Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, Chile and Brazil.

# Underserved Populations

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- ❑ Women and Girls
- ❑ Indigenous Peoples (particularly female Indigenous peoples)
- ❑ People with Disabilities
- ❑ Elderly
- ❑ Members of the LGBTQI Community
- ❑ Children (particularly unaccompanied and separated minors)

# Chronic Non-Communicable Conditions

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- Diabetes
- Cardiovascular diseases
- Respiratory conditions
- Cancer
- Sexual and gender-based violence

# Infectious Diseases

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- Tuberculosis
- HIV
- Hepatitis
- COVID-19



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# Psycho-Social Disorders

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- Post-traumatic stress syndrome (PTSD)
- Depression
- Anxiety



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# Key Factors to Consider

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- Legal status is the lynchpin to all services (healthcare, social supports, integration)
- Urban systems are more functional and accessible than in rural areas.



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# Recommendations for Funders

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## Support local and national NGOs by:

- Investing in healthcare prevention measures and increased, specialized medical care.
- Focusing on health and wellbeing of women and girls.
- Focusing on children.
- Focusing on both communicable and non-communicable diseases.
- Focusing on mental health and domestic violence.

## Support the entire sector by:

- Investing in more research that provides evidence for funding.
- Investing in systems strengthening.

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