The current crisis of Venezuelan migrants and refugees is unprecedented in the region
5.6 MILLION VENEZUELANs HAVE FLED THEIR COUNTRY (OVER 18% OF THE POPULATION)
Venezuela’s Migrant and Refugee Flow per country

- **Canada**: 22,000
- **United States**: 465,000
- **Mexico**: 102,000
- **Costa Rica**: 40,000
- **Panama**: 121,000
- **Colombia**: 1,743,000
- **Ecuador**: 431,000
- **Peru**: 1,050,000
- **Bolivia**: 10,000
- **Chile**: 457,000
- **Dominican Republic**: 116,000
- **Aruba**: 17,000
- **Curacao**: 26,000
- **Trinidad and Tobago**: 40,000
- **Guyana**: 36,000
- **Paraguay**: 5,000
- **Brazil**: 262,000
- **Uruguay**: 15,000
- **Argentina**: 180,000

Source: R4V/OAS
Globally, only SYRIA, which has been in a civil war for more than 10 years, has more migrants and refugees than VENEZUELA.
2021’s largest refugee crises

- **6.7 million** SYRIA
- **5.6 million** VENEZUELA
- **2.7 million** AFGHANISTAN
- **2.3 million** SOUTH SUDAN
- **1.1 million** MYANMAR

Source: UNHCR / OAS
The number of Venezuelan migrants and refugees is greater than the population of 100 countries or territories including Costa Rica, Ireland, Norway, among others.
4.2 million
PANAMA

4.9 million
IRELAND

4.9 million
NEW ZEALAND

5.0 million
COSTA RICA

5.3 million
NORWAY

5.6 million
VENEZUELAN MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Source: World Bank / OAS
Venezuelan migrants and refugees walk about 4,000 kilometers (2,485 miles) across the continent to obtain basic needs
Route of Venezuelan "walkers"
Without facing a conventional war or a natural disaster, Venezuelans are forced to flee due to 5 main reasons.
Complex Humanitarian Emergency

Katherine Castilla, 19, holds her baby girl Sarangeli, who suffers from malnutrition.

Photo by Alvaro Ybarra Zavala, Time Magazine
UN study: 1 of every 3 Venezuelans is facing hunger

“9.3 million people – one-third of the population – are moderately or severely food insecure, and need assistance”

– U.N. World Food Program
Members of the FAES, the “death squads” created by Maduro, patrol the Antímano slum in Caracas.
18,093 extrajudicial executions carried out by state security forces or colectivos since 2014.

– OAS General Secretariat

“The Venezuelan authorities and security forces have since 2014 planned and executed serious human rights violations, some of which amount to crimes against humanity”

– UN Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Widespread Violence

A 16-year-old gang member: "I started out as a thief but now I carry this weapon for bigger hits"
Caracas is the most violent city in South America. A total of 366,000 people were killed between 1999 and 2020

– Venezuelan Observatory of Violence

Venezuela is the least peaceful country in the region and is among the 15 least peaceful countries in the world

– Global Peace Index 2020
Collapse of Public Services

People collect water released through a sewage drain that feeds into the Guaire River in Caracas.

Photo by Carlos García Rawlins, Reuters
Venezuelans face daily power outages and water shortages:

**157,719 blackouts** were registered throughout the country in 2020

– Committee for Blackout Victims

**92% of households** in Venezuela do not receive water continuously

– Cedice, Services Monitoring
A roll of toilet paper pictured next to 1.5 million bolivars, its price and the equivalent of $0.50 as of June 2021.
Venezuela is the country with the highest inflation rate in the world (6,500%) – International Monetary Fund

Venezuela is the world’s most miserable economy for the sixth consecutive year – Bloomberg’s Misery Index, 2020

Venezuela’s currency: Worth more as craft paper than as money

Photo by Federico Parra, AFP
If there is no solution in the short term, Venezuela could have more migrants and refugees than Syria.
The magnitude and evolution of the Venezuelan refugee crisis is similar to the Syrian crisis
Despite the restrictions on human mobility imposed by the COVID-19 global pandemic, the number of Venezuelan migrants and refugees continue to grow.
Number of Venezuelan refugees could rise to 7 million by the end of 2021 or the first quarter of 2022

- **5,000**
  - Venezuelans were fleeing daily before the pandemic hit
  - **Until March 2020**

- **130,000**
  - Venezuelans returned home amid Covid-19 crisis
  - **March – September 2020**

- **700-900**
  - Venezuelans are crossing each day through irregular paths: trochas or dangerous sea routes
  - **September 2020 – Present**

Source: OAS / Migration Colombia
Host countries have received $480 per capita in financial assistance. Today a Venezuelan refugee is worth 10 times less than a Syrian refugee.
Per-capita funding

$480
VENEZUELAN REFUGEE

$5,000
SYRIAN REFUGEE

Source: UNOCHA
Total donations per crisis since 2014

- SYRIA: $33 billion
- SOUTH SUDAN: $9.4 billion
- VENEZUELA: $2.7 billion

Source: UNOCHA
Without a global response and massive influx of funding, the Venezuelan refugee crisis could become the largest and most underfunded in the world.
75-year-old Venezuelan refugee crosses the border between Mexico and the United States in the arms of a young migrant

Photo by Go Nakamura, Reuters