

SITUATIONAL REPORT

ARAUQUITA, COLOMBIA

March 26 - April 10, 2021



ARAUQUITA, IN THE REGION OF ARAUCA, COLOMBIA (FRONTIER WITH VENEZUELA)



PEOPLE AFFECTED



5.834
Total number of people affected



1.856
Families



2.216
Boys and girls



206
Lactating and pregnant women



57
Concentration points

Context

Since March 21st, armed military actions have caused the influx of Venezuelan migrants into Arauquita (in the region of Arauca) at the Colombian-Venezuelan border. Armed actions have repeatedly occurred, within the framework of a military operation carried out by the Bolivarian National Air Force - FANB - against an Organized Criminal Group -GDO-I in the town of La Victoria, municipality of Páez, Apure state (Venezuela), which borders Arauquita. These armed actions have caused the massive displacement of more than 5.834 people who have found a safe place to stay in Colombia, considering that they are being affected by three parallel emergency situations: forced migration, armed conflict, and the COVID-19 emergency.

Needs assessment

In Arauquita there is not a sufficient response capacity to attend the current emergency and meet the basic needs of families.

The following needs have been identified by the GIFMM Local Coordination group:

- Protection: Especially through a differential humanitarian attention to indigenous, LGTBI, and highly vulnerable communities (children and pregnant and lactating mothers).
- Education: Access, permanence and quality.
- Nutrition and food security
- Water and basic sanitation
- Health: Mitigation of the spread of COVID-19 and mental health support.
- CASH transfers.
- Humanitarian assistance: Shelter kits, clothing, and household items.

Coordination

The Arauquita Emergency has been coordinated with all local organizations. We belong to the:

- Local GIFMM
- Specific Protection coordination group and Child Protection sub-group (mesa)
- Co-leadership of the WASH coordination group
- EiE coordination group.
- Co-leadership of in the GTM mechanism (monetary transfers working group).
- PMU (Coordination mechanism with local government and cooperation organizations).



Our Response

We have been in the region of Arauca **since 2018**. We have been permanently in Arauquita since March 2021 and for two uninterrupted weeks we have attended this emergency with a team of psychologists, community mobilizers, social workers, health workers and specialists in water and basic sanitation.



Child Protection

We have carried out a **psychological first-aid care strategy**, where we specifically focus on **post-traumatic stress**.

We have also developed other **socio-emotional learning** activities and delivered specific kits according to children's needs. Several **protection committees** were formed voluntarily and spontaneously among the leaders of each of the shelters that the staff visited, who were trained in **risk management and activation of protection routes**.



Psicosocial activities in Arauquita (Arauca), April 2020



WASH

As co-leaders of the WASH working group, we were able to work with the region's family compensation fund (CONFIAR), which allowed a **quick and timely access to space of storage**. Furthermore, the WASH team carried out an evaluation of the existing infrastructure for emergency care in shelters and the characterization of the population for the **delivery of WASH kits**.

Kits delivered



Total kits delivered: 1,151

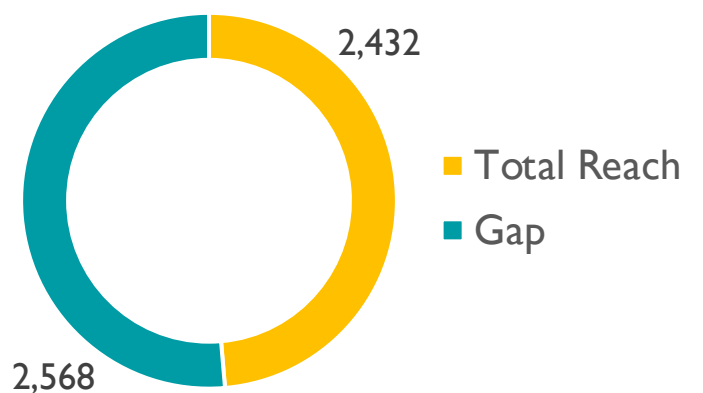
TOTAL REACH

2,432 people

Target: 5,000



Delivery of kits in Arauquita (Arauca), April 2020



Percentage of completion: 48%