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# **CENTRAL AMERICA**



During 2022, our work in Central America focused on responding to the humanitarian needs arising from the increase in the number of migrants crossing the region in a highly precarious situation on their way to Mexico and the United States. With a long-term approach and on a pilot basis in Guatemala, we have also sought innovative and sustainable solutions both to exercise the right to safe migration, as well as to enhance the rootedness and development of migrants' homes and communities of origin. Our teams have also responded to humanitarian emergencies caused by tropical storms and increased food insecurity caused by the rising cost of living, especially food.

In **Guatemala**, with BHA<sup>1</sup> funding, we have been able to continue our long experience of cash transfers and attend more than 2,700 food insecure households in the Dry Corridor. We have also consolidated the work of institutional strengthening of 12 municipalities in Sololá with regard to their **water and sanitation governance**, and specific infrastructure improvements, reaching more than **20,000 peopl**e in 2022, which has been possible thanks to funding from the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).

At the same time, in the framework of the partnership with UNICEF, the most vulnerable and isolated population of five of the departments with the highest prevalence of acute malnutrition has been able to access basic services offered by comprehensive **mobile health and nutrition brigades**, ensuring nutritional monitoring of about 16,000 children under 5 years of age. In addition, in collaboration with UNHCR, we continued to implement our **employment and entrepreneurship** methodology with the aim of promoting the socio-economic integration of half a thousand returnees, refugees and people at risk of displacement, providing them with a personalised employment itinerary in accordance with their skills, knowledge and motivations.

In **Honduras**, thanks to funding from AECID. SIDA<sup>2</sup> and the Australian Embassy. we have been able to respond to the emergencies caused by tropical storms that hit mainly the Sula Valley, causing floods that severely affect communities that are usually evacuated every year and suffer human and economic losses. In addition, we expanded our operations by opening a new office on the southern border of Honduras when we detected a considerable increase in the flow of migrants heading to the US, with more than 1,000 people per day of different nationalities entering the country irregularly, 22% of whom are children. Our work as coordinators of the LIFE-Honduras Consortium involves the collaboration of half a dozen NGOs, which with the support of the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) and UNICEF provide shelter, medical and nutritional assistance. protection, access to drinking water, sanitation and hygiene, as well as attention to basic food needs.

In Nicaragua, with the support of the Autonomous Government of Valencia, we consolidated our work to strengthen 4 agri-food cooperatives with close to 400 associated households in the departments of Matagalpa and Madriz, as well as our presence in the Autonomous Region of the Northern Caribbean Coast, traditionally isolated and where extreme weather phenomena have a constant impact. Also in this area, throughout 2022 we have implemented an original methodology of working with young people through the so-called "SDG Schools", which have enabled more than 2.000 young people to acquire soft skills useful for everyday life, encouraged them to organise themselves to contribute to overcoming specific challenges in their communities, and supported micro-enterprises of a social or economic nature. This experience will be extended throughout 2023, consolidating an original way of working with young inhabitants of territories characterised by difficult access, scarce socio-economic opportunities and exposure to climate change.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance
<sup>2</sup> Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
<sup>3</sup> Sustainable Development Goals

### **CENTRAL AMERICA HIGHLIGHTS**



Ana considered the possibility of migrating to the United States irregularly when she saw that in her community in the Department of Chimaltenango (Guatemala) many decided to venture to the United States through intermediaries or coyotes. He desisted. "[...] Many people arrived, some didn't make it, some went back. I even had the idea of leaving with my son, but I decided not to", she reflects. The 39-year-old single mother, who made a living selling consumer goods or doing farm work for which she received 6.5 USD per day, felt she had no options to improve her livelihood in her community. So Ana took the opportunity to migrate with a temporary work visa to Canada. She has been there for six seasons now, she says, the last one with a two-year contract.

