MIGRATION IN THE AMERICAS

The region hosts around 26.6 per cent of the world’s migrants - 61.6 million people. Migrants and internally displaced persons who try to re-establish themselves in other places are often subjected to discrimination, violence and lack of access to social and health services. Migration represents a growing challenge that affects the continuity of healthcare and the management, treatment and prevention of communicable diseases. Migrants and internally displaced populations have significant impact on their communities of origin, transit and destination.

MIGRATORY ROUTES IN THE AMERICAS

4.7 M refugees and migrants from Venezuela in the world

3.5 M estimated in Latin America and the Caribbean

312,000 refugees and asylum-seekers from Northern Central America worldwide

1.6 M internally displaced persons from the effects of disasters in the Americas
**RED CROSS ACTIONS**

**Americas Population Movement** (as of December 2019)

- **330,000** people reached
- **31,396** people reached with health services adapted to migrant’s needs
- **1.3 million** liters of water distributed from hydration points in Ecuador, Panamá and Peru
- **34,917** services delivered to re-establish and maintain contact with family members
- **8,157** migrants reached with psychosocial support units

**Colombia Population Movement** (as of November 2019)

- **285,050** total services provided
- **183,239** health care services provided
- **23,996** psychosocial support services
- **377,741** litres of safe water distributed
- **13,411** people attended in friendly spaces
- **11,423** people attended through Restoring Family Links (RFL) actions

**Additional services:**
- 5 Health Care Units, 7 Health Providing Institutes, 6 water distribution points, 2 orientation helpdesks, 1 protection project for pendular migrant children in school.
Monarch Butterfly program - Central America North Triangle (as of August 2019)

32,260 people reached in 9 communities and 12 schools

Key activities:
Community activities (PGI): Friendly neighborhoods, Tutoring for school success, Vocational plans.
Protection and assistance activities: Raising awareness about the risks of irregular migration, Water for consumption, First Aid, Basic Primary Health

Monarch Butterfly program: Colombia-Venezuela (as of December 2019)

32,720 people reached

Key activities:
Health services: first aid, nursing, medical consultation, psychosocial support.
Protection: counselling, calls, internet access
Cultural integration activities and educational brigades.

Monarch Butterfly program: Peru (as of December 2019)

16,800 services provided
320,000 liters of water distributed
464 psychosocial support services
500 participants in Social Inclusion Activities
4 Social Inclusion Initiatives

TIMELINE

2015
DEVCO ECU, HON, GUA
TDH - NTCA GUA, HON, SALV
DREF Colombia
DREF Colombia

2016
DREF Panamá
EA Costa Rica - Panama
DREF Honduras
DREF Colombia

2017
DREF Colombia
DREF ECUADOR

2018
Mariposa Monarca GUA, SALV, HON, CO, VEN, PERU

2019
EA Colombia
EA Regional
DREF Guatemala
Cuerda Firme is a training program for the development of social-emotional skills through the performing arts, such as circus theater and music. It is aimed at young people between 18 and 29 years of any nationality. Currently, 120 young Peruvians and Venezuelans participate as part of the program.

What is this program looking for?
• Strengthen social-emotional skills.
• Create and enhance support groups.
• To favour a safe space for cultural and social exchange.
• Train possible agents of change to replicate what they have learned in their community support groups.

Who implements this program?
Cuerda Firme is implemented by La Tarumba and the Peruvian Red Cross, with the support of the IFRC, the United Nations Refugee Agency - UNHCR, and the European Union.

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