



ATTENTION



CADENA
HUMANITARIAN AID FOR
DISASTERS AND CRISIS
JEWISH COMMUNITY

CENTER FOR MIGRANT WOMEN

VENEZUELA-
COLOMBIA
BORDER

CÚCUTA



CONTEXT

1

Five million Venezuelans fled into the wider region as their country's economy and health system collapsed from 2015 onwards

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COVID-19 lockdown measures have had a devastating effect on **Indigenous and migrant communities** strained by the influx of **tens of thousands of Venezuelan returnees**

3

Coronavirus has frozen economies across Latin America and reversed this exodus, leaving Colombian border communities reeling from chronic **shortages of medical attention and food, as well as increased violence**

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Colombia's lockdown in March and late August led to more than 100,000 Venezuelans who have returned, according to Colombian immigration





NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

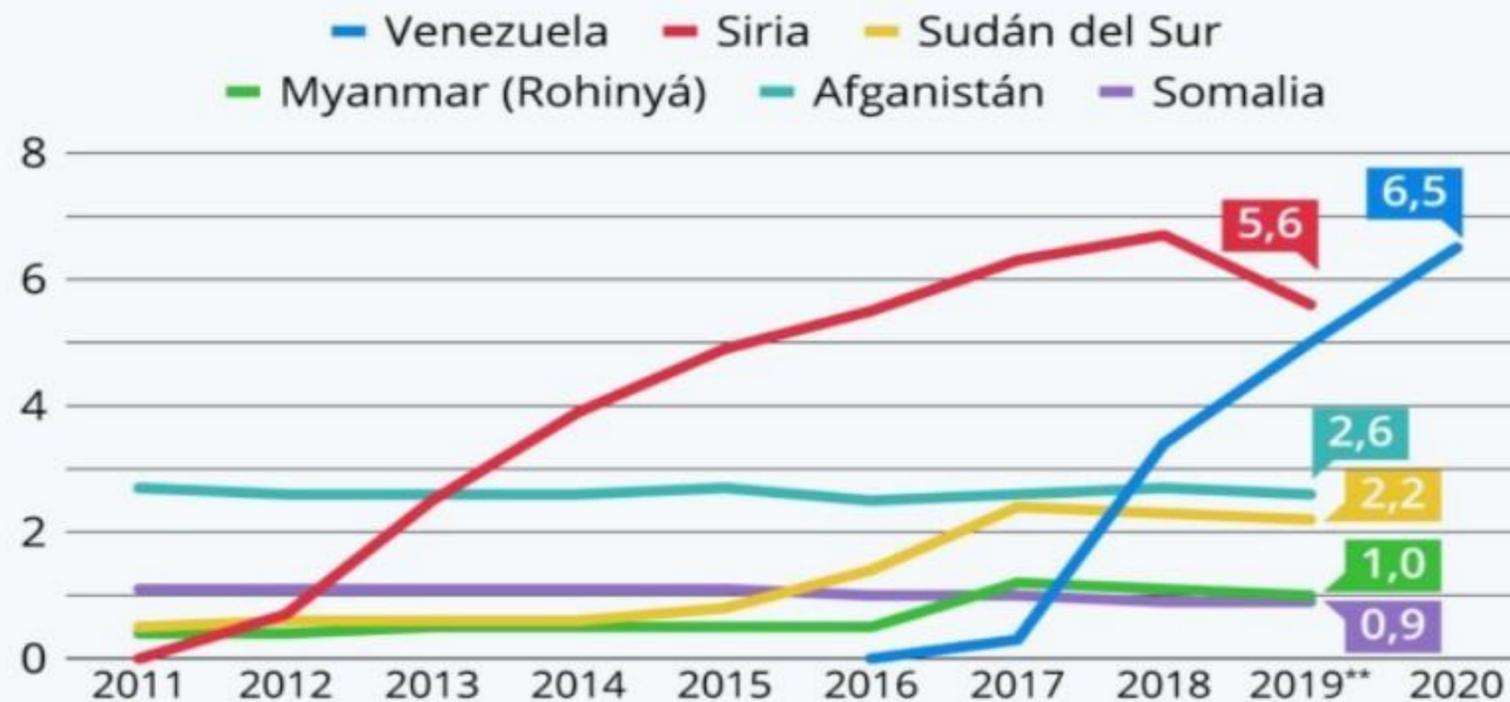


IMPACT



Venezuela ¿la mayor crisis migratoria del mundo?

Número de personas forzadas a emigrar por país de origen* (en millones)



* Excluye víctimas de desplazamiento interno.

** Cifras a partir de este año son proyecciones.

Fuente: ACNUR



statista

As we can see, considering the number of people forced to migrate their country, Venezuela could be the **largest migration crisis in the world right now.** (UNHCR, 2020)

Vulnerable groups affected

Human rights activists have reported a sharp increase in sexual assaults and human trafficking involving Venezuelan women and girls.

Since the pandemic began, the rape of migrants has increased by 60%.

In a research between January and July 2019, there were identified more than 900 pregnant Venezuelan women who arrived in the Norte de Santander region who requested abortions and said their pregnancies were, for the most part, the result of sexual violence. (The New Humanitarian, 2021)

Aggravating factors

Insecurity and organized crime

The precarious trails (trochas) near Cucuta have remained open, despite rising violence as Colombian armed groups (National Liberation Army and the Rastrorojos, a Colombian paramilitary organization) battle one another for control.

Pressure to apply for asylum

The Colombian government will provide temporary legal status to the more than 1.7 million Venezuelan migrants in Colombia. This situation will make more migrants from Venezuela to aspire for better opportunities in Colombia.

Project description

Based on the information presented and the urgent need of the Venezuelan migrant crisis in Colombia, as CADENA we want to provide help to people who walk the border on a daily basis and the people who live in Cucuta in very difficult conditions.

For this, we want to create a care center for migrant women in Cucuta. This three-year project will operate with a rotation of international volunteers. For its development, we need: 2 doctors, 1 gynecologist, 1 dentist, 2 psychologist and 5 general volunteers.



AREAS

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Information area about the regularization of Venezuelans in Colombia and the opportunities and complications they can have by staying in the country.

2

Gynecology area to meet the needs of women; medical care for pregnant women, basic gynecological care and contraceptive procedures.

3

Dental care - dental hygiene is as important as medical care but it is never a priority for people. At this center, we want to give people the opportunity to receive dental care.

4

Medical care area to provide general medical care for women and children.

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Gender based violence and Psychological attention workshop for women affected by physical and psychological abuse, human trafficking, sexual work, and any kind of psychological problems.