A study conducted by Action Against Hunger in which participants in temporary work programmes in the United States and Canada's Agricultural Programme were interviewed revealed that the main motivations for participating in temporary work programmes are "poverty and the lack of job opportunities in Guatemala, and thus the desire to get ahead and provide better living conditions for their immediate families". According to the research we carried out with the support of IOM and USAID, the savings and remittances obtained by temporary workers who migrate to the United States or Canada contribute to significantly alleviate poverty in their homes of origin, serve to improve housing. invest in their children's education, improve food security and access to health care, or acquire livelihoods that will eventually

allow them to build a future with their families in Guatemala.

The findings of this <u>study</u> can guide **improvements to temporary employment programmes** in order to mitigate the risk of abuse, while at the same time boosting their capacity to foster development and roots in migrants' communities of origin, where they can make use of their rights with full guarantees.



# CENTRAL AMERICA RESPONSE IN 2022



### WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

- **17** Hygiene promotion campaigns
- 6,965 People trained on water, sanitation and hygiene
- 532 Water filters, eco-filters and tanks delivered (2,660 people reached)
- **908** People reached by Baby WASH training
- **331** Institutions strengthened (5,452 people reached)
- **72** Civil society organisations strengthened (806 people reached)
- **6** Water and sanitation system supplies delivered (4,573 *people reached*)
- **64** Sanitation facilities built and/or repaired in public spaces (6,998 people reached)
- **6** Safe water access points built and/or restored in public spaces (10,251 people reached)
- **3,361** Hygiene Kits distributed (5,577 people reached)

### FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

- 5,771 People trained in food security and livelihoods strategies
- **13,762** People received food assistance
- **43,551** People received multipurpose cash transfers or vouchers
  - **283** People received CASH/Vouchers for productive initiatives and/or fixed expenses
- **2,666** People received agricultural supplies
  - Employment and entrepreneurship event organized (23 participants)
  - 2 Institutions strengthened (271 people reached)
  - 24 Civil society organisations strengthened (568 People reached)
- **4,733** People supported with guidance and/or training on employment and/ or entrepreneurship

### **HEALTH AND NUTRITION**

- **3,771** People reached by infection, prevention and control actions "WASH FIT/IPC COVID-19 strategy"
- **436** People supported with Phsycosocial support consultations
- 1,013 Health workers, promotors and volunteers trained
- 21,196 People screened for malnutrition
  - **90** People supported with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for COVID-19 prevention
  - **508** People received COVID-19 prevention supplies
  - 382 Deliveries of health and nutrition supplies (729 people reached)
- 1,767 Child care kits delivered (1,748 people reached)
  - 12 Institutions strengthened (378 people reached)
    - Civil society organisations strengthened (814 people reached)
- **3,582** Pregnant and breastfeeding women, and children dewormed
- **4,778** Pregnant and breastfeeding women, and children treated for malnutrition
- **20,248** People reached through malnutrition prevention interventions
- 7,303 People monitored for malnutrition
- **408** People reached through health prevention awareness activities
- 1,280 People sensitized in sexual and reproductive health
- **32,858** People sensitized on healthy nutrition and good childcare practices
- **6,998** People referred to health services

### **DISASTER AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

**5** Activities for the comprehensive managment and protection of water resources (109 people reached)



- **2,200** People trained in disaster risk reduction and managment
- **316** Supplies delivered and/or services covered in shelters and organisations (4,655 people reached)
- **12** Institutions strengthened (65 people reached)
- 7 Civil society organisations strengthened (52 people reached)
- **6** Early warning systems implemented

# **CENTRAL AMERICA**

### GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE



**168,373** BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN PARTNERSHIPS BY OTHER INTERNATIONAL NGOS

**38.8%** ARE MEN 61.2%% ARE CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OLD 20.1 TONS OF FOOD DELIVERED er : € 1,954,939.27 CASH DELIVERED **ACTIONS IN** 9 DEPARTMENTS 8 **39** PROJECTS DEVELOPED **166** PROFESSIONALS

### **COLOMBIA**



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During 2022, we focused on strengthening our operational capacity and coverage in the national territory through our **direct presence** in the 4 regions with high humanitarian needs (Caribbean Region, South Amazon, East Orinoquia and Santander) and in **operational consortiums,** with fixed and mobile teams with coverage in most of the country.

Our programme for migrant/refugee and vulnerable host populations, **ADN Dignidad**<sup>4</sup>, which we run in consortium with our partners NRC and DRC and is funded by USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA), has concluded its first period of implementation with very good results. During the three years of operation, we have been able to reach more than **256,000 people**, 22% more than the initial target<sup>5</sup>. ADN Dignidad has thus become one of the largest cash transfer programmes in Colombia and the region.

Important outputs have also been developed under the programme, such as a rigorous impact evaluation, which will be published shortly and whose results show the impact of the programme in reducing both the severity and prevalence of food insecurity coping strategies and negative food consumption practices adopted by households in case of shocks.

In 2022, we were also able to achieve good results in rapid response to

emergencies arising from armed conflict and natural disasters. In the framework of the Intersectoral Emergency Response **Mechanism** (MIRE)<sup>6</sup>, a programme we implement with NRC and MDM and funded by the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO), we have been able to jointly respond to 25 emergencies due to displacement, confinement, multiple affectations and mobility restrictions. At Action Against Hunger, we are in charge of managing information and alerts, as well as food security response. In this sector, we have been able to provide an immediate response in departments with high levels of risk, such as Chocó, Cauca, Meta, Valle del Cauca, developing actions to improve the availability, access and consumption of food. On the other hand, we have been able to implement early recovery, protection and peacebuilding actions through the MIRE+ programme, which, with funding from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), allows us to complement emergency response activities.

During the year we also focused on improving our ability to manage and **control risks**. We have expanded and improved our system for receiving and managing complaints about misconduct (such as fraud, abuse of power or identity theft), ensuring proper data protection and care for whistleblowers. This has allowed us to improve and extend the scope of our feedback system, and as a consequence good communication with the population involved in our projects.



# **COLOMBIA HIGHLIGHTS**



#### LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION ... AGAINST FRAUD

"A Matter of Fraud" is a success story of participatory communication. It is a 6-part series focused on explaining and preventing fraud in humanitarian action, based on common cases and using a common language:

"You know that I am the one who decides who gets in and out of humanitarian aid, that's simple... you have to fill out some paperwork, I talk to my contacts and that's it[...] but remember that you owe me a few favors". To produce it, we have relied on professional actors well known in the country and participants of the ADN Dignidad programme, who have participated in body expression and acting workshops and in activities to strengthen their communication and spokesperson skills.

Under the slogan **#DoNotFallInTheTrap**, the series was launched in person and digitally in December 2022, with a total reach of more than 500,000 people. By 2023, media, international community partners and programme participants will continue to expand outreach to make fraud prevention ever more widespread.

"When I saw myself in the episode, I felt a lot of emotion. I was a bit embarrassed, but I wanted to participate because it was an opportunity to show how unscrupulous people take advantage of our needs". Says Zully, one of the participants in the programme and in the episode "Suspicious Intermediations" recorded in Tumaco-Nariño.





# COLOMBIA RESPONSE IN 2022



### WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

- **13** Hygiene promotion campaigns
- **13,801** People trained on water, sanitation and hygiene
  - **7** Sanitation facilities built and/or repaired in public spaces (5,704 people reached)
- **8,807** Hygiene Kits distributed (15,933 people reached)
- **25** Institutions strengthened (286 people reached)
- 68 Water and sanitation system supplies delivered (297 people reached)
- **136** Safe water access points built and/or restored in public spaces (11.697 people reached)
- **17** Safe water access points built and/or restored in households (58 people reached)
- **57** Civil society organisations strengthened (742 people reached)
- **22** Handwashing facilities built/rehabilitated (4,978 people reached)

### FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

- 7.069 People trained in food security and livelihoods strategies
- 29.748 People received food assistance
- 25.957 People received multipurpose cash transfers or vouchers
- People received CASH/Vouchers for productive initiatives and/or fixed 2,234 expenses
  - **5** Institutions strengthened (73 people reached)
- 1.114 People supported with guidance and/or training on employment and/or entrepreneurship
- **1.889** People received agricultural supplies
  - Employment and entrepreneurship event organized (133 participants)

### **HEALTH AND NUTRITION**

- **4.628** People receiving assistance to access to public services
- **4,775** People supported with phycosocial support consultations
- 149 Health workers, promotors and volunteers trained

167	People supported with outpatient consultations		
1,751	People assisted in sexual and reproductive health		
10,225	People screened for malnutrition		
1,603	Deliveries of health and nutrition supplies (1,879 people reached)		
2	Institutions strengthened (45 people reached)		
2,582	Pregnant and breastfeeding women, and children treated for malnu		
4,429	People reached through malnutrition prevention interventions		
1,387	People monitored for malnutrition		
3,023	People reached through health prevention awareness activities		
8,571	People sensitized in sexual and reproductive health		
17,188	People sensitized on healthy nutrition and good childcare practices		
15.395	People reached by infection, prevention and control actions		

### **DISASTER AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

"WASH FIT/IPC COVID-19 strategy"



- 63 Activities for the comprehensive managment and protection of water resources (5,402 people reached)
- **144** People trained in disaster risk reduction and managment
- **30** Institutions strengthened (*315 people reached*)
- **20** Civil society organisations strengthened (762 *people reached*)

### **OTHER SECTORS**

- 611 People received CASH for shelter
- **82** Accountability actions (650 people reached)
- **5** People at risk and/or affected by gender-based violence referred to specialized care services
- **9** Awareness-raising and/or training actions on gender-based violence (144 people reached)
- 12 Actions to raise awareness and promote the integration of refugees, migrants and/or returnees (41 people reached)
- Survey/analysis developed and/or disseminated

# **COLOMBIA** GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

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### PERU



During 2022 we have continued our humanitarian response to cover the needs of migrants and refugees, reaching more than 24,642 people, and prioritizing collaboration with local actors to give sustainability to our actions. As part of our localization agenda, we have also developed activities in collaboration with entities in charge of shelter management, community kitchen managers and health personnel. We have also worked in close collaboration with actors such as the Ombudsman's Office, the Awajun Autonomous Territorial Government, and various Peruvian and Venezuelan civil society organizations, supporting them with technical assistance and institutional strengthening activities, in addition to signing agreements for a joint approach to the Venezuelan reality in Peru.

At the operational level, we have implemented **cash transfer** programs, which have covered the food, health, hygiene and work needs of more than 12,136 people.

#### Our food security and livelihoods program

in Andean areas has been focused on capacity building for agricultural production and marketing in rural areas, supporting the creation of 39 agricultural enterprises. We have also promoted the creation of commercial interconnections of urban hotel and restoration networks, favoring the economic reactivation of restaurants and markets in Metropolitan Lima with associations of agricultural producers in the department of Cusco.



In Lima, with the aim of promoting the labor inclusion of migrant and refugee women and eliminating barriers that hinder their access to work, we have set up **Friendly Spaces** for minors in some shelters. Here we work on child development and nutrition, allowing participating children and adolescents to have a safe environment and the trained professionals care. This year we have assisted 237 children and adolescents, whose mothers have gained greater autonomy to work. Our reports show an increase from 28% to 70% in access to employment for these women and a 26.3% increase in the salaries of mothers who were already working at the beginning of the service.

Finally, we remain committed to the generation of information that allows the actors involved to respond appropriately, effectively, and quickly. In this regard, we have participated in the baseline study on the health, sexual and reproductive health needs of migrants and refugees in Lima<sup>7</sup>, and we have developed several studies of interest, such as water service models in rural areas, multi-sectoral analyses<sup>8</sup> and focused on food and nutrition security in times of crisis<sup>9</sup>, and qualitative surveys on water, sanitation and hygiene among migrant and refugee populations. Articles on food insecurity in the Venezuelan migrant population in Peru during the COVID-19 pandemic have also been published in specialized nutrition journals and in "Revista 17"<sup>10</sup>.

- <sup>8</sup> Multisectoral study on refugees and migrants from Venezuela living in Metropolitan Lima Peru 2022
- <sup>9</sup> Study on food security in times of crisis in Peru 2022

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Baseline of the health problems and needs of refugees and migrants from Venezuela in Metropolitan Lima - March 2022

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Effect of the covid-19 pandemic on economic income and food security in refugees and migrants from Venezuela in Lima - Peru 2022

### **PERU HIGHLIGHTS**

#### WE HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE ECONOMIC REACTIVATION OF:



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In 2022 and thanks to the support of La Caixa Foundation, we have contributed to the economic reactivation processes of 75 restaurants, 25 markets and 2 associations of agricultural producers in the department of Cusco and Lima, in a project that will be extended in 2023 to Amazonas. The initiative **promotes the innovative model of the Work4Progress (W4P)**<sup>11</sup> **platform**, focused on listening, co-creation, prototyping and scaling processes with a strong community approach.

This innovative model has enabled the construction of commercial interconnections between agricultural producers in rural areas and 4 commercial networks in Cusco and Metropolitan Lima. This has improved the efficiency of marketing processes, the distribution of products in wide-ranging urban markets, and the strengthening of the participating hotel and restoration companies. Thanks to the W4P action and learning platform, the management of local governments has improved in terms of promoting **employment and entrepreneurship** in their territories. In addition, we have supported the scaling up of participant businesses through the management systems improvement, digital sales mechanisms inclusion or the cross-cutting approaches implementation (gender, environment, others) as the promotion of networking.

On the other hand, W4P platform members interact with other organizations at the national level, to share lessons learned and to generate articulated actions in commercial exchanges, develop monitoring tools, improve their operations, and generate approaches with the private sector on a large scale.





### PERU RESPONSE IN 2022



### WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

1,086 People trained on water, sanitation and hygiene3,500 Hygiene Kits distributed (15,034 people reached)

### FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

- 2,268 People trained in food security and livelihoods strategies
- **3.373** People received food assistance
- 2,799 People received multipurpose cash transfers or vouchers
- **150** People received CASH/Vouchers for productive initiatives and/or fixed expenses
- 1,415 People received agricultural supplies
  - **17** Employment and entrepreneurship events organized (2,027 *participants*)
  - 89 Civil society organisations strengthened (339 People reached)
- **1,428** People supported with guidance and/or training on employment and/or entrepreneurship

### **HEALTH AND NUTRITION**

- 2,197 People receiving assistance to access to public services
- **1,656** People supported with phsycosocial support consultations
- **367** Health workers, promotors and volunteers trained
- **135** People screened for anaemia
- **282** People screened for malnutrition
- **280** People received COVID-19 prevention supplies
- 90 Deliveries of health and nutrition supplies (1,052 people reached)
- **16** Child care kits delivered (76 people reached)
- 8 Institutions strengthened (173 people reached)

7 Civil socie	ty organisations	strengthened (79	3 people reached)
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- **53** People monitored for malnutrition
- 1,089 People reached through health prevention awareness activities
- 1,979 People sensitized in sexual and reproductive health
- 2,390 People sensitized on healthy nutrition and good childcare practices

### **DISASTER AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

- **70** Supplies delivered and/or services covered in shelters and organisations (569 people reached)
- **186** People trained in emergency shelters management
- **2** Institutions strengthened (202 people reached)
- 18 Civil society organisations strengthened (1,618 people reached)

### **OTHER SECTORS**

**200** Advocacy actions to increase funding and coverage of humanitarian crises in the region











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### **CENTRAL AMERICA**



- Mapping of financial service providers • in Guatemala for money transfers in the humanitarian sector
- SITREP N°1 Emergency at the South Honduras • border
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- SITREP N°3 Emergency at the South Honduras • border
- HONDURAS: Mapping of financial service providers (FSPs) and mechanisms for multiporpuse cash transfers (MCTs) in the humanitarian sector
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- SITREP N°1 Life-Honduras Consortium •
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- 3 years changing lives ADN Dignidad •
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- Multisectoral study on refugees and migrants • from Venezuela living in Metropolitan Lima
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- Baseline of the health problems and needs • of refugees and migrants from Venezuela in Metropolitan Lima
- Food security in times of crisis in Peru •
- Summary of work Mission Peru •

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